

# IOTC-2025-S29-pCR07 (Provisional)-India [E]

## 2025 **Provisional** Compliance Report for: India

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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	P/C	Received: - 1 day after the deadline. STD: YES - Implementation Report provided. All mandatory sections applicable completed.	The date of submission of Implementation report as reflected in the eMARIS is 13/02/2025 and India submitted the report on 13.02.2025 itself. The Secretariat may please correct the discrepancy in this regard. India's compliance status must be C.	Additional info or address the issue Since India submitted the Report of implementation, which is also reflected in the eMARIS, the compliance level should be "C"
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## 2. Management Standards

2.1	Res. 19/04 (11.c & 17.c) (2024)	Registration certificates, valid authorisation to fish/tranship on board	23/1/2025	N/C1	Received 23.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify the provision for HIGH SEA for valid certificates of vessel registration AND valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship to be on board national fishing vessels. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	The guidelines issued for deepsea have legal backing and India has not allowed our vessels to fish in ABNJ. Therefore, the Compliance level must be C.	Additional info or address the issue Government of India does not authorise its commercial vessels to fish in the highseas.
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2.2	Res. 19/04 (18) (2024)	Marking of vessels	23/1/2025	N/C1	Received 23.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F.No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify the provision FOR HIGH SEA for vessel marking. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	The guidelines issued for deepsea have legal backing and India has not allowed our vessels to fish in ABNJ. Therefore, the Compliance level must be C.	Additional info or address the issue All Indian vessels in the IOTC RAV (4 Government of India research vessels) are marked as per the regulations in the Res 19/04
2.3	Res. 19/04 (19.a & b) (2024)	Marking passive gear	23/1/2025	N/C1	Received 19.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F.No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify the provision FOR HIGH SEA for fishing gears marking. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	The guidelines issued for deepsea have legal backing and India has not allowed our vessels to fish in ABNJ. Therefore, the Compliance level must be C.	Additional info or address the issue Government of India does not authorise its commercial vessels to fish in the highseas
2.4	Res. 19/04 (20) (2024)	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	23/1/2025	N/C1	Received 19.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F.No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify provisions for HIGH SEA for fishing national logbook [a] kept on board; b) bound c) with consecutively numbered pages; d) original recordings kept for period of at least 12 months (R19/04 para 20). <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	The guidelines issued for deepsea have legal backing and India has not allowed our vessels to fish in ABNJ. Therefore, the Compliance level must be C.	Additional info or address the issue Government of India does not authorise its commercial vessels to fish in the highseas.
2.7b	Res. 15/01 (11) (2024)	Coastal catch recording system	23/1/2025 (Since 2016)	N/C1	Received 19.01.2025. <i>Catch recording systems based Simplified catch recording forms used by field samplers at landing site/port.</i> <b>LEG:</b> NO – Not provided. <b>STD:</b> YES – Coastal recording system implemented for all coastal fisheries/gears. Coastal recording form templates provided for all coastal fisheries All mandatory information provided, in the agreed format, according to R1501 (4, 11). <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided & described for i) ii) & iii).	The designated Staff of the research Institutes and State and Union Territory mandatorily do the recording of catch and collection of biological/size data at landing sites and port as a part of their job. This responsibility and having legal backing as a part of their appointment order and allocation of responsibilities.	Additional info or address the issue Please see the information provided in the "CPC Remarks" column
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	P/C	<b>LEG:</b> NO - Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat is unable to identify any specific provision on the obligation in force and for the entire IOTC area of competence. <b>STD:</b> YES - MCS actions provided in e-MARIS, in the agreed format. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	The guidelines issued for deepsea have legal backing. The status must be "C".	- -
2.27	Res. 19/03	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mobulid rays	23/1/2025	P/C	<b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017.	-	- -

	(2) (2024)				SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).		
2.28	Res. 19/04 (11&12) (2024)	Review report flag State internal actions/measures, punitive actions, sanctions on flag vessels on RAV	12/2/2025	P/C	LEG: NO - Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. STD: YES - Mandatory report R19/04 (11, 12), provided and completed. SP : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-

