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2025 **Final** Compliance Report for: Thailand

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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

3. Reporting on Vessels

4. Vessel Monitoring System

5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.6	Res 15/02	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/sur-	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.	Thailand has an issue regarding Requirement 5.9: Size Frequency - Coastal Fisheries, which has been as-	Additional info or address the issue, Enhanced monitoring of fleet, Detailed plan and timeline
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(1, 5) (2023)	face/longline fisheries				<p>sessed as N/C2. This is because the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Division of the Department of Fisheries in Thailand has been conducting data collection on coastal tuna and tuna-like species through incidental sampling from purse seiners at the port on a monthly basis. However, this sampling method has certain limitations. For instance, there may be instances where no purse seiners catch tuna or tuna-like species during the data collection period, or no purse seiners are present at all during that time. Additionally, monsoon winds along the Andaman Sea coast can prevent fishing vessels from operating throughout the year.</p> <p>Furthermore, the previous measurement of tuna and tuna-like species lengths was conducted by a few official from the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Division. This limited approach resulted in a small amount of data being collected compared to the total number of purse seiners catching aquatic animals. Consequently, there is insufficient information on the length of tuna and tuna-like species to fully comply with the requirements of the IOTC conservation and management measures.</p> <p>Despite this, Thailand will continue conducting monthly surveys on fish landings from purse seine vessels operating in Thai waters within the IOTC's area of competence. These surveys have been part of our national fisheries data collection program since 2016. Moreover, Thailand has initiated a trial project aimed at improving the size frequency reports submitted to the IOTC. This project will involve an enumerator who will exclusively collect data on IOTC species from purse seine vessels landing at the main fishing ports along the Andaman Sea coast. The enumerator will primarily collect fish length data and, where possible, other biological data. The project is expected to run from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2026. We hope this project will help us fully comply with the IOTC CMM.</p>	<p>Thailand is currently implementing a trial project aimed at improving the size frequency report submitted to the IOTC. The project involves an enumerator who exclusively collects data on IOTC species from purse seine vessels landing at the main fishing ports of the Andaman Sea coast. The enumerator primarily collects fish length data and, where possible, other biological data. The project is scheduled to run from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2026.</p>
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

9. Observers

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 Thailand :

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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 :

16-08-2024

Summary of Thailand 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 (%)
48	0	0	1	37	0	98

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Provisional Compliance Report for Thailand, 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)
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

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.

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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”).