

IOTC-2025-S29-fCR05 (Final)-European Union [E]

2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: European Union

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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

2.10-b	Res. 23/01 (7) (2024)	Marking AFADs	23/1/2025	N/C1	<p>Received 22.01.2025. AFAD not marked.</p> <p>LEG: YES - Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p> <p>SP: NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.</p> <p>OBS: Has declared "No specific mark identifies the anchored FADs of Reunion. However, they are fixed and their positions are known and communicated to the CROSS which distributes them by AVURNAV. They are also listed by SHOM on nautical charts. The marking or numbering of the buoys in the chain encounters technical difficulties: erasure with the sun, the sea, piercing of the</p>	<p>1. FAD marking is still under consideration in Mayotte, Réunion, and at the national level in order to find the solution best suited to the specific local conditions and technical constraints of the floats currently in use. Several types of marking have been studied and tested without long-term results (the marking does not hold, causes the float to explode, or damages the rope). Additional tests will be held in 2025.</p> <p>2. For these reasons, it was not possible to mark the three FADs deployed in 2024.</p> <p>3. The new FADs will be installed in accordance with IOTC Resolution 23/01, taking into account the progress made in terms of marking. Tests are planned for 2025.</p>	<p>Detailed plan and timeline</p> <p>Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.</p>
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					<i>buoy in the event of intrustation by heat. An option under study, not yet finalized, would consist of integrating a numbered plate and hanging in the whipping of each buoy".</i>	However, the FADs are fixed and their position is known and communicated to the control and management units. They are listed on regularly updated nautical charts.	
2.11-b	Res 23/01 (4) (2025) (2025)	AFADs management plan	1/1/2025	P/C	Received 18.12.2024 & 13.03.2025 <u>LEG</u> :Submitted Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. <u>STD</u> :NO – AFADs EU RUN plan submitted according to Annex 1 23/01. AFADs MYT EU plan NOT submitted (Has provided a map of the AFADs deployed). <u>SP</u> :YES – Provided for i) ii) iii). <u>OBS</u> :Has declared 'AFAD management plan of La Réunion submitted for 2024 is still valid for 2025. No update required' AND 'The AFAD management plan of Mayotte is still missing and will be provided at a later date'.	1. The Mayotte management plan is still being drafted: only 3 DCPa are still operational in Mayotte (11 were lost in 2024) and must be replaced in order to best meet local specificities and the requirements of resolution 23/01. The current management system is evolving with the upcoming structuring of professional representation. Finally, structural crises and natural disasters do not allow for linear progress in the evolution of the Park's management. Cyclone CHIDO destroyed the Matin natural park's servers on which all the work in progress was recorded, including on the DCPa, requiring a start from scratch for the drafting of documents. Updated map attached to this document (annex 1)	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
2.11-c	Res 23/01 (8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15) (2024) (2024)	AFADs deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded, inspected	12/2/2025	P/C	Received 12.02.2025 & 13.03.2025. <u>LEG</u> :YES - According to Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. <u>STD</u> :NO- Deployed 50 AFADs in EEZ; 3 in 2024. - Missing mandatory data: UNI number AND Type of AFADs AND Date deployment. 26 AFAD Lost, abandoned, discarded (Cyclone). 13 AFADs inspected in 2024. <u>SP</u> :YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii). <u>OBS</u> : Has declared "Consideration is still being given to the deployment of the UNI number, taking into account the specific management requirements for Mayotte and Réunion. Additional information is attached (annexes 2 and 3). A mobile monitoring application is currently being developed in Réunion, providing an overview of the status of DCPs, the necessary information, and reporting any damage".	Consideration is still being given to the deployment of the UNI number, taking into account the specific management requirements for Mayotte and Réunion. Additional information is attached to this document (Appendices 2 and 3). A mobile monitoring application is currently being developed in Réunion, providing an overview of the status of FADs, the necessary information, and the ability to report any damage.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
2.12	Res 23/01 (6) (2024) (2024)	Progress report implementation AFADs management plan	12/2/2025	N/C1	Received 12.02.2025. No report provided. <u>STD</u> :NO - Has submitted (10.04.2024) 2 AFADs plans in 2024. Report of progress on implementation of 2024 AFADs management plans NOT provided in e-MARIS/IR.	The management plan for Mayotte is still being drafted (see 2.11b). The management plan for Réunion is implemented locally. It will be amended to take into account the addition of deployed FADs and advances in research.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