### 3. Reporting on Vessels

### 4. Vessel Monitoring System

4.1	Res. 15/03 (1, 11, 12) (2023)	Adoption VMS for vessels >24m and	30/6/2024	N/C2	<b>Received 01.07.2024 One day after the deadline. 20.01.2025 &amp; 23.01.2025. More than 15 days after the deadline.</b> <b>India had 4 Vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2023.</b> <b>LEG:</b> NO - THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1958, Secretariat unable to identify the VMS provision. <b>STD:</b> YES – Report on the progress of implementation of VMS completed; No technical failure in 2023. <b>SP:</b> NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Additional info or address the issue Government of India started installing VMS onboard the vessels in the IOTC RAV. However, these vessels were not in operation during the last year
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### 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/C1	Received: 30.06.2024. <b>Failed to ensure compliance with the obligation.</b> <b>STD:</b> NO - Not by IOTC standards, not consistent with species/gears from 1RC.	Inconsistency with species/gear was primarily due to aggregation of species, especially sharks, since codes for aggregated species was not available in the drop-down.	-
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C1	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not by IOTC standards, aggregated catch data by some fisheries/species (neritic, billfish and sharks).	Species aggregation was mainly in the artisanal coastal fishery by some less trained field Staff. Now we had trained all the field staff on species identification.	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column
5.5	Res 15/02 (1/4, 6b)	Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries & FAD –	30/6/2024	N/C1	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards, aggregated information by year, all effort and area.	India had provided catch and effort data which meet the standards specified in the relevant Resolutions.	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column

	17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) (2023)	Days at sea (Effort) by support vessels					
5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	30/6/2024	N/C1	Received 07.01.2025 - More than 15 days after the deadline. STD: No - Not provided by IOTC standards, data not provided for all species/fishery.	India had provided size frequency data in two batches which meet the standards specified in the relevant Resolutions.	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column

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

6.2	Res. 12/09 (2) (2024)	Prohibition on thresher sharks - all species of family Alopiidae	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
6.4	Res. 19/03 (3) (2024)	Prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays	23/1/2025 (Since 2019)	P/C	LEG: NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Has also submitted Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, but Secretariat is unable to identify any specific provision on the obligation. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
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)	P/C	LEG: NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Has also submitted Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, but Secretariat is unable to identify any specific provision on the obligation. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	-
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)	P/C	LEG: YES – Submitted - " Guidelines and T&C for Deep Sea Fishing of 2014". General provision requiring companies to adhere to various requirements of the IOTC in India's EEZ; however, there is no specific provision regarding this obligation covering the whole IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	-	-

## 7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

7.1	Res. 24/03 (19) (2024)	IUU listing (at previous sessions)	12/4/2025	N/C2	<b>STD:</b> 10 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list in 2024, in two consecutive years 2024 and 2023 . <b>OBS:</b> on 13.02.2025 India has provided comments and 10 reports on IUU fishing in 2024 provided - <i>The authorised officer, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tamil Nadu State Fisheries Department, India has framed charges against the owners of the above fishing boats. The adjudicating officer, Deputy Director of Fisheries, State Government of Tamil Nadu had made enquiry and imposed fine to each of the boat owners. Furthermore, the transponders (VMS) have been fitted in all these boats. The Action Take Reports against these vessels are attached below. In view of effective measures taken against these vessels and their effective monitoring is ensured, it is requested to delist these vessels from the IOTC IUU vessel list.</i>	Since India provided the Action Taken Reports on the 10 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list, these vessels may be delisted and the Compliance status must be modified as "C".	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column
7.2	Res. 24/09 (1) (2024)	Compliance by nationals (at previous sessions)	12/4/2025	N/C2	Received 13.02.2025. <b>STD:</b> 10 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list in 2024, in two consecutive years 2024 and 2023 . Nationals on 10 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list in 2024 and 2023. <b>OBS:</b> On 13.02.2025 India has provided comments and 10 reports on IUU fishing in 2024 provided - India has taken effective action against the Owner, Operator and Master (where appropriate) in response to the IUU fishing activities that resulted in the vessel's inclusion in the IUU vessel list including prosecution and imposition of sanction, (where appropriate) of adequate severity.	Since India provided the Action Taken Reports on the 10 vessels listed on IOTC IUU vessels list, these vessels may be delisted and the Compliance status must be modified as "C".	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column

## 8. Transhipments

## 9. Observers

9.3	Res. 22/04 (9) (2023)	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	17/11/2024	P/C	LEG: NO - Not provided. STD: NO - Form 1-RC not provided. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	The designated Staff of the research Institutes and State and Union Territory mandatorily do the recording of catch and collection of biological/size data at landing sites and port as a part of their job, ensuring more than 5% landing coverage in artisanal fishery. This responsibility and having legal backing as a part of their appointment order and allocation of responsibilities.	Additional info or address the issue See the comment furnished in the "CPC Remarks" column
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## 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 India :

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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 India 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 (%)
14	9	9	3	51	0	40

# Current issues on the level of implementation by India of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures identified for discussion in the CoC22 in 2025

Having reviewed the 2025 Summary Compliance Report for India, the Compliance Committee has identified the following significant repeated non-compliance issues for discussion.

