

IOTC Agreement – Article X

Report of Implementation for the year 2025 (CoC23)

Deadline for submission: 12/3/2026

READING NOTES:

- This report is composed of 4 sections reporting on the implementation of IOTC Resolutions.
- Answers provided by CPCs are presented in **blue text**.
- A red dash ("-") indicates that no answer was provided.
- Sections in **light grey** are for requirements that do not apply to your CPC.

All sections applicable of the Implementation Report (IR) must be completed.

Consult the Assessment criteria at the end of the Implementation report (For C, P/C, NC1, NC2).

Reporting CPC: Maldives

Date of submission: 09 March 2026 - 12:57

You can consult your previous Implementation Report for CoC 22 in e-MARIS Campaign CoC22 Assessment, by [clicking here](#).

Notes:

- All dates in the Implementation report are in the format => dd/mm/yyyy

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PART A – Actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement CMMs adopted by the Commission

A.1 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/01 On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission](#)



Does not require action

A.2 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/02 On the vessel monitoring system \(VMS\) programme](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/02 On the vessel monitoring system \(VMS\) programme](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Relevant administrative processes amended accordingly.

Requirement number: 4.1 - Information required: Adoption of VMS for all vessels \geq 24 m and $<$ 24 m fishing on the high seas / VMS report on implementation and technical failures - Deadline: 30/6/2025

Requirement submitted ? true the 29 June 2025 - 12:28 // Compliance assessment : C

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for vessels/persons to install & operate a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS)

- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessel on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has only an artisanal/coastal fleet $<$ 24m fishing exclusively in the EEZ in 2024
- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure
- YES - CPC has systems AND procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements
- YES - CPC has ONLY systems to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements
- YES - CPC has ONLY procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations

All vessels above 18 meters are ensured to have a working VLD when issuing fishing licenses. The Ministry actively monitors the track of all eligible vessels through VMS.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established in national law implemented by Government, Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements, Maintain compliance/infringement records, Sanction schemes prevent vessels from non-compliance behaviour & from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing
Random inspections are done at fishing island ports and landing sites to ensure all eligible vessels have installed VLDs.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Fine

Intentionally switching off or damaging the VLD installed in the vessel or violating the rules governing the operation of the VMS is liable to a fine of MVR 1,000/- on the Master or Operator of the vessel.

d. Enter any comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:

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Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

Part I - Adoption VMS for all vessels \geq 24 m and $<$ 24 m fishing high seas

2. The national satellite-based vessel monitoring system has been adopted by law

NO - Not adopted by law. Yes – Adopted by law.

Date of adoption:

29-08-2022

Part II - Report on the progress of implementation of VMS

3. VMS Reporting - Report on the progress of implementation and technical failures - VMS report completed and submitted?

YES - Report submitted and data provided below

NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessel on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels in 2024

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has only an artisanal/coastal fleet $<$ 24m fishing exclusively in the EEZ in 2024

4. Number of vessels above 24 metres in length overall equipped with a satellite-based vessel monitoring device:

258

5. Number of vessels of less than 24 metres in length overall, operating outside the EEZ, equipped with a satellite-based vessel monitoring device:

0

6. A national Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) exists:

YES - In our premise YES - Into a third-party Cloud Provider NO - NO VMS-FMC

Part III - Report on VMS technical failures

7. Technical failures :

NO - No technical failures in 2024

YES - Technical failures in 2024:

Indicate the total number of technical failures?

9

8. Legal Obligation



[Tuna Fishery Management Regulation.pdf](#) - 29/6/2025
[Tuna Regulation 2nd Amendment.pdf](#) - 29/6/2025

Upload the national legislation with provision of requirements/obligation under Resolution 15/03 :

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Regulation on Tuna Fishery Management in Maldives (Regulation No: 2022/R-2) and the following amendments to the regulation

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

The Regulation is in the local language. Below is an unofficial translation.

Article 20 - Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) states that:

- all vessels 18 meters in length and above should install VLDs, approved by the Ministry, within the stated duration,
- the device should be switched on at all times,
- device may be turned off with prior written communication to the Ministry if the vessel is in the dock for repair or when the vessel is not fishing (not active),
- vessel operator (skipper) is accountable to ensure the device is in working condition and if the device is not working the operator should report the issue to the Ministry and should work to solve the issue as soon as possible,
- if the device stops working for any reason, the vessel operator should report the location of the vessels, including the speed of the vessel every 4 hours, in a format informed by the Ministry.

c. Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of this requirement:

This new submission is to report the amendment to the regulation referring to the manual reporting of vessel location every 4 hours in case of device failure.

A.3 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/03 On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/03 On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Licensing of all commercial tuna fishing and processing operations enables effective oversight of fishing activities. Logbook reporting mechanisms are in place to record and monitor skipjack tuna catches in near real time. SOP has been established to ensure that cumulative catches remain within the allocated quota through appropriate management measures. These measures include implementing landing limits at all licensed landing and processing facilities, which ultimately establish effort caps to maintain catches within the allocated quota.

A.4 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/04 On establishing catch limits for bigeye tuna in the IOTC area of competence](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/04 On establishing catch limits for bigeye tuna in the IOTC area of competence](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

No binding catch quota is applicable to Maldives. Licensing and logbook reporting mechanisms in place to monitor the catch of bigeye tuna.

1. Did you implement the obligation bigeye tuna catch limit ?

NO - Not implemented YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of persons/flagged vessels with the Catch Limits for Bigeye Tuna in the Area of IOTC Competence :

NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.

