

IOTC-2025-S29-pCR30 (Provisional)-Liberia [E]

2025 **Provisional** Compliance Report for: Liberia

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Notes:
 Requirements that do not apply to the CPC (by exclusion) are not included in the PDF version of this report.
 Acronyms and definitions can be consulted [on the last page](#) of the Compliance Report.

Req. n°	Source (para n°) (year)	Information required	Deadline	Current status	Observations	CPC remarks	CPC Follow-up and/or Remedial actions/CoC-COM Rec(s)
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1. Implementation obligations

1.1	Art. X Agreement (2024)	Report of Implementation	12/2/2025	N/C2	STD: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.	-	Additional info or address the issue Staff turnover and administrative oversight contributed to the implementation report not being provided. Challenges in working in the emaris platform also contributed. So, a series of measures have been put in place to ensure that all IOTC reports are submitted on time. These include training and capacity building, preparation of a dashboard that depicts the deadline for each report and the constitution of a task team to prepare the IOTC reports. This applies to all the compliance issues
1.2	Rules of Proc. (4.1) (2024)	Compliance Questionnaire	23/1/2025	N/C2	Failed to submit the Compliance Questionnaire.	-	Additional info or address the issue Staff turnover and administrative oversight contributed to the implementation report not being provided. Challenges in working in the emaris platform also contributed. So, a series of measures have been put in place to ensure that all IOTC reports are submitted

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2. Management Standards

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	P/C	Received 13.11.2024 & 03.03.2025 - 135 days after the deadline. <u>LEG</u> :YES - Fisheries Law 2019 ; Liberia Fisheries Regulation. STD:YES - VMS adopted by law in 2019; Report on the progress of implementation of VMS completed; 0 technical failure in 2023. <u>SP</u> :YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Additional info or address the issue Staff turnover and administrative oversight contributed to the implementation report not being provided. Challenges in working in the emaris platform also contributed. So, a series of measures have been put in place to ensure that all IOTC reports are submitted on time. These include training and capacity building, preparation of a dashboard that depicts the deadline for each report and the constitution of a task team to prepare the IOTC reports. This applies to all the compliance issues
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5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

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

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transshipments

8.4	Res 24/05 (8, 9) (2024)	List Authorised carrier vessels	23/1/2025	N/C1	Received 11.03.2025. 47 days after the deadline. LEG: N/A. STD: NO - All mandatory information provided and completed for carrier vessels (0) flagged under Liberia. However, some of the pho-	-	Additional info or address the issue Staff turnover and administrative oversight contributed to the implementation report not being provided. Challenges in working in the emaris platform also contributed. So, a series of measures have been put in place to ensure that all IOTC reports are submitted
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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 Liberia :

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The Compliance Action Plan was :

Not required/applicable

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

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Summary of Liberia 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 (%)
3	2	0	2	79	0	42.9

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Summary Compliance Report for Liberia, 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	STD: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.	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

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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”).