



PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WPICMM08

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## PURPOSE

To provide participants at the WPICMM09 with an update on the progress made during the 2025/2026 intersessional period on the recommendations of the WPICMM08.

## BACKGROUND

The WPICMM08 made eight recommendations ([IOTC-2025-WPICMM08](#), Appendix 4) for the consideration of the Compliance Committee (CoC22):

- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee (CoC22) review component 9.1 and activities 9.1.2 to 9.1.11 of the WPICMM's work plan, presented in document IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03\_Rev2.
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to endorse the work plan of the WPICMM for the next six years.
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to encourage fleets to respond and take actions with regards to the possible infractions in the shortest possible time to enable timely corrective actions and prevent the recurrence of possible infringements.
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC22 to endorse the changes to the assessment criteria, for the CoC23 – 2026 assessment campaign,
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to request the Commission to clarify whether there exists consensus for implementing a regional IOTC VMS and if not, whether the VMSWG should continue with its technical discussions,
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee review the modifications to the agreed terms and definitions of the Glossary, as approved by the WPICMM and available as Appendix 5, with a view to endorsing them,
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** the IOTC Compliance Committee to table the revision of Resolution 24/10, as endorsed by the WPICMM, in order to repeal obsolete CMMs,
- The WPICMM08 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from WPICMM08, provided at Appendix 4.

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## DISCUSSION

The column on the right, of the below table, present the status of implementation of each recommendations:

| Recommendations of WPICMM08 approved by the Commission (S29)  | Progress of implementation   |
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| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Compliance Committee (CoC22) review component 9.1 and activities 9.1.2 to 9.1.11 of the WPICMM's work plan, presented in document IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03_Rev2.  | The CoC22 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the Commission endorse the recommendations of the WPICMM08 ( <a href="#">IOTC-2025-COC22-R</a> , Paragraph 40).   |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to endorse the work plan of the WPICMM for the next six years.   | The WPICMM Work Plan is available on the meeting page of the WPICMM08: IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03_Rev2 - <a href="#">New WPICMM Work Plan (FINAL REVIEW BY WPICMM08)</a>  |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to encourage fleets to respond and take actions with regards to the possible infractions in the shortest possible time to enable timely corrective actions and prevent the recurrence of possible infringements. | The ROP fleets are reminded by the e-MARIS application to provide response to the possible infractions under requirement 8.5 2505-TRXInvestigatInfractio cq.   |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the CoC22 to endorse the changes to the assessment criteria, for the CoC23 – 2026 assessment campaign   | The assessment criteria table is available on the meeting page of the WPICMM08: IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-08_Add1_Rev2 - <a href="#">Assessment criteria table REVIEWED BY WPICMM for REQ 1.4 / 2.29 / 9.4 [IN TRACK CHANGE]</a>  |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the Compliance Committee (CoC22) to request the Commission to clarify whether there exists consensus for implementing a regional IOTC VMS and if not, whether the VMSWG should continue with its technical discussions.                           | IOTC-2025-COC22-R - <a href="#">Report of the 22nd session of the IOTC Compliance Committee</a> -Paragraph 31 - The CoC22 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the Commission postpone the VMSWG until the Commission defines the scope of a regional VMS in the IOTC and adopts an updated resolution on VMS. The Commission did not define the scope for a regional VMS. By default it can be argued that the Commission agreed to postpone the VMSWG until the scope is defined. The updated resolution requires CPCs' vessels participating in the IOTC VMS pilot of a regional VMS (which was not discussed/agreed by the Commission) to transmit VMS data to the Secretariat at 4 hourly interval. |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Compliance Committee review the modifications to the agreed terms and definitions of the Glossary, as approved by the WPICMM and available as Appendix 5, with a view to endorsing them.   | Glossary of terms and definitions which should be used by Members when drafting proposals for Resolutions for the Commission is published on the <a href="#">IOTC web site</a> , and available for <a href="#">download</a> .  |
| The WPICMM08 <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the IOTC Compliance Committee to table the revision of Resolution 24/10, as endorsed by the WPICMM, in order to repeal obsolete CMMs  | Adopted by S29: <a href="#">Resolution 25/12 On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures</a>   |

## CONCLUSION

### IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WPICMM08

The CoC22 reviewed the recommendations of the WPICMM08, and **RECOMMENDED** the Commission endorse the recommendations ([IOTC-2025-COC22-R](#), Paragraph 40).

### DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Commission (S29) endorsed the recommendations arising from the Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Compliance Committee, which included the eight recommendations made by the WPICMM08, as its own ([IOTC-2025-S29-R](#), paragraph 132).

Therefore, all eight recommendations arising from WPICMM08 have been fully implemented.



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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the WPICMM09 **NOTE** the progress made in implementing the Recommendations of WPICMM08.