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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Oman

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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

1.2	Rules of Proc. (4.1) (2024)	Compliance Questionnaire	23/1/2025	P/C	Received: 22.01.2025 STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided at IOTC Standard, Missing sections. Reqs. 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 & 10.2.	Please note that missing sections 5.1. 5.3. 5.4. 5.5. 5.6 & 10.2 are answered in this new version of the CR 13th March 2025.	Actions proposed by the CPC Oman, after the efforts pursued during this period to significantly improve its compliance rate, hereby commits to submit all requirements/obligations before the deadline of the next CQ during CoC23. It is expected that for the next CoC23, the requirements/obligations in the CQ are all submitted by the deadline of the CQ
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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 22.01.2025. Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. LEG: NO - Submitted Article 29 & 43 of the Royal Decree No.20/2019 Promulgating the Marine Living Resources Law AND Ministerial Decree	Oman takes the chance to inform and report to the IOTC that it has identified some shortages in transposition, despite the strong effort undergone this past months. In order to comply with this requirement, in the coming quarter it intends to pass before 31st May 2025 a modification of the Executive Regulation in particular including new article which translated to English	Amendments to national law Oman informs that it will amend Executive Regulation Implementation IOTC Regulations before the 31st of May, as previously informed, and in any case before 30th September 2025, since it is already working in said amendment. AS expressed in the remarks, Oman
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				<p>on the Implementation of the Resolutions of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Has provision for logbook onboard.</p> <p>Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook bound, with consecutively numbered pages, original recordings for at least 12 months.</p> <p><u>SP</u>: Provided for i) ii) iii).</p> <p><u>Obs</u>: Article 43 of Executive Regulation of the Marine Fishing and Living Aquatic Resources Protection Law: Fishing vessels owners shall keep on board the vessel a register for recording fishing operations data according to the instructions of the competent authority. This data will be provided to the competent authority upon request.</p>	<p>would be read as Article X – Logbooks: The operator of an Omani fishing vessel that is authorized to operate in the IOTC area of competence shall at all times: a. keep on board a bound fishing national logbook on-board with consecutively numbered pages and make such entries and recordings in such logbook as may be required; and b. ensure that the original entries in such fishing logbooks shall be kept on board for a period of at least 12 months. In any event, the current logbook has consecutive numbered pages</p>	<p>will include provisions regarding the fishing logbook in relation with Resolution 19/04</p> <p>Oman legislation shall be updated before 30 September 2025 to include all the requirement of the fishing logbook (Logbook onboard, logbook bound, logbook with consecutively numbered pages, logbook original recordings for at least 12 months on board). (Please refer to the Resolution 19/04, article 20).</p>
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3. Reporting on Vessels

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	<p>No submission Not received. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years</p> <p>STD: NO - No data provided.</p>	<p>As committed by Oman in the 20h Session WPDCS held i Cape Town, please see Report of the Session), has confirmed that it has appointed an officer within the Data and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resource to co-ordinate the task on data of the IOTC Resolutions, to restart again to submit periodically the requested reports. Catch data is also published every year in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book.</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC, Enhanced monitoring of fleet</p> <p>Oman is currently carrying strong efforts in improving data collection and reporting. Following the aforementioned appointment of an external expert, Oman will follow his advice to improve data collection and statistics and report accordingly, which in either case are to be published in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book</p>
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C2	<p>STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years</p>	<p>As committed by Oman in the 20h Session WPDCS held i Cape Town, please see Report of the Session), has confirmed that it has appointed an officer within the Data and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resource to co-ordinate the task on data of the IOTC Resolutions, to restart again to submit periodically the requested reports. Catch data is also published every year in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>Oman is currently carrying strong efforts in improving data collection and reporting. Following the aforementioned appointment of an external expert, Oman will follow his advice to improve data collection and statistics and report accordingly, which in either case are to be published in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book</p>
5.5	Res 15/02	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All	30/6/2024	N/C2	<p>STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years</p>	<p>1.4 FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by supply vessels : NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p>

	(1/4, 6b) 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Fisheries & FAD – Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels				transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024. No supply vessels in 2024. As committed by Oman in the 20h Session WPDCS held i Cape Town, please see Report of the Session), has confirmed that it has appointed an officer within the Data and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resource to coordinate the task on data of the IOTC Resolutions, to restart again to submit periodically the requested reports. Catch data is also published every year in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book	Oman is currently carrying strong efforts in improving data collection and reporting. Following the aforementioned appointment of an external expert, Oman will follow his advice to improve data collection and statistics and report accordingly, which in any case are to be published in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book
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 by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	As committed by Oman in the 20h Session WPDCS held i Cape Town, please see Report of the Session), has confirmed that it has appointed an officer within the Data and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resource to coordinate the task on data of the IOTC Resolutions, to restart again to submit periodically the requested reports. Catch data is also published every year in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book	Actions proposed by the CPC Oman is currently carrying strong efforts in improving data collection and reporting. Following the aforementioned appointment of an external expert, Oman will follow his advice to improve data collection and statistics and report accordingly, which in either case are to be published in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book
5.7	Res 19/02 (22) 24/02 (45) (2023)	Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)	30/6/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	As committed by Oman in the 20h Session WPDCS held i Cape Town, please see Report of the Session), has confirmed that it has appointed an officer within the Data and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resource to coordinate the task on data of the IOTC Resolutions, to restart again to submit periodically the requested reports. Catch data is also published every year in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book	Actions proposed by the CPC Oman is currently carrying strong efforts in improving data collection and reporting. Following the aforementioned appointment of an external expert, Oman will follow his advice to improve data collection and statistics and report accordingly, which in either case are to be published in the Official Fishery's Statistics Book