YES - CPC has system / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation

All tuna fishing vessels are required to get a fishing license issued by the Ministry and are required to submit logbooks at the point of landing. Processing facilities are also required to submit tuna purchasing data to the Ministry. Catch landings are verified through these data. All tuna exported also requires a catch certificate, and so the BET catch can further be verified.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Catches of BET were also regularly monitored by the Ministry through the Fisheries Information System (FIS – Keyolhu) to ensure accurate catch statistics.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Other sanctions (specify below)

Failure to send logbook information to the Ministry as required and submitting invalid and false information to the Ministry incurs a fine on the Master or Operator or holder of the license.

d. Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:

NONE



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

3. CPC is reporting for the year 2024 :

YES - Reporting in the below table. NO

Initial Catch Limit 2024 Select	Current catch 2024 (Quantity in Ton)	Balance 2024 (Quantity in Ton)	Adjusted catch limit 2024 (Quantity in Ton)	NEW catch limit 2025 [Catch limit 2024 + OR - Over/underage] (Quantity in Ton)
Maldives AVG 2017-21 - 468,28 t	271.19	WITHIN CATCH LIMIT (-) UNDERAGE OF :	NO TRANSFER -> NO AD- JUSTED CATCH LIMIT	665.37
468.28	-	197.09	-	-

4. CPC is reporting transfers of quota for the year 2024

NO - Not implemented YES - Implemented

5. Legal Obligation



Upload the national legislation with provisions of implementation of requirements / obligations of Resolution 23/04 :

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act of the Maldives
3. Mandates of the Ministry

Tuna Fishery Regulation
Annex 3 - Conditions of license

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act of the Maldives
3. Mandates of the Ministry

(e) The Ministry shall represent the Government of the Maldives in domestic, regional and international conventions, agreements, arrangements or organizations relating to fishing and related activities, aquaculture and any activity carried out within and outside the maritime zones of the Maldives falling within the scope of this Act. The Ministry shall also implement any such agreements or arrangements in accordance with the laws of the Maldives.

Tuna Fishery Regulation
Annex 3 - Conditions of license

(a) Reporting

(1) The Master of the licensed vessel shall ensure that the vessel has at all times, a Logbook of the fishery designated for that fishery. And the Logbook should be completed regularly during fishing trips.

(2) The Master of the vessel shall ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information recorded in the Logbook.

A.5 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels](#)
adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

At sea transshipment is prohibited in the Maldives.

Reports of transshipments between Maldivian collector vessels and pole and line fishing for 2025 have been uploaded with the implementation report.

Requirement number: 8.2 - Information required: Report on transshipments in foreign ports in 2025 Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 09:43 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - LSTV on the RAV not active in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No LSTV on the RAV in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Flag LSTVs did not tranship in foreign ports in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

2. Flagged LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports ?

- YES - Flag LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports in 2025
- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - Flag LSTVs did not tranship in foreign ports in 2025
- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - LSTVs on the IOTC Record of Authorized Vessels not active in 2025
- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - No LSTV on the IOTC Record of Authorized Vessels in 2025

3. Reporting summary:

Reported ? 4 options availables

Select at least one option

Additional information ?

if not reported specify the reasons & the actions taken.
If none, by default NONE is written.

NONE

Number of LSTVs having transhipped in foreign port in 2025:

-

Total quantity transhipped in port (kg) in 2025:

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If you have provided the reports in Section 3a, 3b. There is no need to upload the reports

Upload the report on the list of LSTVs & the quantities transhipped in foreign ports in 2025 :

Requirement number: 8.3 - Information required: Report on transhipments by pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) flagged to Maldives in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 08 March 2026 - 10:15 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) on the RAV in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Flag Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) did not tranship in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

2. Flag Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) have transhipped ?

- YES - Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) have transhipped in 2025
- NO - Pole and line fishing vessel(s) and collector vessel(s) have NOT transhipped in 2025

3. Reporting summary :

Reported ? 5 options availables

Select at least one option

Additional information ?

if not reported specify the reasons & the actions taken.
If none, by default NONE is written.

YES - Complete - The 2 reports are provided

This list may be updated later if required, once 2025 data is consolidated and finalized.



Upload the report on the list of PoL/Collector vessels & the quantities transhipped in Maldives in 2025 :

[Res 21 02 - Reporting template on transhipment MALDIVES 2025.xlsx](#) - 8/3/2026

Number of Pole and line fishing vessel(s) having transhipped in 2025:

323

Number of collector vessel(s) having received transhipment in 2025:

14

Total quantities transhipped (kg) in 2025:

27717967

A.6 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/06 On a regional observer scheme](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/06 On a regional observer scheme](#)

adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Administrative arrangements in place to ensure observer reports are submitted as per the resolution.

A.7 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/07 On a management procedure for swordfish in the IOTC area of competence](#)



Does not require action

A.8 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/08 On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/08 On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC](#)

adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

All shark species, except gulper sharks, are protected in the Maldives. The regulation on the management of gulper sharks was developed in alignment with the relevant resolutions, and administrative processes are in place to report the required information. Furthermore, a licensing mechanism has been established for the gulper shark fishery, and the regulation prohibits the issuance of gulper shark fishing licenses to tuna fishing vessels, thereby prohibiting tuna fishing vessels from landing any gulper sharks.

A.9 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/09 On the conservation of shortfin and longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries](#)

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/09 On the conservation of shortfin and longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

All shark species, except gulper sharks, are protected in the Maldives. Logbook reporting mechanism are in place to report bycatch, including live release and dead sharks.

A.10 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/10 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/10 On establishing a Technical Committee on Management Procedures](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Does not require action.

