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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Tanzania

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Notes:

Requirements that do not apply to the CPC (by exclusion) are not included in the PDF version of this report.

Acronyms and definitions can be consulted [on the last page](#) of the Compliance Report.

Req. n°	Source (para n°) (year)	Information required	Deadline	Current status	Observations	CPC remarks	CPC Follow-up and/or Remedial actions/CoC-COM Rec(s)
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1. Implementation obligations

2. Management Standards

2.4	Res. 19/04 (20) (2024)	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	23/1/2025	N/C2	Received 10.01.2025 LEG: NO - Submitted - Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulations Article 36. Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements. Has provision for logbook onboard bound with consecutively numbered pages. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook original recordings for at least 12 months. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	The existing regulation includes provisions for keeping logbooks onboard with consecutively numbered pages. Efforts are underway to review licence conditions to address this gap and ensure full compliance.	Actions proposed by the CPC, Amendments to national law Efforts are underway to review licence conditions to address this gap.
2.7b	Res. 15/01 (11) (2024)	Coastal catch recording system	23/1/2025 (Since 2016)	N/C1	Received 11.01.2025. LEG: NO – Tanzania Fisheries Regulations of 2021 - Secretariat unable to identify the provision with provision for national data recording sys-	There is no vessel below 24m fishing in the EEZ. However, an electronic catch assessment system (eCAS), and SAMAKI system are currently existing catch recording systems for coastal fisheries.	Additional info or address the issue There is no vessel below 24m that fished in the EEZ. However, this requirement is stipulated in regulations

					tem for vessels below 24m operating in the EEZ (R15/01 para 11). STD: NO - No implementation of data/catch recording system for vessel below 24m operating in EEZ. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).		78, 79 and 80t of the Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulations of 2021.
2.11-a	Res. 19/02 (12) (2025)	DFADs management plan	12/2/2025	P/C	Received 09.01.2025 LEG: YES – "Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulation, section 13". STD: NO – DFADs management plan for 2024 not according to Annex I, some sections of the Guidelines for Preparation for DFAD Management Plans missing. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	Tanzania is committed to continuously improving its DFADs management framework to meet its objectives.	Actions proposed by the CPC The plan will be revised and resubmitted.

3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [Beneficial Owner Address ; Photographs bow]. SP: N/A.	The missing information was submitted to the IOTC secretariat's administrators for review. The same information was resubmitted on 9th February 2025. Therefore, the secretariat is requested to review the compliance with this requirement.	Additional info or address the issue Efforts to resolve the issue has been communicated to the IOTC Secretariat to update the information.
3.12	Res. 21/01 (26) (2024)	List of vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna	15/2/2025	P/C	Received 10.01.2025 STD: NO - 2024 List of vessels, which have fished for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC area of competence and information NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard. Has 4 vessels with IOTC No. Missing list of 17161 vessels, which have fished for yellowfin tuna, for Coastal fisheries.	Given the complexity of the coastal fisheries, we are actively working to comply with this requirement.	Actions proposed by the CPC, Capacity building or assistance Given the complexity of coastal fisheries, we are diligently working towards compliance with this requirement, and progress is currently underway.

4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.1	Res 18/07 (4) (2023)	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	30/6/2024	N/C2	Received: 30.06.2024. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. STD: NO - Not provided by IOTC standards, using catch by species instead of binary to fill the form, inconsistencies between species in DR and RC, BLT in matrix but not in 1RC, FAL for LL not in 1RC.	Efforts are underway to improve data collection frameworks, particularly addressing the use of catch-by-species instead of binary reporting for the required forms.	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.
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5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; shark species aggregated for coastal fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consec- utive years.	The complex nature of the fishery makes it challenging to capture data on multi-species. Efforts are underway to improve data collection frameworks.	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.
5.4	Res 15/02 (1/2/3) 13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: No. Data not provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	The complex nature of the fishery makes it challenging to capture data on multi-species. Efforts are underway to improve data collection frameworks.	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	30/6/2024	N/C2	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No, Not provided by IOTC standards, us- ing main IOTC area (F51) for coastal fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	The complex nature of the fishery makes it challenging to capture data on multi-species. Efforts are underway to improve data collection frameworks.	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequen- cies Geo-refer- enced – Coastal/sur- face/longline fish- eries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.	The complex nature of the fishery makes it challenging to capture data on multi-species. Efforts are underway to improve data collection frameworks.	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.
5.7	Res 19/02 (22) 24/02 (45) (2023)	Drifting floating ob- jects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	This information is reported monthly through emaris	Capacity building or assistance Tanzania is committed to addressing the reported challenge. Two scientific officers will be trained on data collection during the upcoming IOTC training in Jakarta, Indonesia in June this year.