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

6.8	Res. 23/07 (5) (2024)	Implementation of seabirds mitigation measures south of 25°S	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO – Provided Executive Regulation Implementing IOTC Regulations, Act 45. The legal text indicate that the operator shall use and comply mitigation measures, but do not specify the number and type of mitigation measures. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided / described for a), b) and c).	Since the adoption of Resolution 12/06 by the IOTC. According to Oman laws, the agreements concluded by Oman are binding and any Omani Operator in the Indian Ocean have been officially notified of this Resolution and must comply with its provisions. Since 23 November 2022, transpo at port in landing port aim at controlling the gears and mitigation measures on board. There have been Omani inspectors regularly carry out joint inspection in third-country port where Omani longliners land. This has been the case with the Seychelles in recent years. This measure is implemented through the inspection of the vessel before the issuance of the ATF license, to make sure the vessel use for instance, tore line. However, Oman will include before 31st May 2025 a Schedule annex to the Executive Regulation detailing the possible measures	Actions proposed by the CPC Oman is currently working on the preparation of an Annex Schedule to the Executive Regulation Implementing IOTC Regulation, which was recently passed as informed, to include specific measures for mitigation to provide legal certainty to operators
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7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.1	Res. 24/05 (30) (2023)	At sea transshipments – CPC reports	15/9/2024	P/C	LEG: N/A STD: NO - Has reported total quantity transhipped 90,593 Kg, but ROP database records 24,565 Kg. The list of LSTLVs reported (3) and recorded in the ROP database (1) are not consistent. SP: N/A	Oman has already explained that landing data was mixed with transshipment data by mistake when reported, Oman officer have worked to avoid such problem in coming submissions.	Actions proposed by the CPC Oman has been working on improving data collection for consistency in data, This will allow Oman to provide clear data in the coming submissions.
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9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	N/C2	LEG: NO - Not submitted STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) NOT for ii) iii).	<p>Oman is finalising a national observer program, expected to be adopted by 31st May 2025. Challenges in contracting observers and high turnover proved to be challenges. Oman confirms that all its purse seiners (in 2024, there were only 3: Adamas, Acila and Tx-ori Berri also have on board an Electronic Monitoring System (EM), we have the Certificate/Attest issued by manufacturer duly signed. And EM units are also installed in the 6 purse seiners (3 more joined the Omani fleet in January 2025, former French purse seiners). ISSF ' comments are also being implemented to better locate some cameras, etc. Oman is currently working to address the challenges and gaps in EMS program. Oman also plans to conduct observer trips on handline fishery in 2025.</p> <p>- Oman takes the chance to inform and report to the IOTC that it has identified some shortages in transposition, despite the strong effort undergone this past months. In order to comply with this requirement, in the coming quarter it intends to pass a modification of the Executive Regulation in particular including new article which translated to English would be read as Article X: Implementation of a Regional Observer Scheme (Req 9 /resolution 24/04* or 22/04)</p> <p>Observer Coverage Obligations for Oman:</p> <p>a) Oman shall ensure that all fishing vessels under its flag measuring 24 meters or more in length, and those under 24 meters operating outside Oman's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the IOTC area of competence, maintain a minimum observer coverage of 5% based on the number of operations or sets.</p> <p>Deployment of Observers:</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>As previously informed, Oman is working on a new Plan to comply with the 5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea in particular its 6 purse seiners. To that effect it plans to amend its new Executive Regulation to fulfill with every applicable resolution of the IOTC, particular on the legal and standard provisions. Before mid-2025 this Executive Resolution will be updated and enlarged to include relevant articles and Schedules as informed in this Compliance Report</p>
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					<p>a) Observers deployed on vessels shall Record and report fishing activities, verify vessel positions, and observe and estimate catches.</p> <p>Monitor catch composition, bycatch, discards, and compliance with gear regulations. Collect scientific data, including samples, and verify entries in vessel logbooks. b) Vessel masters must provide cooperation, including access to retained and discarded catches, and ensure suitable food and lodging for observers.</p> <p>2.Electronic Monitoring System (EMS): a) Ministry shall adopt EMS to complement or substitute for human observer coverage once the IOTC develops standards for EMS implementation. b) EMS may be used alongside port sampling or other data collection methods to meet mandatory data reporting standards.</p> <p>Reporting Obligations: a) Oman shall submit the following reports to the IOTC Secretariat annually: Description of observer protocols and sampling schemes, including coverage achieved. Observer data using IOTC-approved templates and covering 1°x1° spatial resolution.</p> <p>b) Observers must submit trip reports to Ministry within 30 days of completion, including data from EEZs of coastal states when applicable.</p> <p>Data Confidentiality: Observer data submitted by Oman shall comply with the confidentiality rules of IOTC on data protection. This implementation will also allow Oman to fulfill the SP obligations more correctly.</p>		
9.3	Res. 22/04 (9) (2023)	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	17/11/2024	N/C2	<p>LEG: NO - Not provided.</p> <p>STD: NO - Form 1-RC not submitted.</p> <p>SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).</p>	<p>1. Did you implement the obligation ? YES - Implemented</p> <p>2. A system or procedures exist to implement the coastal sampling scheme (monitoring coastal fishing vessels landings), and the binding obligation of minimum coverage of 5% of the total levels of vessel activity (i.e. total number of vessel trips or total number of active vessels) ? YES - CPC has system / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements a. System or procedures to implement this binding obligation ?</p> <p>IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented</p> <p>Describe : Oman has a system in place to monitor catches at landing places by field samplers . Please see the External Data Audit report on data collection and statistics submitted to the 20th Session of the WPDCA held i Cape Town in November 2024, where it i described the sampling system. Also Oman has sent via email to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers the Official Protocol Document that is into force in Oman</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>Oman has already a system in place to monitor catches at landing places by field samplers . Please see the External Data Audit report on data collection and statistics submitted to the 20th Session of the WPDCA held i Cape Town in November 2024, where it i described the sampling system. Also Oman has sent via email to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers the Official Protocol Document that is into force in Oman to collect the data, the % of artisanal catches, etc). b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding obligation ? YES Describe : – Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers.</p> <p>c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding obligation ?</p> <p>Describe : – Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers. Any documents on system/procedures ? YES. Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers. 3. The coverage is at least 5 % of artisanal fishing vessels landings for all fishing gears ? YES</p>