3. Reporting on Vessels

3.8	Res. 14/05 (1) (2024)	List of foreign vessels licensed in EEZ	15/2/2025	P/C	Received 16.02.2025. 1 day after the deadline. Foreign flag vessels (10 SYC) licensed to fish. <u>STD</u> : YES – Information provided according to para 1 R14/05.	Personal mistake which shall not occur next year	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
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4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.1	Res 18/07 (4) (2023)	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Ma- trix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	30/6/2024	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same oblig- ation for two or more consecutive years.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to pro- vide explanation and follow-up actions.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
5.2	Res 12/04 13/05 23/06 23/07 (2023)	Interactions with ETP species - All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after dead- line Standard: No, missing national legislation reference Failed to ensure compliance of the same oblig- ation for two or more consecutive years	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to pro- vide explanation and follow-up actions. EU-PRT: Portugal has transposed several international conventions related to the protection of endangered species, including in the fisheries sector, through spe- cific legislation: - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): This conven- tion was approved for ratification by Decree no. 50/80, of July 23, and entered into force in Portugal on March 11, 1981. Decree-Law no. 121/2017 of September 20 subsequently ensured the implementation of CITES in the national legal system, adapting it to the changes in Regulations (EC) nos. 338/97 and 865/2006; - Bern Convention: On the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment in Europe, approved for rat- ification by Decree No. 95/81 of July 23, 1981. The application of this convention was regulated by De- cree-Law no. 316/89, of September 22, later amended by Decree-Law no. 196/90, of June 18. More recently, Decree-Law no. 38/2021, of May 31, approved the legal regime applicable to the protection and conservation of wild flora and fauna and the natural habitats of the species listed in the Bern and Bonn Conventions; - Bonn Convention: Focused on the conservation of migratory species of wild fauna, it was approved for ratification by Decree-Law 103/80 of October 11. The implementation of this convention is also ensured by Decree-Law no. 38/2021, of May 31; In addition, the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC, of May 21, 1992), which aims to conserve natural habitats and	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

					wild fauna and flora, was transposed into Portuguese law by Decree-Law no. 140/99, of April 24, as amended by Decree-Law no. 49/2005, of February 24. - Regulation of technical standards that stipulate specifications regarding the construction of fishing gear, namely alterations or additional devices to increase selectivity or to minimize the negative impact on the ecosystem or reduce the accidental capture of endangered, threatened and protected species, in accordance with Article 8(b) of Decree-Law 73/2020 of 23 September, which establishes the legal framework for the exercise of professional commercial maritime fishing activity and the authorization, registration and licensing of vessels used in said activity. Provision is also made for sanctions, which cover violations of RFMO rules and, in particular, for catches of prohibited species, in accordance with Article 12(1)(b) and (2)(f) of Decree-Law 35/2019 of March 11.	
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. Standard: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
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	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after deadline. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. EU-PRT: deadlines issues should not occur again. Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	30/6/2024	N/C2	ESP: Date received: 21.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. Aggregated sources of data (EL+LG+OB+TR) and no coverage (type &value) for LL fishery. FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Date received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

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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.	Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions. Details of the non-compliance was provided too close to the deadline to be able to provide substantive answer at this stage. the EU will provide follow-up actions for each specific issues in the action plan, to be submitted before the compliance committee and presented during the compliance committee	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
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	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024 and 14.11.2024. 31/137 days after deadline. STD: No FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same oblig- ation for two or more consecutive years.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.2	Res. 24/05 Annexe 1 (6) (2024)	Transshipments in port report	12/2/2025	P/C	Received 12.02.2025. STD: NO - Missing information for ITA.	EU-ITA: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
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9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer cover- age mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	P/C	LEG: YES - Regulation (EU) 2022/2343 Articles 30, 33 & 51(6),(7) STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
9.4	Res. 22/04	At sea observer re- ports	17/11/2024	P/C	STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery.	EU-ESP: Waiting for the Flag State authorities to provide explanation and follow-up actions.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

