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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Bangladesh

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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

1.1	Art. X Agreement (2024)	Report of Implementation	12/2/2025	N/C2	STD: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.	-	Additional info or address the issue Need to recheck.
1.2	Rules of Proc. (4.1) (2024)	Compliance Questionnaire	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to submit the Compliance Questionnaire.	-	Additional info or address the issue Need to recheck.

2. Management Standards

2.7b	Res. 15/01 (11) (2024)	Coastal catch recording system	23/1/2025 (Since 2016)	N/C1	No submission. Not Received LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. STD: NO - Coastal recording system NOT implemented for all coastal fisheries. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Additional info or address the issue Coastal catch are recorded by Kobo toolbox tablet application. 195 enumerators are deployed by the Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project of the
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						Department of Fisheries. The enumerators are collecting the data from 212 fish landing sites. LEG: Reporting is mandatory for all licensed vessel by legal framework. Section 17 of Marine Fisheries Act, 2020. STD: An standard format is being used for all coastal fisheries.
2.8	Res. 17/07 (2) (6) (2024)	Ban on large-scale driftnets IOTC Area & MCS actions large-scale driftnets IOTC Area	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	- Additional info or address the issue LEG: Bangladesh has banned the large-scale drift nets since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest, 2023 (Bengali)". Monitoring at one surveillance check post in Chat-togram by marine inspectors, but it is not enough. another 5 surveillance chest posts are being under development stage along the 710 km coast line.
2.13	Res. 16/07 (1&2) (2024) (2024)	Prohibition surface, submerged artificial lights to attract fish	23/1/2025	N/C2	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	- Additional info or address the issue LEG: Bangladesh has banned the use of surface and submerged artificial lights to attract fish since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Harvest & Management, 2023 (Bengali)". SP: Monitoring by Bangladesh Navy & Bangladesh Coast Guard at sea.
2.14	Res. 16/08 (1) (2024) (2024)	Prohibition aircrafts & unmanned aerial vehicles	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	- Additional info or address the issue LEG: Bangladesh has banned the use of aircrafts & unmanned aerial vehicles since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Harvest & Management, 2023 (Bengali)". SP: Monitoring by Bangladesh Navy & Bangladesh Coast Guard at sea.
2.21	Res. 18/07 (1) (2024) (2024)	Report actions taken implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches	12/2/2025	N/C1	STD: NO - Report on actions taken to implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches in 2024 NOT provided.	- Additional info or address the issue catch and effort data are collected by Kobo toolbox tablet application. 195 enumerators are deployed by the Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project of the Department of Fisheries. The enumerators are collecting the data from 212 fish landing sites.
2.22	Res. 11/02 (6) (2024)	Reports observations damaged data buoys	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	- Additional info or address the issue Nil report/Not Applicable as there is no application of data buoys for fishing in Bangladesh.
2.23	Res. 11/02 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile/inter-acting data buoy	23/1/2025	N/C2	Received 30.01.2025. Seven days after the deadline. Has declared: "Not implemented". Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. LEG: NO – Not submitted. STD: N/A.	- Additional info or address the issue Nil report/Not Applicable as there is no application of data buoys for fishing in Bangladesh.

					SP: NO – NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.		
2.24	Res. 11/02 (3) (2024)	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	23/1/2025	N/C2	Received 30.01.2025. Seven days after the deadline. Has declared: "Not implemented". Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. LEG: NO – Not submitted. STD: N/A. SP: NO – NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.	-	Additional info or address the issue Nil report/Not Applicable as there is no application of data buoys for fishing in Bangladesh.
2.27	Res. 19/03 (2) (2024)	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays	23/1/2025	N/C2	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	Additional info or address the issue LEG: Mobulid rays are protected animals in Bangladesh by the legal framework " The Wildlife (Protection and Security), Act 2012". But not specifically mentioned the prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays in fisheries law.

3. Reporting on Vessels

3.6	Res. 19/04 (3) (2024)	List of Authorized vessels	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	-	Additional info or address the issue Bangladesh has no high seas vessels, all are coastal vessels.
3.11	Res. 14/05 (7 & 8) (2024)	Official coastal State fishing License	23/1/2025	N/C1	No submission. Not received. STD: NO - Information licenses foreign flag vessels to fish in EEZs for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC Area NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard.	-	Additional info or address the issue Nil Report/Not Applicable. Bangladesh has not issued any official fishing license to any foreign fishing vessel to fish its EEZ.

