

# IOTC-2025-S29-pCR17 (Provisional)-Mozambique [E]

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

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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

1.2	Rules of Proc. (4.1) (2024)	Compliance Questionnaire	23/1/2025	P/C	Received 21.01.2025 & 11.03.2025 <b>STD:</b> NO - Missing section 1, 1.1 - Scientific Committee. Requirement submitted without the National Report to the SC. <b>OBS:</b> REQ 1.3 - Has declared "Mozambique will make effort to fulfill this requirement accordingly".	-	Actions proposed by the CPC Mozambique will follow up the restructuring process ongoing in the new Ministry and strengthen the Task Force Group, dealing with IOTC reporting requirement.
1.3	SC04 / CS04 (111) (2023)	National Scientific Report (NR)	17/11/2024	N/C2	<b>Failed to ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> <b>STD:</b> NO - National scientific report NOT provided.	<b>Mozambique will make effort to fulfill this requirement accordingly</b>	Actions proposed by the CPC Mozambique will follow up the restructuring process ongoing in the new Ministry and make sure that the SC report is compiled and submitted within the deadlines.

## 2. Management Standards

### 3. Reporting on Vessels

3.12	Res. 21/01 (26) (2024)	List of vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna	15/2/2025	N/C1	<b>Received 10.02.2025. Has provided a list of foreign vessels. Outside the scope of this obligation.</b> <b>STD:NO - 2024</b> List of vessels, which have fished for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC area of competence NOT provided.	Mozambique has no vessels registered on RAV for 2024. In relation with the coastal fisheries the licensing system is directed to the fishing gears (See article 31, number 7 of Decree 60/2018) and not vessels reason why we are unable to provide the number of FV which fished for yellowfin tuna in 2024. Please update the assessment status from N/C1 to C.	Enhanced monitoring of fleet Mozambique will make effort to set an effective way to capturing this information while considering the current status of the artisanal fishing boats (mostly wooden vessels less than 10 meters with no identification).
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### 4. Vessel Monitoring System

### 5. Mandatory statistical requirement – Flag State CPCs

5.6	Res 15/02 (1, 5) (2023)	Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries	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. Data submitted for a single species.	Mozambique will make effort to improve its size frequency data.	Enhanced monitoring of fleet -
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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	Received 30.12.2024 - More than 15 days after the deadline. LEG: YES - Marine Fisheries Regulations, Article 142. STD: NO - Not implemented for vessel under Chartering Agreement. SP: NO - Not provided & described for i) ii) iii).	-	Enhanced monitoring of fleet Mozambique will include on the list of requirements such information and report accordingly.
9.4	Res. 22/04	At sea observer reports	17/11/2024	N/C2	STD: NO - Mandatory observer reports NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years. Not im-	-	Enhanced monitoring of fleet -

(18) (2023)					plemented for vessel under Chartering Agreement.		
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## 10. Statistical document programme

## 11. Port inspection

11.3	Res. 16/11 (13.1,15.1) (2024)	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	23/1/2025 (Since 2010)	P/C	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 13 port inspections. Number of PIRs submitted through e-PSM: 13.- Only 4 out of 13 PIRs provided within 3 working days. SP : N/A.	Mozambique will make effort to improve the PIRs submission within 3 working days.	Actions proposed by the CPC  Mozambique will follow up the restructuring process ongoing in the new Ministry and strengthen the Task Force Group, dealing with IOTC reporting requirement.
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: Fishing Law article 104 and REPMAR article 120 and 124. Secretariat unable to identify legal reference and provision on paragraph 9.5 of Resolution 16/11 related to withdrawal of denial. STD: NIL report - Foreign vessels were NOT denied entry into ports. SP : YES - Provided & described for a) b) c).	Additional information provided. Please update the assessment status	Other remedies  Mozambique will include this requirement in the specific decree to be published in the gazet.

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 Mozambique :

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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 Mozambique 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 (%)
34	3	1	4	44	0	81

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

Having reviewed the 2025 Summary Compliance Report for Mozambique, 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)
1.3	National Scientific Report (NR)	<b>Failed to ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.</b> STD:NO - National scientific report NOT provided.	N/C2	N/C2
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. Data submitted for a single species.	N/C2	N/C2
9.2	5% Observer coverage mandatory at sea (all vessels)	Received 30.12.2024 - More than 15 days after the deadline. LEG: YES - Marine Fisheries Regulations, Article 142. STD: NO - Not implemented for vessel under Chartering Agreement. SP: NO - Not 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. Not implemented for vessel under Chartering Agreement.	P/C	N/C2
11.3	Inspection report & Report vessels engaged IUU fishing following port inspection	LEG: N/A. STD: NO - Has conducted 13 port inspections. Number of PIRs submitted through e-PSM: 13. Only 4 out of 13 PIRs 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”).