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10. Statistical document programme

10.3	Res. 01/06 (6) (2023)	Annual report	12/2/2025	N/C1	STD: - No report provided. Import from EU flag vessels reported by China, Japan, Mauritius & Republic of Korea.	The EU does not necessarily agree with the interpretation that those were export from the EU. The EU would like this resolution and this paragraph to be discussed during the Compliance Committee so the interpretation of this paragraph is shared among all CPCs and with Secretariat.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.
10.4	Res. 01/06 (2 & 3) (2024)	Information on authorised institutions and personnel	23/1/2025	P/C	Received 07.10.2024 & 13.03.2025 STD: NO - Report provided with information on national authorities and authorized officers - Reported 1 new institution and 3 new officer(s) and change of seal in 2024. Missing information on institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore authorised (Section 4.2 not responded / completed).	Specified. This was an overlook in eMaris.	Detailed plan and timeline Detailed compliance action plan is annexed to the sCR.

11. Port inspection

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 European Union :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Received by the deadline

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

01-08-2024

Summary of European Union 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 (%)
55	7	3	7	14	0	76.4

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for European Union, 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)
2.11b	AFADs management plan	Received 18.12.2024 & 13.03.2025 <u>LEG</u> :Submitted Article 216 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. <u>STD</u> :NO – AFADs EU RUN plan submitted according to Annex 1 23/01. AFADs MYT EU plan NOT submitted (Has provided a map of the AFADs deployed). <u>SP</u> :YES – Provided for i) ii) iii). <u>QBS</u> :Has declared 'AFAD management plan of La Réunion submitted for 2024 is still valid for 2025. No update required' AND 'The AFAD management plan of Mayotte is still missing and will be provided at a later date'.	N/C1	P/C
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. STD: Yes FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Received: 01.10.2024. 93 days after deadline. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.5	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels	ESP: Date received: 21.07.2024. 31 days after deadline. Aggregated sources of data (EL+LG+OB+TR) and no coverage (type &value) for LL fishery. FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes ITA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes PRT: Date received: 30.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation 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)	ESP: Date received: 31.07.2024 and 14.11.2024. 31/137 days after deadline. STD: No FRA: Date received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes	N/C2	N/C2

	related activities (FADs set by type)	ITA: Received: 28.06.2024. STD: Yes Failed to ensure compliance of the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.		
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Regulation (EU) 2022/2343 Articles 30, 33 & 51(6),(7) STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	P/C	P/C
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - Mandatory coverage not achieved for all fleet segments; data not provided for ESP LL fishery.	P/C	P/C
10.3	Annual report	STD: - No report provided. Import from EU flag vessels reported by China, Japan, Mauritius & Republic of Korea.	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”).

Actions	Implementation timeline															Implementing actors
	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	Q4 2027	
Clarification of the exact issues with IOTC secretariat	Done															DG MARE
Notification of the issues to relevant data collection authorities, the data reporting authorities, scientific authorities, administrations of the EU Member States and of the European Commission	Done															DG MARE
Meeting of the DCF Regional Coordination Group for Large Pelagics and preliminary discussion with scientists and national correspondents from Portugal, Spain, France, Italy	Done															DG MARE National scientists
Identification of the roots of the issues by national administration and national scientists from Portugal, Spain, France, Italy		Done														National administrations of ESP, FRA, ITA, PRT
Identification of correctives actions, implementing actors and timeline		Done														DG MARE National administrations National scientists
Updated action plan		Done														DG MARE
Updated action plan - before CoC22				Done												DG MARE
Updated action plan - after CoC22					Target											DG MARE
Updated action plan - before CoC23									Target							DG MARE
Updated action plan - after CoC23										Target						DG MARE
Updated action plan - before CoC24													Target			DG MARE
Updated action plan - after CoC24														Target		DG MARE

MANDATORY STATISTICAL REQUIREMENT

Obligation: provide statistical data by 30 June

[illegible]

SPAIN	<p>Implementation issue: Data submitted 30 days after the deadline</p> <p>The scientific team experienced several unexpected losses, which disrupted the group's dynamics. Additionally, many of the new forms are complex and time-consuming to complete, leading to delays in submissions. However, the workflow has now been automated, and we anticipate improvements in future submissions. The scientific team has been increased and further automation of data extraction and validation processes will be developed and refined to align with the new templates and requirements. As a result, shorter data reporting times are expected</p>
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Target Target

IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

PORTUGAL	Implementation issue: Data submitted 30 days after the deadline
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National legislation reference provided

Done

Target

DGRM

IPMA, DGRM

5.2 Obligation: provide nominal catch for the purse seine fisheries

[illegible]

SPAIN	Implementation issue: Data are aggregated for billfish species, not identified at species level (2022)
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In purse seine fisheries, there are many instances where identifying bilfishes specimens at the species level is not feasible due to their deteriorated condition or the inability to observe the release location (from the stern). The only viable solution is to instruct observers to identify species even when the specimen is deteriorated. If this is not possible, the total catch for BIL aggregated species will be divided by species, assuming catch ratios

Target Target Target

IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

5.3 Obligation: provide nominal catch for longline fisheries

Implementation timeline																	Implementing actors
Actions	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	Q4 2027		

SPAIN	<p>Implementation issue: Nominal catches only reported for swordfish (2022)</p> <p>The onboard scientific observer programme for the fleet has been enhanced, leading to the collection of more comprehensive data. Nominal catches will be disaggregated by spatial and temporal strata, as required by the IOTC from this source of data</p>
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Target Target Target

IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

5.4 Obligation: provide nominal catch for discards

3.4	Obligations: provide nominal cover for assets	Actions	Implementation timeline																Implementing actors
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	Q4 2027		

PORTUGAL	Implementation issue: No discard data provided (2022)
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	Currently, the most reliable way to estimate discards from the IOTC LL for EU.PRT is to use data from the onboard observer programs. In 2022 there were no trips in the IOTC and therefore there are no data to report. There was observer coverage carried out again in 2023, so it is possible to make such estimations (for the main species) 2023	Done																IPMA, DGRM
France	Implementation issue: No discard data provided for Mayotte (2022) Implementation of at-sea observation program for longline fisheries	Done																DGAMPA / OFB Mayotte
SPAIN	Implementation issue: No discard data provided (2022) For purse seiners, discards data were provided. For longliners, the onboard scientific observer programme for the fleet has been enhanced, leading to the collection of more comprehensive data. The scientific team will try a bycatch raising tool in order to report discards data, if available						Target	Target	Target									IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)
5.5	Obligation: report the zero-catch matrix																	
	Actions	Implementation timeline														Implementing actors		
		Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027		Q4 2027	
SPAIN	Implementation issue: inconsistent data reported for purse seine vessels and no discard data reported for longline vessels (2022) For purse seiners, this issue was solved in November 2023 and the data were reported consistently. For the future, data checking protocols will be implemented to avoid copy-paste mistakes. For longliners, the onboard scientific observer programme for the fleet has been enhanced, leading to the collection of more comprehensive data. The scientific team will try a bycatch raising tool in order to report discards data, if available	Done						Target	Target	Target								IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)
PORTUGAL	Implementation issue: no discard data reported (2022) Currently, the most reliable way to estimate discards from the IOTC LL for EU.PRT is to use data from the onboard observer programs. In 2022 there were no trips in the IOTC and therefore there are no data to report. There was observer coverage carried out again in 2023, so it is possible to make such estimations (for the main species) 2023	Done																IPMA, DGRM
5.6	Obligation: provide catch and effort for coastal fisheries																	
	Actions	Implementation timeline														Implementing actors		
		Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027		Q4 2027	
FRANCE	Implementation issue: Reported by quarter instead by month (2022) We use effort and catch estimate data from the Obsdeb sampling programme, whose most accurate estimate data is available on a quarterly basis. In order to comply with IOTC data submission requirements, this transmission has been corrected since June 2024 on the 2023 data. This gives the false impression that the estimates are more accurate, which is absolutely not the case, compared with quarterly estimates which are more detailed, and less representative of fishing activity by month. This transmission could be discussed with the IOTC experts.		Done															DGAMPA/ Ifremer
5.7	Obligation: provide catch and effort for purse seine fisheries																	
	Actions	Implementation timeline														Implementing actors		
		Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027		Q4 2027	
SPAIN	Implementation issue: Data are aggregated for billfish species, not identified at species level (2022) In purse seine fisheries, there are many instances where identifying bilfishes specimens at the species level is not feasible due to their deteriorated condition or the inability to observe the release location (from the stern). The only viable solution is to instruct observers to identify species even when the specimen is deteriorated. If this is not possible, the total catch for BIL aggregated species will be divided by species, assuming catch ratios							Target	Target	Target								IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)
5.8	Obligation: provide catch and effort for longline fisheries																	
	Actions	Implementation timeline														Implementing actors		
		Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027		Q4 2027	
SPAIN	Implementation issue: only reported for swordfish (2022) The onboard scientific observer programme for the fleet has been enhanced, leading to the collection of more comprehensive data. Catch and effort will be disaggregated by spatial and temporal strata, as required by the IOTC from this source of data							Target	Target	Target								IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