4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	-	Additional info or address the issue Size frequency data are not being taken yet.
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

6.1	Res. 17/05 (3) (2024)	Prohibition on sharks finning	23/1/2025 (Since 2017)	N/C2	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	Additional info or address the issue LEG: Bangladesh has banned the sharks finning on board since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest, 2023 (Bengali)". SP: Port side inspection by marine inspector.
6.4	Res. 19/03 (3) (2024)	Prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays	23/1/2025 (Since 2019)	N/C1	LEG: YES - Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest 2023. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	Additional info or address the issue Bangladesh has developed the protection for all protected sharks and rays but not specifically the mobulid rays.
6.5	Res. 19/03 (5, Annex 1) (2024)	Prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies. Obligation to release alive, implementation of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays	23/1/2025 (Since 2019)	N/C1	LEG: YES - Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest 2023. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	-	Additional info or address the issue LEG: Bangladesh has incorporated the legal binding for all protected sharks and rays since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest, 2023 (Bengali)". But not specific for Mobulid rays. SP: Port side inspection by marine inspector.
6.9	Res. 12/04 (5) (2024)	Report progress implementation R12/04	12/2/2025	N/C2	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	Additional info or address the issue Bangladesh has incorporated the legal binding for all protected sharks and rays since 2023 by the legal framework " Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Harvest & Management, 2023 (Bengali)". But not specific for Mobulid rays.
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	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	-	Additional info or address the issue Not yet implemented.

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.2	Res 16/11 (5.1) (2024)	List of designated ports, Competent Au- thority, Prior notifica- tion periods	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	N/C1	Received 29.01.2024. 5 days after deadline LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. STD: YES - Has provided the mandatory infor- mation for all ports, in the agreed format/IOTC standard. Updated information on ALREADY 3 designated ports. SP : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Additional info or address the issue For three designated ports, according to the IOTC for- mat, all information may be provided by an individual email.
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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 Bangladesh :

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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 Bangladesh 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 (%)
10	0	6	14	56	0	33.3

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Bangladesh, 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)
2.7b	Coastal catch recording system	No submission. Not Received LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided. STD: NO - Coastal recording system NOT implemented for all coastal fisheries. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	N/C1
2.8	Ban on large-scale driftnets IOTC Area & MCS actions large-scale drift-nets IOTC Area	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
2.13	Prohibition surface, submerged artificial lights to attract fish	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP : NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
2.14	Prohibition air-crafts & unmanned aerial vehicles	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
2.22	Reports observations damaged data buoys	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years.	N/C1	N/C2
2.23	Prohibition intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile/interacting data buoy	Received 30.01.2025. Seven days after the deadline. Has declared: "Not implemented". Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. LEG: NO – Not submitted. STD: N/A. SP: NO – NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.	N/C2	N/C2
2.24	Prohibition taking on board data buoy	Received 30.01.2025. Seven days after the deadline. Has declared: "Not implemented". Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. LEG: NO – Not submitted. STD: N/A.	N/C2	N/C2

		SP: NO – NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.		
2.27	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
3.6	List of Authorized vessels	Failed to implement, monitor, ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
6.1	Prohibition on sharks finning	LEG: NO - Not submitted/provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
6.4	Prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays	LEG: YES - Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest 2023. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C1
6.5	Prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies. Obligation to release alive, implementation of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays	LEG: YES - Technical Guidelines for Marine Fisheries Management & Harvest 2023. SP: NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii), in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C1
6.9	Report progress implementation R12/04	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C1	N/C2
6.10	Prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific	Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. Mandatory information, legislation, system / procedures not provided.	N/C2	N/C2

	ic Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length			
11.2	List of designated ports, Competent Authority, Prior notification periods	Received 29.01.2024. 5 days after deadline <u>LEG</u> :NO - Not submitted/provided. <u>STD</u> :YES - Has provided the mandatory information for all ports, in the agreed format/IOTC standard. Updated information on ALREADY 3 designated ports. <u>SP</u> :YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	N/C1

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”).