## Repeated non-compliance issues

Requirement	Information required	Observations	Previous status (2024)	Current status (2025)
1.1	Report of Implementation	Received: - 1 day after the deadline. STD: YES - Implementation Report provided. All mandatory sections applicable completed.	N/C2	P/C
2.1	Registration certificates, valid authorisation to fish/tranship on board	Received 23.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify the provision for HIGH SEA for valid certificates of vessel registration AND valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship to be on board national fishing vessels. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	P/C	N/C1
2.4	Fishing logbook on board, bound, consecutive numbered pages, 12 months recording	Received 19.01.2025. <b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F.No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat unable to identify provisions for HIGH SEA for fishing national logbook [a] kept on board; b) bound c) with consecutively numbered pages; d) original recordings kept for period of at least 12 months (R19/04 para 20). <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	N/C1
2.7b	Coastal catch recording system	Received 19.01.2025. <i>Catch recording systems based Simplified catch recording forms used by field samplers at landing site/port.</i> <b>LEG:</b> NO – Not provided. <b>STD:</b> YES – Coastal recording system implemented for all coastal fisheries/gears. Coastal recording form templates provided for all coastal fisheries All mandatory information provided, in the agreed format, according to R1501 (4, 11). <b>SP:</b> YES – 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	<b>LEG:</b> NO - Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. Secretariat is unable to identify any specific provision on the obligation in force and for the entire IOTC area of competence. <b>STD:</b> YES - MCS actions provided in e-MARIS, in the agreed format. <b>SP:</b> YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	N/C2	P/C
2.27	Prohibition intentionally setting any gear type on mob-ulid rays	<b>LEG:</b> NO – Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. <b>SP:</b> YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	P/C
2.28	Review report flag State inter-	<b>LEG:</b> NO - Has submitted Order F. No.21002/12/2011-FY(Ind), which was rescinded by an Order dated 30th January 2017. <b>STD:</b> YES - Mandatory report R19/04 (11, 12), provided and completed.	N/C2	P/C



	nal actions/measures, punitive actions, sanctions on flag vessels on RAV	SP : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).		
4.1	Adoption VMS for vessels >24m and	<b>Received 01.07.2024 One day after the deadline. 20.01.2025 &amp; 23.01.2025. More than 15 days after the deadline. India had 4 Vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2023.</b> <b>LEG:</b> NO - THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1958, Secretariat unable to identify the VMS provision. <b>STD:</b> YES – Report on the progress of implementation of VMS completed; No technical failure in 2023. <b>SP:</b> NO - NOT Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C2	N/C2
5.1	Nominal catches / Zero Catch Matrix – All Fisheries (Species presence in the catch)	Received: 30.06.2024. <b>Failed to ensure compliance with the obligation.</b> <b>STD:</b> NO - Not by IOTC standards, not consistent with species/gears from 1RC.	N/C2	N/C1
5.3	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not by IOTC standards, aggregated catch data by some fisheries/species (neritic, billfish and sharks).	N/C2	N/C1
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, aggregated information by year, all effort and area.	N/C2	N/C1
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	Received 07.01.2025 - More than 15 days after the deadline. STD: No - Not provided by IOTC standards, data not provided for all species/fishery.	N/C2	N/C1
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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: YES – Submitted - " Guidelines and T&C for Deep Sea Fishing of 2014". General provision requiring companies to adhere to various requirements of the IOTC in India's EEZ; however, there is no specific provision regarding this obligation covering the whole IOTC area of competence. STD: N/A. SP: YES – Provided/described for a), b) and c).	N/C2	P/C
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9.3	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	LEG: NO - Not provided. STD: NO - Form 1-RC not provided. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	N/C1	P/C

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”).