A.11 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/11 On port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/11 On port state measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Does not require action. Maldives do not allow foreign fishing vessels to land their catches in our ports.

A.12 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/12 On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures](#)



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

[Resolution 25/12 On the promotion of the implementation of IOTC Conservation and Management Measures](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Does not require action.

A.13 - Actions taken to implement [Recommendation 25/13 On promoting the objectives of IOTC](#)



through cooperation with the BBNJ agreement
(the agreement under the United Nations Convention
on the Law of the Sea on the conservation
and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas be-
yond national jurisdiction)

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

Recommendation 25/13 On promoting the objectives of IOTC through cooperation with the BBNJ agreement (the agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction)

adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Does not require action.

A.14 - Actions taken to implement **Recommendation 25/14 On**
****the limitation of fishing capacity****



1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, in the previous year to implement conservation and management measure

Recommendation 25/14 On the limitation of fishing capacity

adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

Does not require mandatory action.

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part A of the Implementation report ?

None

Part B – Actions taken, under national legislation, to implement CMMs adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions which have not been reported previously

1. Describe the actions taken, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions, and which have not been reported previously:

All actions taken has been reported.

2. I have taken actions, under national legislation, to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in previous Sessions.

Yes - actions taken and described above No - No action taken

Upload any document/information on actions taken :

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Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part B of the Implementation report ?

NONE

Part C – Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs to be included in this report

Resolution 24/03 On establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence



IUU vessel proposal

DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST- IUU form - Proposal for IUU listing for Adoption at next session (CoC23)

This requirement is applicable to CPCs that have recorded illegal activity of vessel within the IOTC Area and in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures and wish to propose for IUU listing to the next session Compliance Committee for adoption by the Commission.

1. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation: *To prepare & submit* the IUU form

- YES - CPC has illegal activity of vessel to report within the IOTC Area, in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO illegal activity of vessel to report within the IOTC Area, in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures
- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure.
- YES - CPC has system / procedure to implement this binding reporting measure

2. Reporting illegal activity of vessels in 2025 :

- YES - CPC has illegal activity of vessel to report within the IOTC Area, in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures.
- NO - NIL report / Not applicable - CPC has NO illegal activity of vessel to report within the IOTC Area, in relation to species covered by the IOTC Agreement or by IOTC Conservation and Management Measures

3. Summary of your IUU vessels reporting

Vessel(s) flag (Select on flag)	Vessel number (Enter the number of vessel(s)) (Ex: 3)	Vessel name(s) (List the names of ALL vessels)	Remarks (Any remarks about the vessels)
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Comment Draft IUU list

DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST - Comments and information from flag State on one vessel included on the Draft IUU Vessels List (CoC23)

The requirement is applicable to CPCs flag State that have a vessel included on the draft IUU vessels list.

1. Reporting comments and information from Maldives flag State of vessel(s) included on the Draft IUU Vessel List:

- YES - Reporting comments and information from flag State - Maldives - on vessels included on the Draft IUU Vessel List
- NO - NOT reporting comments and information from flag State - Maldives - on vessels included on the Draft IUU Vessel List.

2. For vessel under your Flag - Maldives - included on the Draft IUU Vessel List , complete the last column of the below table by providing comments/information on the vessel illegal activity as reported in the draft IUU vessel list :

Name of vessel on Draft IUU list Use name from the IOTC Circular	Vessel identifier (IRCS, NRN, IMO)	Cross Listing	Comments/information To be completed by the flag State
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Additional comments/informations. if any?

Upload documents in response of the Draft IUU listing and associated documents/evidences of actions taken :

(e.g. actions taken, letters, results of court proceedings, fine imposed/paid, photographs)

3 . The information provided show that the listed vessel under my flag - Maldives - on the Draft IUU Vessel List has :
Conducted fishing activities in a manner consistent with:

- IOTC Conservation and Management Measures, in force
- Coastal State laws/regulations when fishing waters under the jurisdiction of that State, & flag State law/regulations & Authorisation to Fish
- Species that are covered by the IOTC Agreement / IOTC Conservation & Management Measures

Conducted fishing activities in a manner inconsistent with:

- IOTC Conservation and Management Measures, in force
- Coastal State laws/regulations when fishing waters under the jurisdiction of that State, & flag State law/regulations & Authorisation to Fish
- Species that are covered by the IOTC Agreement / IOTC Conservation & Management Measures

Information on vessel on draft IUU list

DRAFT IUU VESSELS LIST – Report additional information regarding vessels on the draft IUU list

The requirement is applicable to CPCs that have additional information regarding vessels on the Draft IUU vessels list.

1. Reporting additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List:

- YES - Reporting additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List
- NO - NIL report - No additional information on vessel included in the Draft IUU Vessel List

2. If yes, Indicate on which vessel included in the draft IUU vessel list you provide information on, complete the first and the last column of the below table by providing information for each vessel illegal activity as reported in the draft IUU vessel list :

Vessel name on Draft IUU list Completed by Secretariat	Flag Completed by Secretariat	Additional information
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Additional informations (IR)?



Upload information in response of the Draft IUU listing :

3. The information provided show that the vessels listed on the Draft IUU Vessel List(s) have:

Conducted fishing activities in a manner consistent with:

- IOTC Conservation and Management Measures, in force
- Coastal State laws/regulations when fishing waters under the jurisdiction of that State, & flag State law/regulations & Authorisation to Fish
- Species that are covered by the IOTC Agreement / IOTC Conservation & Management Measures

Conducted fishing activities in a manner inconsistent with:

- IOTC Conservation and Management Measures. in force
- Coastal State laws/regulations when fishing waters under the jurisdiction of that State, & flag State law/regulations & Authorisation to Fish
- Species that are covered by the IOTC Agreement / IOTC Conservation & Management Measures

Removal of vessel on IUU list

IUU vessels list – Information for the removal of vessel from the IUU vessels list

This requirement is applicable to CPCs that have vessel on the IOTC IUU vessels list for the purpose of delisting the vessel.