					<p>to collect the data, the % of artisanal catches, etc). b. System or procedures to respond to non-compliance with this binding obligation ? YES Describe : – Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers.</p> <p>c. Action to be taken in relation to non-compliance with this binding obligation ? Describe : – Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers. Any documents on system/procedures ? YES. Please see copy of the Official Protocol sent to IOTC Compliance and Data Officers. 3. The coverage is at least 5 % of artisanal fishing vessels landings for all fishing gears ? YES</p> <p>Coverage is = or > 5 % (all fishing gear/artisanal fishing vessels)</p>	<p>Coverage is = or > 5 % (all fishing . Oman will fill the mandatory report in the Form 1-RC to the IOTC before year end.</p>
9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	N/C2	<p>STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.</p> <p>Once implemented the above provision and developing its reality Oman will be in more disposition to fully comply with the Observers Scheme</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>Having focused on the legal obligations and improved data collection, Oman will focus on complying with this requirement from now on. It will set up a plan of observers at sea and also via EMS National plan.</p>

10. Statistical document programme

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 Oman :

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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 :

17-08-2024

Summary of Oman 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 (%)
46	3	0	9	28	0	79.3

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Oman, 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)
1.2	Compliance Questionnaire	Received: 22.01.2025 STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided at IOTC Standard, Missing sections. Reqs. 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 & 10.2.	P/C	P/C
2.4	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	Received 22.01.2025. Failed to implement, ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years. LEG : NO - Submitted Article 29 & 43 of the Royal Decree No.20/2019 Promulgating the Marine Living Resources Law AND Ministerial Decree on the Implementation of the Resolutions of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Has provision for logbook onboard. Submitted legislation without all provisions identified for fishing logbook requirements. Provision not identified in legislation for: logbook bound, with consecutively numbered pages, original recordings for at least 12 months. SP : Provided for i) ii) iii). Obs: Article 43 of Executive Regulation of the Marine Fishing and Living Aquatic Resources Protection Law: Fishing vessels owners shall keep on board the vessel a register for recording fishing operations data according to the instructions of the competent authority. This data will be provided to the competent authority upon request.	N/C2	N/C2
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	No submission Not received. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years STD: NO - No data provided.	N/C2	N/C2
5.3	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance 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	STD: No. No data provided. Failed to ensure compliance for two or more consecutive years	N/C2	N/C2
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/sur-	STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2

	face/longline fisheries			
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
6.8	Implementation of seabirds mitigation measures south of 25°S	LEG: NO – Provided Executive Regulation Implementing IOTC Regulations, Act 45. The legal text indicate that the operator shall use and comply mitigation measures, but do not specify the number and type of mitigation measures. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided / described for a), b) and c).	N/C2	P/C
8.1	At sea transshipments – CPC reports	LEG: N/A STD: NO - Has reported total quantity transhipped 90,593 Kg, but ROP database records 24,565 Kg. The list of LSTLVs reported (3) and recorded in the ROP database (1) are not consistent. SP: N/A	N/C2	P/C
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: NO - Not submitted STD: NO - Data NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) NOT for ii) iii).	N/C1	N/C2
9.3	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	LEG: NO - Not provided. STD: NO - Form 1-RC not submitted. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	N/C2
9.4	At sea observer reports	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	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

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”).