5.9	Obligation: provide size frequency data for coastal fisheries																	
	Actions		Implementation timeline													Implementing actors		
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027			Q3 2027
FRANCE	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): Measures for each fish observed on landings From 2024, we plan to carry out systematic measurements of certain species during Obsdeb field trips. And we are considering adding field trips targeting these species to the sampling plan for 2025.																	
			Done														DGAMPA/ OFB Mayotte	
			Ongoing		Target												DGAMPA / Ifremer La Réunion (except LL +24m ou -24m in high seas)	
5.10	Obligation: provide size frequency data for purse seine fisheries																	
	Actions		Implementation timeline													Implementing actors		
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027			Q3 2027
SPAIN	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): BET The sampling protocol at port has been improved recently and, despite the catches of the species is subject to significant variations, an increase in the BET sampling ratio is expected																	
															IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)			
FRANCE	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): BLM, BUM and KAW Following the WPB22, we found an error in the raising factor algorithm for BLM, BUM. In 2022, the elevation application generated 10 times more catches than actual catches. We need to fix it our process.																	
			ongoing		Target												DGAMPA / IRD	
5.11	Obligation: provide size frequency data for longline fisheries																	
	Actions		Implementation timeline													Implementing actors		
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027			Q3 2027
FRANCE	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): BUM Implementation of a landing observation program and at-sea observation program																	
			Done												DGAMPA / OFB Mayotte			
SPAIN	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): BLM, MLS, SWO, SMA, BET The onboard scientific observer programme for the fleet has been enhanced. An increase in these species size frequency ratio is expected																	
															IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)			
PORTUGAL	Implementation issue: less than 1 fish per tonnes measures for some species (2022): BLM, MLS, SFA, SWO, BSH, SMA, BET Measurements from IOTC LL for EU.PRT currently comes exclusively from onboard observer programs. In 2022 there were no trips in the IOTC and therefore there are no data to report. There was observer coverage carried out again in 2023, and the respective trip report has been provided and the data from 2023 has been reported in 2024.																	
			Done															
PORTUGAL	Data not provided by IOTC standard (no geo-referenced data), not possible to include into the DB Data retransmisttd with geo-referencing																	
			Done															
5.11	Obligation: provide data on interactions with marine turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulid rays																	
	Actions		Implementation timeline													Implementing actors		
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027			Q3 2027
PORTUGAL	Implementation issue: no data provided (2022) Interaction with vulnerable species (turtles, seabirds, whale sharks and mobulids) from IOTC LL for EU.PRT currently comes exclusively from onboard observer programs. In 2022 there were no trips in the IOTC and therefore there are no data to report. There was observer coverage carried out again in 2023, and the respective trip report has been provided and the data from 2023 has been reported in 2024.																	
			Done															
SPAIN	Implementation issue: data not provided at the right standard: reporting form not respected This issue was resolved in August 2024, with ETP interactions now being reported in the new forms provided by the IOTC, rather than in a pdf document as was historically done																	
			Done												IEO (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)			
OBSERVERS																		
9.2	Obligation: 5% observer coverage at sea (Resolution 11/04, para 2)																	
	Actions		Implementation timeline													Implementing actors		
			Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027			Q3 2027
SPAIN	Implementation issue: Longline coverage estimated by the IOTC secretariat (2022): 0.99 %																	