1. Providing information on flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List for the purpose of delisting the vessel:

- YES - Maldives has information on a flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List for the purpose of delisting the vessel
- NO - No information
- NO - Nil report - No Maldives flag vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessels List

2. Vessel(s) included in the IOTC IUU vessels list, you provide information for delisting:

Vessel on IOTC IUU list

Select the IUU vessel(s) from the list

CPC information(s) for delisting

Enter information(s) for delisting



Upload the information for delisting vessel(s) listed in the IOTC IUU vessels list:

(e.g. Documents with evidences that: 1) vessel changed ownership,
2) previous owner has no operational/legal/financial/interests,
3) new owner not participated in IUU for 5 years,
4) prosecution/sanctions concluded, 5) vessel sunk/scrapped.)

3. Information provided as the flag State of the vessel listed on the IOTC IUU Vessels List, demonstrates that:

- Maldives has adopted measures such that the vessel Owner & all other nationals employed on that vessel that engage in fishing & fishing related activities within the IOTC Area for species covered by the IOTC Agreement comply with all IOTC CMMs.
- The vessel has changed ownership & that the new Owner can establish that the previous Owner no longer has any operational, legal, financial or real interests whether direct or indirect in the vessel or exercises control over it & that the new Owner has not participated in any IUU fishing activities in the preceding 5 years.
- The vessel has been sunk or scrapped.
- Prosecution and/or sanctions regarding the vessel that conducted IUU fishing activities has been concluded by both the nominating CPC and the flag State of the vessel.
- Maldives is effectively assuming & will continue to effectively assume flag State responsibilities with regard to the monitoring & control of the fishing activities of this vessel.
- Maldives has taken effective action against the Owner, Operator & Master in response to the IUU fishing activities that resulted in the vessel's inclusion in the IUU Vessel List including prosecution & imposition of sanctions of adequate severity.

New or change information on vessel on IUU list

IUU VESSELS LIST – New or changed information for vessels on the IOTC IUU vessels list

The requirement is applicable to all CPCs that have new or changed information for vessel on the IUU Vessel List for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

1. Providing new or changed information for vessel on the IOTC IUU Vessel List for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List:

- YES - Maldives provide new or changed information for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List
- NO - NIL report - Maldives do not have information

2. For vessels in the IOTC IUU vessels list, new information on:

IUU No / Current name of vessel (previous names) / Current flag (previous flags) / Call sign (previous call signs) / Lloyds-IMO number or unique vessel identifier

Select from the IUU list (Version 26/05/2025)

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3. The new/changed information provided relates to:

IUU Vessel	Information type	New information
Select from the list	Select from the list	Complete the field(s) for new/changed information for the vessel listed above

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 **Upload supporting documents and any other information related to the new/changed information**



Resolution 24/09 To promote compliance by nationals of contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties with IOTC conservation and management measures

Requirement number: 7.Xg - Information required: Reports on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals in 2025 - Deadline: 10/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 06 January 2026 - 10:41 // Compliance assessment : -/-

1 - Reporting on actions and measures taken to investigate allegations and/or reports on IUU fishing involving nationals:

- YES - Maldives has taken actions/measures to investigate allegations/reports on IUU fishing involving Maldives nationals
 NO - NIL report for 2025 – No Maldives nationals engage in IUU fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence

Investigation reports & any other information

<u>IUU Vessel</u>	<u>Natural/legal person name</u>	<u>Investigation results</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
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Other actions taken & additional information to report?

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Upload the investigation reports & any other information in the section below. If more that 4 persons to report on, make another submission.

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Resolution 23-01 - Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (AFADs)



Requirement number: 2.12 - Information required: AFAD management plan - Deadline: 1/1/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 29 December 2025 - 08:26 // Compliance assessment : C

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.
 NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has ONLY AFADs EEZ fishery for the recreational fisheries.
 NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of Competence.
 NO - Not implemented
 YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for vessels implementation of the AFADs management plan

- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.
- YES - CPC has system / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

It is in the workplan of the Fisheries Compliance Section to update the plan and communicate it to IOTC.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Submission of the AFAD management is a responsibility of the Ministry

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Other sanctions (specify below)

Submission of the AFAD management is a responsibility of the Ministry

d. Enter any comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:

NONE



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

3. AFADs management plans reported for following years

- YES for 2023
- YES for 2024
- YES for 2025
- YES for 2026
- YES for 2027
- YES for 2028
- NO - NIL Report - CPC has NO AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.
- NO - NIL Report - CPC has ONLY AFADs fishery for the recreational fisheries.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of Competence.

4. Reporting/Updating the AFADs management plan

- The 2026 AFADs management plan is uploaded below
- No AFADs management plan in 2026



[AFAD Management Plan 2026 - Maldives.pdf](#) - 29/12/2025

Upload the AFAD management plan :

5. The AFADs management plan is been prepared in accordance with the Guideline (Annex I)

- YES – All sections are detailed according to the Guideline (Annex I) NO - Some sections are missing

6. Legal Obligation



[MDV - Law - 2023 - Reg2023 123 Updated062023 FirstAmendmentGeneralFisheriesRegulations_DIV.pdf](#)

Upload the national legislation with provisions of implementation of requirements / obligations of Resolution 23/01: [MDV - Law - 2023 - General fisheries regulation of the Maldives English Translation.pdf](#)

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

General Fisheries Regulation_1st Amendment - Article 20, 21 & 22

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Article 20 - Installation of FADs

(a) Any type of FADs within the maritime zones of the Maldives for the purposes of fishing may only be installed by the Ministry or a party designated by the Ministry.

(b) A list of FADs installed by the Ministry (including their positions and other details) pursuant to Subsection (a) herein, shall be published and kept up-to-date on the website of the Ministry.

(c) Release and use of Drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (DFADS) within the maritime zones of the Maldives is prohibited.

Article 21 - Vandalising FADs

Causing any wilful destruction or damage or removing any part of or bringing any alterations to a FAD installed pursuant to Section 20 (a) herein is prohibited.

Article 22 - Fishing near FADs

(a) Conducting any form of fishing other than pole-and-line tuna fishing within 3 (three) nautical miles from any FAD specifically designated for pole and line fishing is prohibited.

(b) Conducting pole-and-line and handline tuna fishing within 1 (one) nautical miles from any FAD specifically designated for sports fishing is prohibited.

(c) Carrying out the following activities within 3 (three) nautical miles of a FAD specifically designated for pole and line fishing as stipulated in Subsection (a) herein is prohibited.

- (1) Use of weighted line with live bait;
- (2) Trolling and use of weighted line with an artificial lure;
- (3) Line fishing;
- (4) Use of Samoan silverside as bait;
- (5) Tying the vessel to FAD buoy;
- (5) Committing any act that may harm or affect FAD;
- (6) SCUBA diving.

Requirement number: 2.14 - Information required: Report on progress of implementation of AFADs management plans - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 11:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - We have AFADs EEZ fishery only for the recreational fisheries.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - NO AFADs management plans was implemented and submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

2. AFADs management plans implemented and progress reports on the implementation reported for the years

- Yes for 2028 Yes for 2027 Yes for 2026 Yes for 2025
- No AFADs fishery in the EEZ, fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate.

3. Reporting the progress report on implementation of the AFADs management plan

- The report of progress on implementation of AFADs management plan is uploaded below.
- No AFADs management plan was implemented and submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.



[Res 23 01 - Progress report AFAD MP - Maldives 2025.pdf - 25/2/2026](#)

Upload the progress report(s) :

[REPORT ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ANCHORED FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE \(AFAD\) MANAGEMENT PLANS](#)

Describe and provide additional information on how you are implementing the obligation.

(If none, by default NONE is written)

NONE

Requirement number: 2.13 - Information required: Anchored FADs deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded and inspected - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 November 2025 - 16:44 // Compliance assessment : C

1. Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO AFADs fishery fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has ONLY AFADs fishery for the recreational fisheries in 2025 .
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of Competence.
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation related to the deployment of AFADs, site selection & construction of AFADs, by vessels

- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.
 - YES - CPC has system / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements
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a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

The Ministry is responsible for managing and maintaining the AFAD network.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established in national law implemented by Government

The Ministry is responsible for managing and maintaining the AFAD network.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Other sanctions (specify below)

The Ministry is responsible for managing and maintaining the AFAD network.

d. Comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:

NONE



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

3. Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices are deployed in the EEZ

- NO AFAD deployed Specify the reasons and provide any remarks
N/A

YES - AFADs deployed in EEZ

Specify the number of AFADs deployed in the EEZ in 2025

Jan 5 / Apr 4 / May 1 / Aug 3 / Sep 1 / Nov 3

Specify the number of AFADs lost, abandoned, discarded in the EEZ in 2025

0

Specify the number of AFADs inspected in 2025

Jan 5 / Apr 4 / May 1 / Aug 3 / Sep 1 / Nov 3

Specify the Cumulative total number of AFADs deployed in the EEZ

60

NIL Report - CPC has NO AFADs fishery fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate in 2025

NIL Report - CPC has ONLY AFADs fishery for the recreational fisheries in 2025 .

4. AFADs register - reporting on Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded and outcomes of inspection at sea or in port

New AFADs deployed within the EEZ - CPC upload the AFADs register, deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded, outcomes of inspection at sea or in port, below.

Update of the AFADs register - CPC upload the updated AFADs register, deployed, lost, abandoned, discarded, outcomes of inspection at sea or in port, below.



Upload AFAD register :

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed Jan 2025.xlsx](#) - 23/4/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed Apr 2025.xlsx](#) - 23/4/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed May 2025.xlsx](#) - 11/5/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed Aug 2025.xlsx](#) - 6/8/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed Aug 2025 -2.xlsx](#) - 7/9/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed September 2025.xlsx](#) -

16/10/2025

[Res 23 01 - AFAD deployed Nov 2025.xlsx](#) - 19/11/2025

5. For the deployment of AFADs, the national legislation requires

Flag vessels deploying new AFADs or replacing existing ones take into account the nature and profile of the sea bottom when choosing a site NO YES

The upper floatation of AFADs is suitable for offshore, high current deployments by using designs which are streamlined to reduce drag and resistance to currents and waves. NO YES

Only non-entangling and non-mesh materials are used in the sub-surface aggregates of AFADs. NO YES

To construct AFADs from materials that ensure increased longevity so that they continue to retain their integrity for the longest lifespan possible. Where sub-surface aggregators are attached to the mooring line of AFADs, these aggregators are constructed from bio-degradable materials. NO YES

6. Legal Obligation



[General Fishery Regulation Second Amendment 2025R15.pdf](#)

Upload national legislation with provisions of Resolution 23/01 Paragraphs 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15:

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

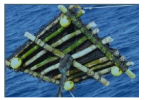
General Fishery Regulation (2020/R-75) - Second Amendment - Article 20. (b) (d)

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Article 20. (b) As per subsection (a) of this article, the Ministry shall maintain and regularly update a list of AFADs installed by the Ministry (including the position, number, and location of the AFADs) on the Ministry's website. Furthermore, relevant information regarding the installation of AFADs shall be shared with relevant international and regional organizations within the timeframe specified by those organizations.

Article 20. (d) As per subsection (a) of this article, the Ministry shall fully comply with the standards and guidelines set by relevant international and regional organizations in designing the components of AFADs, determining the areas for their installation, and in installing the AFADs.

[Resolution 24/02 on management of drifting fish aggregating devices \(FADs\) in the IOTC area of competence](#)



[Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a fish aggregating devices \(FADs\) management plan - Number of active DFADs](#)
[Remain binding on OMAN]

[Resolution 10/10 – Concerning market related measures](#)



Requirement number: 12.1 - Information required: Report on imports, landings and transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 24 February 2026 - 09:34 // Compliance assessment : -/-

1. A system or procedures exist to monitor the imports, landings and transshipments of tuna and tuna-like fish products in your ports?

- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No import of tuna and tuna-like fish products in 2025 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No landing of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports in 2025 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in ports in 2025 .
- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.
- YES - CPC has systems & procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements.

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure are :

Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies include verification of imports/landings/transshipments of tuna & tuna-like fish products in ports

No foreign flagged vessels are permitted to catch, land or transship catches in Maldivian waters.

All imports of tuna are declared to the Maldives Customs Services and reported to the Ministry.

All catches by domestic vessels are reported to the Ministry via logbooks.

Upload documents on system/procedures :

2. Summary of imports, landings and transshipments of tuna and tuna-like fish products in port

NO - Report not provided

Specify the reasons and provide any remarks:

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YES – The report is uploaded / submitted to the IOTC Secretariat.

Specify the total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **imported** in 2025

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Specify the total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **landed** in **2025**

-

Specify the total quantities (Tons) of tuna and tuna-like fish **transhipped** in 2025

-

List all countries of export in 2025

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Check catch areas in 2025 (RFMOs)

- IATTC - Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
- ICCAT - International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
- WPCFC - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- CCSBT - Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
- SIOFA - Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
- CCAMLR - Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
- NAFO - Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
- NASCO - North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
- SEAFO - South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation
- SPRFMO - South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
- NEAFC - North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
- APFIC - Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
- IWC - International Whaling Commission
- SEAFDEC - Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center

NIL Report - no import, landing and transshipment of tuna and tuna-like fish products in 2025

Upload the 2025 report :

If section 2 in not completed

Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme



Requirement number: 10.3 - Information required: Annual report on the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme in 2024 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 March 2026 - 08:46 // Compliance assessment : N/A

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC did not export frozen bigeye tuna in 2024
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

EXPORT:

2. Frozen bigeye tunas were exported :

- YES - Frozen Bigeye tuna were exported
- NO - Frozen Bigeye tuna were NOT exported

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IOTC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME

Reporting country: Maldives --- Reporting period: 2025

EXPORTING information	IMPORTING information
<p align="center">Compile in this section the information from the certificate you have validated during a specific year as flag State CPC of the vessels</p>	<p>Compile in this section the information declared by the importing CPC. The information is provided by importing CPC to the Secretariat by semester (biannual import report). The Secretariat process the information and the report is produced and available in the Section above "Information from the Secretariat". It is the information contained in this report that must be compiled in this section.</p>

Fishing Area	Fishing Gear	Point of export (Country/City/Port/High Sea)	Export to Country	PreseShap va- tion Se- lect	Product weight (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Country/En- tity/Fishing Entity	PreseShap va- tion Se- lect	Product weight (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)
Select from the list	Select from the list		Select from the list			Select		

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3. Summary of your reporting of Frozen Bigeye tuna exported:

Export TO Country: **Total quantity exported (KG):** **Product shape(s):**

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Upload the annual report :

Optional if you have completed the 2 tables above.

4. If you have exported bigeye tuna, report the result(s) of the examination between YOUR EXPORT data and the IMPORT data declared by IMPORTING CPC(s):

Examination result ? 5 options available Select at least one option	Difference with CPC ? Select from the list	Specify total difference of quantity (KG) ? Format 1.000.000,00	Additional information ? if difference & not examine specify the reasons & the actions taken. If none, by default NONE is written.
-	-	0	NONE

When significant difference(s) were identified between your EXPORT data and the IMPORTING DATA from other CPCs, report the results of the examinations below:

(IR)

Results of examination

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Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys



Requirement number: 2.22 - Information required: Report on observations of damaged data buoys in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 08:49 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have fishing vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No report received from flag vessels in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

2. Reporting observations of damaged data buoys :

Obs Number	Date Obs	Location	ID information
Number of the observation (1,2, 3....)	Pick date	Latitude and longitude (e.g. 45° 46' 52" N 108° 30' 14" W)	Any discernible identifying information contained on the data buoy

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Any additional information to report ?

NONE

- The report on observations of damaged data buoys is provided above and/or uploaded below.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have fishing vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No report received from flag vessels in 2025



Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles

Requirement number: 6.9 - Reporting obligation: Report on progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04 in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 09:41 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025 AND CPC is not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

2. Reporting the progress of implementation of Resolution 12/04:

- YES - Reporting progress in section 3 below
- NO - NOT reporting progress
- NO - NIL report - No vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels AND no artisanal/coastal fisheries in 2025

3. Report on the requirements of the Resolution 12/04:

a. Collect (through logbooks and observer programs) and provide to the Scientific Committee all data on their vessels interactions with marine turtles,

Furnish information to the Scientific Committee on successful mitigation measures and other impacts on marine turtles (such as the deterioration of nesting sites & swallowing of marine debris):

- YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025
- NO - 3.a) is not applicable - No vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

Progress of implementation:

There is a system to report information on interaction with the turtles through the logbook reporting. This information is reported as the bycatch information reported with the fisheries statistical data.

b. Require fishermen to bring aboard, if practicable, any captured hard shelled turtle that is comatose or inactive as soon as possible and foster its recovery, including aiding in its resuscitation, before safely returning it to the water. Ensure that fishermen are aware of and use proper mitigation and handling techniques and keep on board all necessary equipment for the release of turtles:

- YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025
- NO - 3.b) is not applicable - No vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

Progress of implementation:

Catching and harming of turtles is prohibited in the Maldives and fishers are required to release any incidental catch immediately under the license condition. This information is relayed to fisher folks through outreach programs and a turtle guide is distributed to fishing vessels to inform the fishers on the best practice. Turtle bycatch has never been recorded in the baitboat or handline fishery and therefore has been assessed as low risk for management purposes.

c. For gillnet vessels: Require vessel to record all incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC:

- YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025
- NO - 3.c) is not applicable - No gillnet vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

Progress of implementation:

Not applicable as gill netting is prohibited in the Maldives by law.

d. For longline vessels

(a) Ensure that longline vessels carry line cutters & de-hookers to facilitate the handling and release of marine turtles caught or entangled

(b) Encourage use of whole finfish bait;

(c) Require vessel to record all incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC.

YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025

NO - 3.d) is not applicable - No longline vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

Progress of implementation:

The requirements to carry and use of de-hookers, line cutters, dip nets and the process of proper release of turtles and other marine mammals that could be caught in Longline fishery is clearly specified in the Tuna Fisheries Management Plan and subsequent regulation. The Management plan also stipulates other bycatch mitigation measures and also encourages fishing vessels to use wholefish bait to minimise turtle bycatch. *Longline log books also allow the reporting of turtle bycatch or interactions to the IOTC standard and are reported to the IOTC on an annual basis. *Maldives has suspended issuing licenses to longline fishing vessels since 2019.

e. For purse seine vessels:

(a) Ensure that vessels:

(i) Avoid encirclement of marine turtles, if a marine turtle is encircled/ entangled, take measures to safely release the turtle.

(ii) Release all marine turtles observed entangled in fish aggregating devices (FADs) or fishing gear.

(iii) If a marine turtle is entangled in the net, stop net roll as soon as the turtle comes out of the water; disentangle the turtle without injuring it before resuming the net roll; and assist the recovery of the turtle before returning it to the water.

(iv) Carry and employ dip nets to handle turtles.

(b) Encourage vessel to adopt FAD designs which reduce the incidence of entanglement of turtles;

(c) Require vessel to record incidents involving marine turtles in the logbooks and report incidents to authorities of the CPC.

YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025

NO - 3.e) is not applicable - No purse seine vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

Progress of implementation:

Not applicable as purse seining is prohibited in the Maldives by law.

f. CPCs to undertake research trials of circle hooks, use of whole finfish for bait, alternative FAD designs, alternative handling techniques, gillnet design and fishing practices and other mitigation methods which may improve the mitigation of adverse effects on turtles.

YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025

Progress of implementation:

Anchored FADs used in the Maldives are non-entangling with only a set of float-buoys with horizontal attachment of netting underneath.

g. CPCs continue to undertake research and development to improve the mitigation of adverse affects on marine turtles & provide research outcomes to the Scientific Committee.

YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025

Progress of implementation:

No research on turtle was conducted in the year 2023/2024

h. Collaborate with the IOSEA and take into account the IOSEA MoU

YES - 2025 progress are reported below NO - No progress in 2025

Progress of implementation:

IOSEA MOU Signatory since April 2010.

Resolution 14/05 Concerning a record of licensed foreign vessels fishing for IOTC species in the IOTC area of competence and access agreement information



Requirement number: 3.9 - Information required: Access agreements information in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 09:13 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation?

NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have CPC-CPC agreement in 2025

NO - Not submitted

YES - Submitted

2. A system exist to sign Government to Government access agreement for foreign vessels to operate in your waters, within the IOTC Area:

- YES – A system exists exist to sign Government to Government access agreement
 NO – A system does NOT exist to sign Government to Government access agreement

3. Foreign vessels were licensed under a Government to Government access agreement:

- YES - Foreign vessels were licensed in 2025 under a Government (CPC) to Government (CPC) access agreement
 NO – NIL report - No foreign flag vessels licensed under a Government (CPC) to Government (CPC) access agreement

4. CPC-to-CPC agreements exist and information concerning these agreements submitted to the IOTC Secretariat:

NO Specify the reasons and the actions taken to report:

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YES - Partial Specify the reasons and the actions taken to report:

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YES - Complet Any additional information ?

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5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

a. The information: the CPC involved, the start and end dates of the agreement, the number of vessels and the authorised gears :

	<u>CPC/CPC agreement with:</u>	<u>Agreement start date:</u>	<u>Agreement end date:</u>	<u>Number of ves-sels:</u>	<u>Gear authorized:</u>
1	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-

5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

b. Provide the information: the quota or catch limit, MCS measures, data reporting obligation concerning these agreements and complete the below table:

<u>No</u>	<u>Stock/species covered</u>	<u>CPC's quota or catch limit:</u>	<u>Data reporting obligations of the agreement:</u>	<u>MCS measures required by the flag CPC & coastal CPC:</u>
1	-	-	-	-

2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-

5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

Upload:



Upload the CPC/CPC agreement(s) :

6. All the mandatory information provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all CPC/CPC access agreement

- No Yes – Partially Yes – Complete

Specify what mandatory information are not fully provided or missing :

Select one or more options

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Specify the reasons for each not fully provided or missing requirement:

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Resolution 16/08 On the prohibition of the use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids



Requirement number: 2.16x - Information required: Any occurrence of fishing operation undertaken with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 24 February 2026 - 11:30 // Compliance assessment : -/-

1. Reporting occurrence of a fishing operation undertaken with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle in the IOTC area of competence:

- Occurrence of a vessel fishing operation with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle in 2025
 Nil report for 2025 – no occurrence of vessel fishing operation with the aid of aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle

VESSEL NAME <i>Full name of the vessel</i>	DATE <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	VESSELS IDENTIFIERS <i>IMO, IRCS, registration number, etc...</i>	ACTIONS TAKEN <i>Any State actions: MCS, IUU listing, legal actions</i>
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Resolution 17/07 On the prohibition to use large-scale driftnets in the IOTC area



Requirement number: 2.8 - Prohibition from: Using large-scale driftnets in the entire IOTC area of competence in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 09:11 // Compliance assessment : C

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

NO - Not implemented YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for fishing vessels to not use large scale driftnets in the IOTC area of Competence (High sea and ZEE):

NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.

YES - CPC has system / procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

Maldives do not have a history of using driftnets for tuna fishing and it has been banned by law since 1987.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Ministry conducts random inspection of fishing vessels and check for the any prohibited gear onboard.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Fine

Use of a prohibited gears can be fined to an amount not exceeding MVR 2,000,000.

d. Enter any comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

3. Use of large scale driftnets is banned in the IOTC area of competence (high seas and EEZ):

Implemented ?

Select at least one option

If Implemented - since ?

Select a date from the calendar

Additional information ?

if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.
If none, by default NONE is written.

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national law

24-08-1987

NONE

B.1 - Ban of large scale driftnets in the IOTC area of competence (high sea and EEZ)

3. Use of large scale driftnets is banned in the IOTC area of competence (high seas and EEZ)

Implemented ?

Select at least one option

If Implemented - since ?

Select a date from the calendar

Additional information ?

if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.
If none, by default NONE is written.

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national law

24-08-1987

NONE

B.2 - Monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) actions

4. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are applicable to :

Flagged vessels Foreign vessels

5. Monitoring, control, and surveillance actions are:

- Control of flagged vessels at licensing
- Control of foreign vessels at licensing
- Inspection at sea (EEZ) of foreign vessels
- Inspection at sea (EEZ) of flagged vessels
- Inspection at sea (High sea) of flagged vessels
- Inspection in port of flagged vessels
- Inspection in port of foreign vessels
- Control/ban of large-scale driftnet import
- Control/ban of large-scale driftnet sale
- Actions are included in the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU)
- Actions are included in the national legislation

If there are additional MCS actions in place, please specify below - If none, NONE is written

NONE



Upload MCS actions documents :

(e.g. NPOA IUU, SOP PSM, SOP Sea patrol, etc...)

6. Legal Obligation



[General Fishery Regulation - 2nd Amendment.pdf](#)
[MDV fisheries-act-of-the-maldives En.pdf](#)

Upload the national legislation and/or ATF T&C with provision of the ban :

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act of the Maldives
General Fishery Regulation - 2nd Amendment (2025/R-15)

b. Enter the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act
Article 27 - Types of Fishing Prohibited in the Maritime Zones of the Maldives. The following types of fishing are prohibited in the maritime zones of the Maldives. (a) Purse seine fishing; (b) Gillnet fishing; (c) Trawl net fishing; (d) Fishing using a net with the exception of bait fishing and fishing for personal consumption.

General Fishery Regulation (Unofficial Translation)

Article 5 (e) - Use of any type of nets for fishing by Maldivian flagged fishing vessels, within the maritime zones of the Maldives and in the High Seas is prohibited, with the exception of the use of nets for the purpose of baitfishing and fishing for personal consumption.

Resolution 18/07 On measures applicable in case of non-fulfilment of reporting obligations in the IOTC



Requirement number: 2.21 - Information required: Report actions taken to implement reporting obligations & improve data collection of catches in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 08:48 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1. Did you submit the data/report/information of this reporting obligation ? For industrial fisheries and For artisanal/coastal fisheries

For industrial fisheries

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

2. A recording system to collect fisheries data exists

- NO - A recording system does NOT exists to collect fisheries data
- YES - A recording system to collect fisheries data exists

3. Mandatory data/statistics reported

- NO - Mandatory data/statistics NOT reported YES - Mandatory data/statistics reported

For Industrial fisheries:

- NIL report - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- NIL report - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL report - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels

For artisanal/coastal fisheries:

Tick one or more boxes

- NIL report - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL report - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence

4. Action(s) to improve data collection that facilitate improvements in compliance in terms of IOTC mandatory reporting obligations

a. Development or improvements in the implementation of logbooks:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>Maldives has taken measures to implement logbook in tuna fishing fleet by strengthening enforcement at the landing centers. Landing centers are now required to collect the log sheet for that trip prior to the offloading process. Vessels cannot unload the catch unless the log sheet for that trip has been submitted. This has significantly increased the coverage of logbooks in past three years. