

IOTC-2025-S29-pCR15 (Provisional)-Maldives [E]

2025 **Provisional** Compliance Report for: Maldives

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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 - Not provided by IOTC standards. Data not provided for all fishery; less than 1 fish per metric tonne and no data provided for handline	-	Actions proposed by the CPC
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(1, 5) (2023)	face/longline fisheries			fisheries. Non-compliant in two or more consecutive years.		Maldives is working to improve our size frequency data collection by hiring more staff to be stationed at or near major landing port islands. Additionally, we are conducting training programs to ensure that data collection aligns with IOTC standards and accurately represents all fisheries.
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6. Implementation of mitigation measures and bycatch of non-IOTC species

7. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels

8. Transhipments

9. Observers

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	N/C2	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act & the mandate of the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture STD: NO - Not implemented. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) NOT for ii) iii).	-	Actions proposed by the CPC Maldives is in the process of hiring human observers. We are also working to implement an EMS that is more appropriate for our fleet to increase the level of observer coverage.
9.4	Res. 22/04 (18) (2023)	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.	-	Actions proposed by the CPC Maldives is in the process of hiring human observers. We are also working to implement an EMS that is more appropriate for our fleet to increase the level of observer coverage.

10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.6	Res. 16/11 (9.3, 9.5) (2024)	Report denial use port / withdrawal denial use port	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: NO - Submitted: Article (6) Prohibition of Entry into Port Article 72 and 77 of the Fisheries Act of the Maldives. The legal extract provided does not contain any specific text or provisions outlining the obligation to communicate the denial of use of port to all relevant stakeholders, nor any provision regarding the issuance or notification of the withdrawal of denial of use of port.		Amendments to national law An amendment to Regulation No. 2020 R-4 on port state measures to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing will be introduced to include a provision addressing the withdrawal of a denial of port use.
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					STD: NIL report - Foreign vessels were NOT denied entry into ports. SP : YES - Provided & described for a) b) c).		
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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 Maldives :

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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 :

10-08-2024

Summary of Maldives 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	1	0	3	34	0	92.3

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Summary Compliance Report for Maldives, 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)
5.6	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	STD: No - Not provided by IOTC standards. Data not provided for all fishery; less than 1 fish per metric tonne and no data provided for handline fisheries. Non-compliant in two or more consecutive years.	N/C2	N/C2
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act & the mandate of the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture STD: NO - Not implemented. SP: YES - Provided & described for i) NOT for 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

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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”).