

13 January 2026

## IOTC CIRCULAR 2026-03

Dear Madam / Sir,

### **STANDARD COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (CQ) ON CPC COMPLIANCE WITH IOTC RESOLUTIONS (Deadline: 20/02/2026) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (IR) - MANDATORY REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES (Deadline: 12/03/2026)**

Every year, the IOTC Compliance Committee reviews the compliance of CPCs with IOTC Resolutions governing implementation of active conservation and management measures.

In accordance with Appendix V 4.a (i) of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, I invite and encourage you to complete the 2025 Compliance Questionnaire (CQ) in the e-MARIS application. This information is needed in good time before the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee which starts on 4 May 2026 ([click here to connect to e-MARIS](#)).

Pursuant to Article X.2 of the IOTC Agreement, each Contracting Party and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party shall transmit to the Commission, no later than 60 days before the next Commission Session, **a statement of the actions it has taken under its national legislation during the previous year, including the imposition of adequate penalties for violations**, as may be necessary, to make effective the provisions of the Agreement and to implement conservation and management measures which have become binding on them. I invite and encourage you to complete the 2025 Implementation Report (IR) in the e-MARIS application ([click here to connect to e-MARIS](#)). CPCs are also encouraged to report on the actions they have taken in previous years that have not already been reported.

A quick guide for completing the Compliance Questionnaire and the Implementation Report in e-MARIS is available ([here](#)). The deadlines for completion and submission of the Compliance Questionnaire and Implementation Report are:

- Compliance questionnaire - **20 February 2026**,
- Implementation Report - **12 March 2026**.

The Compliance Questionnaire and the Implementation Report are available under the tab "Reports" in the e-MARIS application for your review and submission. The e-MARIS requirements already submitted do not need to be submitted again, unless you wish to correct/provide additional information/data.

The information provided by each CPC will be used by the IOTC Secretariat to prepare the draft Compliance Report for the compliance review process (CoC23).

Note that considering the date of the 2026 IOTC annual sessions, I wish to encourage CPCs to start as soon as possible to complete the CQ and the IR, and I thank you in advance for your prompt action on the matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the IOTC Secretariat if assistance is required to complete the CQ and IR.

Yours sincerely,



Paul de Bruyn  
Executive Secretary

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