6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

6.8	Res. 23/07	Implementation of seabirds mitigation	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO – Provided the deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulation of 2021, Section 11 (1,2) and T&C of the ATF. The	The ATF will be updated in the future to include Reso- lution 23/07	Actions proposed by the CPC
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	(5) (2024)	measures south of 25°S			legal text indicate that the operator shall use and comply mitigation measures and technical standards, but do not specify the number and type of mitigation measures. The T&C of the ATF do not refer to Resolution 23/07. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided / described for a), b) and c).		As part of our compliance efforts, we are actively working to revise the terms and conditions for the ATF to incorporate these requirements.
6.10	Res 18/05 (5) (2024)	Prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length	23/1/2025 (Since 2018)	N/C2	LEG: NO – Submitted - "Certificate of authorisation to fish beyond the EEZ of the United Republic of Tanzania". The T&C of the ATF require operators to comply with a list of IOTC Resolutions beyond the EEZ of Tanzania. However, it does not cover all IOTC area of competence, NOR include specific provisions on the prohibition to Retain on board, tranship, land, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin, indo-pacific sailfish smaller than 60 cm lower jaw fork length. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	Efforts are being taken to revise the Terms and Conditions of the ATF to incorporate these prohibitions in line with relevant IOTC Resolutions explicitly.	Actions proposed by the CPC As part of our compliance efforts, we are actively working to revise the terms and conditions for the ATF to incorporate these requirements.

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	N/C1	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulations, Article 56 STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; purse seine, longline, pole & line, gillnet & other fisheries. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	There are no issues to report or describe.	Actions proposed by the CPC, Capacity building or assistance The CPC will ensure compliance with the 5% coverage requirement in the 2025 reporting cycle.
9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided in the agreed format. Reports missing some information.	Tanzania acknowledges the concerns regarding the submission of mandatory observer reports not being in the agreed format and missing some required information. To address this, Tanzania is working on refining its observer reporting framework to ensure full compliance with IOTC standards. This includes training observers on standardized data collection protocols, enhancing data verification processes, and improving coordination between national authorities and the IOTC Secretariat.	Actions proposed by the CPC, Capacity building or assistance Committed to work on the challenge.

10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels en- gaged IUU fishing fol- lowing port inspec- tion	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Declares to have conducted 4 port in- spections during 2024. Number of PIRs received via e-PSM: 0. Two PIRs uploaded in e-MARIS. None of the PIRs were provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	Tanzania is committed to ensuring that all PIRs are submitted within three working days for future inspec- tions.	Capacity building or assistance, Actions proposed by the CPC Committed to work on the challenge.
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Pursuant to Annex A of Appendix V, of the Rules of Procedure (2023), for all requirements assessed as N/C2, the concerned CPCs “*shall submit, within 3 months from the end of the Commission annual session, a detailed plan and timeline on how it intends to address the non-compliance of category 2 identified*”. The deadline for submission was the 17 August 2024.

The non-compliance of category 2 identified (N/C2) at the previous session of the Compliance Committee (CoC21), were for Tanzania :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not received

If the submission of the Compliance Action Plan was required/applicable, the date of reception was :

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Summary of Tanzania 2025 compliance assessment (CoC22)

Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Non-compliant category 1 (NC1)	Non-compliant category 2 (NC2)	Not Applicable (NA)	Capacity building in progress (CB)	Compliance Rate (%)
51	5	2	9	19	0	76.1

Current issues on the level of implementation by Tanzania of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified at CoC22 in 2025

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Tanzania, the Commission has identified the following significant repeated non-compliance issues and capacity building activities.

