

IOTC-2025-S29-pCR16 (Provisional)-Mauritius [E]

2025 **Provisional** Compliance Report for: Mauritius

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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

2.10-b	Res. 23/01 (7) (2024)	Marking AFADs	23/1/2025	P/C	Received 14.01.2025. Has declared: AFAD partially marked (5). <u>LEG:</u> YES - Fisheries Act 2023 Sections 12, 13 and 24. <u>SP:</u> YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii). <u>OBS:</u> Currently most of the AFADs are of Rosary types which are difficult to mark, hence only the Single Buoy AFADs are marked.	Most of the AFADs are of the Rosary types which are difficult to mark due to constant immersion in the sea water, the markings become illegible as being also of small characters. Rosary types AFADS are being replaced gradually by Single Buoy AFADs which would facilitate markings.	Additional info or address the issue Since the introduction of AFADs in Mauritius, we have been using the Rosary type AFADs which unfortunately are difficult to mark. To remedy the situation, all the Rosary type AFADs will be gradually replaced by the single buoy AFADs.
2.11-c	Res 23/01 (8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15)	AFADs deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded, inspected	12/2/2025	P/C	Received 12.02.2025. AFADs (3) deployed in 2024 reported after 21 days of deployment. <u>LEG:</u> YES - The Fisheries Act 2023 Para Sections 46 and 123 <u>STD:</u> YES - All mandatory AFADs data/report in 2024, provided and completed, AFADs de-	Not Agreeable with the P/C. The 3 AFADs that were deployed in 2024 are AFADs that have replaced lost ones and as such are not new AFADs. As per Resolution 23/01, only the details of NEW AFADs need to be communicated to the IOTC with 21 days of deployment.	Investigation by the CPC For any deployment of new AFADs, necessary actions shall be taken to notify the IOTC in due time. However it is worth noting that in Mauritius, AFADs are deployed by the Fisheries Division for a subsistence coastal FAD

(2024) (2024)					<p>ployed in 2024 reported after 21 days of deployment. AFADs deployed in EEZ 26 ; 3 in 2024. NOT reported within 21 days of deployment of the AFADs. 3 AFADs Lost, abandoned, discarded. 8 AFADs inspected in 2024. <u>SP</u> : YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).</p>	<p>IOTC will be notified for any NEW AFADs that will be deployed on new GPS points.</p>	<p>fishery. There are actually a fixed number of AFADs at fixed positions around the island. So AFADs are deployed ONLY for replacing lost or damaged existing AFADs. No new AFADs with new GPS positions are being deployed for the time being. From the resolution, it is understood that only deployment of NEW AFADs have to be reported to the IOTC. In the context of Mauritius, NEW means additional AFADs to the existing fixed number of AFADs around the island.</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	P/C	<p>Received: 30.06.2024 & 18.02.2025 STD: NO - Data not provided by IOTC standards. Mauritius have a handline fisheries that catches IOTC species, 1DR/1RC missing information for the coastal fisheries.</p>	<p>No catch data was collected for the Coastal FAD Fishery due to staffing and budgetary constraints.</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC Necessary is being done at the level of the Ministry to revamp data collection from the coastal FAD fishery</p>
5.3	Res 15/02 (1, 2) (2023)	Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries	30/6/2024	P/C	<p>Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards. Missing data for the handline fishery</p>	<p>No catch data was collected for the Coastal FAD Fishery due to staffing and budgetary constraints.</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC Necessary is being done at the level of the Ministry to revamp data collection from the coastal FAD fishery</p>
5.4	Res 15/02 (1/2/3) 13/04 17/05 (6) 18/02 (3) 18/05 (8) 12/04 (1) 23/07 (1/2) 13/02 (7) (2023)	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	30/6/2024	P/C	<p>Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards. Missing data for coastal and longline fisheries.</p>	<p>LL: There were no discards as reported from the fishing logbooks of the longline fishery. Coastal: No catch data was collected for the Coastal FAD Fishery due to staffing and budgetary constraints. However, it is to be noted that no fish are discarded by the fishermen involved in the coastal FAD Fishery which is a subsistence fishery.</p>	<p>Investigation by the CPC, Additional info or address the issue Longliners operators have been notified. They have been asked to request their Captain of the obligation to report their discards. Regarding the Coastal FAD Fishery, even if catch data was not collected for 2024, it is to be pointed out that no fish are discarded by the fishermen who fish for subsistence.</p>
5.6	Res 15/02	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/sur-	30/6/2024	N/C2	<p>STD: NO - Data NOT provided by IOTC standards, in two or more consecutive years. Less than 1 fish per metric tonne for some species.</p>	<p>PS: Non-compliance repeated as the Purse seiners unload most of their catches in Seychelles.</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p>

(1, 5) (2023)	face/longline fisheries				<p>LL: This was due to the transshipment of part of the catch on high seas. It is to be noted that 1 fish per ton was reached for the main species caught as compared to the bycatch.</p> <p>HL (Coastal FAD Fishery): Size frequencies data have been collected for the coastal fishery. However, since no catch data was available for the HL fishery, we cannot assess whether we have complied with the standard of 1 fish per ton.</p>	<p>PS: Arrangements have been made to have data which are collected in Seychelles.</p> <p>LL: Meetings were held with operators so that by catch are made available for size measurement</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

9.2	Res. 22/04 (3) (2023)	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	17/11/2024	N/C2	<p>LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2023, Sections 146-151</p> <p>STD: NO - Not implemented.</p> <p>SP: YES - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).</p>	<p>The Ministry had the intention of recruiting observers on contractual basis for the ROS coverage. Unfortunately, the idea could not be materialized. However, the office of Port State Control Unit(PSCU) is in process to re-start the National Observer Program (NOP).</p> <p>The PSCU is currently preparing a list of officers to act as observers on the Mauritian commercial fishing vessels. The observers will undergo specific training, offered by the experts of Cap Marine Ltd, to become a certified observer.</p>	<p>Additional info or address the issue</p> <p>Action is being taken to allow a list of officers from the Ministry to be trained as certified observers for deployment on board Mauritian fishing vessels.</p>
9.3	Res. 22/04 (9) (2023)	5% landings coverage artisanal fishing vessels	17/11/2024	P/C	<p>LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2023, Section 90.</p> <p>STD: NO - Not implemented.</p> <p>SP: NO - Provided & described for i) ii) iii).</p>	<p>No data was collected for the artisanal fishery due to staffing and budgetary constraints.</p>	<p>Actions proposed by the CPC</p> <p>In 2025, actions are being taken to revamp collection of catch data for the coastal FAD Fishery</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>Since no observers were placed on flagged vessels, there are no reports.</p>	<p>Additional info or address the issue</p> <p>Submission of report will certainly resume with the deployment of observers on board the Mauritian fishing vessels.</p>

10. Statistical document programme

11. Port inspection

11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels en- gaged IUU fishing fol- lowing port inspec- tion	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 454 port inspections. Number of PIRs submitted through e-PSM: 255. The majority of PIRs have not been pro- vided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	The non-submission of PIRs within the 3-day deadline is due to the fact that the final landed weights are very often obtained after 3 working days.	Actions proposed by the CPC, Investigation by the CPC Meetings will be held with all parties concerned in or- der to obtain the landed weights within the deadline. If other CPCs have the same problem, perhaps we may consider revising the deadline of 3 days.
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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 Mauritius :

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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 Mauritius 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 (%)
69	7	0	3	7	0	87.3

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Summary Compliance Report for Mauritius, 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)
5.4	Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries	Date received: 30.06.2024; STD: No. Not provided by IOTC standards. Missing data for coastal and longline fisheries.	N/C2	P/C
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	LEG: YES - Fisheries Act, 2023, Sections 146-151 STD: NO - Not implemented. 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
11.3	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 454 port inspections. Number of PIRs submitted through e-PSM: 255. The majority of PIRs have not been provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	P/C	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”).