Repeated non-compliance issues

Requirement	Information required	Observations	Previous status (2024)	Current status (2025)
2.4	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	Received 10.01.2025 LEG: NO - Submitted - <i>Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulations Article 36. Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements.</i> Has provision for logbook onboard bound with consecutively numbered pages. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook original recordings for at least 12 months. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C2
2.7b	Coastal catch recording system	Received 11.01.2025. LEG: NO – <i>Tanzania Fisheries Regulations of 2021 - Secretariat unable to identify the provision with provision for national data recording system for vessels below 24m operating in the EEZ (R15/01 para 11).</i> STD: NO - No implementation of data/catch recording system for vessel below 24m operating in EEZ. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C1
2.11a	DFADs management plan	Received 09.01.2025 LEG: YES – “ <i>Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulation, section 13</i> ”. STD: NO – DFADs management plan for 2024 not according to Annex I, some sections of the Guidelines for Preparation for DFAD Management Plans missing. SP: YES – Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	P/C
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Information not provided at IOTC standard R19/04 (3); mandatory information missing [Beneficial Owner Address ; Photographs bow]. SP : N/A.	P/C	P/C
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	Received: 30.06.2024. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. STD: NO - Not provided by IOTC standards, using catch by species instead of binary to fill the form, inconsistencies between species in DR and RC, BLT in matrix but not in 1RC, FAL for LL not in 1RC.	N/C2	N/C2
5.3	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards; shark species aggregated for coastal fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
5.4		STD: No. Data not provided.	N/C2	N/C2

	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.		
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No, Not provided by IOTC standards, using main IOTC area (F51) for coastal fisheries. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.	N/C2	N/C2
5.7	Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)	STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C1	N/C2
6.10	Prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length	LEG: NO – Submitted - "Certificate of authorisation to fish beyond the EEZ of the United Republic of Tanzania". The T&C of the ATF require operators to comply with a list of IOTC Resolutions beyond the EEZ of Tanzania. However, it does not cover all IOTC area of competence, NOR include specific provisions on the prohibition to Retain on board, tranship, land, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin, indo-pacific sailfish smaller than 60 cm lower jaw fork length. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	N/C2	N/C2
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Deep Sea Fisheries Management and Development Regulations, Article 56 STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; purse seine, longline, pole & line, gillnet & other fisheries. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C1
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided in the agreed format. Reports missing some information.	N/C1	N/C2

Note: if the table above is empty, it means there were no repeated compliance issues identified this year.

Comments by the Compliance Committee or Commission

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Reading instructions

(1) Information is to be provided in the Report of Implementation

(2) 24 meters overall length and over, and under 24 meters if they fished outside their EEZ

(Year) = year reporting on/year assessed.

LEG: Legislation - Transposition of Commission decisions, Legislation or administrative orders.

STD : Standard - Reporting format, IOTC standard

SP: System or procedures - Provision of information on system or procedures a) to monitor and ensure compliance of vessels and persons OR b) to prepare and submit information, data, report to the Commission.

i) ii) iii) = a) b) c)

Assessment

Compliance

- **C:** Compliant
- **C/B:** Capacity building
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **N/C1:** Not compliant 1
- **N/C2:** Not compliant 2
- **P/C:** Partially compliant

CoC/Commission recommendations

- **Additional info or address the issue:** Provide additional information or address the compliance issue within a given period of time, and at the latest before the following annual meeting.
- **Actions proposed by the CPC:** Actions proposed by the CPC and endorsed by the Commission.
- **Investigation by the CPC:** Completion of an investigation by the CPC regarding a compliance issue and reporting back to the Compliance Committee, where required.
- **Enhanced monitoring of fleet:** Enhanced monitoring of the fleet.
- **Amendments to national rules:** Amendments to domestic procedures, legislation or policy including penalties, where required.
- **Detailed plan and timeline:** Submit, within 3 months from the end of the Commission annual session, a detailed plan and timeline on how it intends to address the non-compliance of category 2 identified.
- **Capacity building or assistance:** Provision of capacity building or technical assistance for a specified amount of time.
- **Other remedies:** Other remedies.

“Missing” values:

- **-/-**: no possible value (e.g.: no previous assessment possible because this is the first campaign in which the requirement is assessed);
- **None**: no value provided by the Secretariat (e.g. requirement assessed as Compliant, no text provided in “Observations”);
- **Not assessed**: for timeliness and compliance when no assessment has been made yet or the requirement is not assessable;
- **-**: no information provided by the CPC for this question (e.g. nothing entered in a text entry field, no boxes checked...);
- **Not Submitted**: the value will only be available after submission of the report (e.g. the “Report date”).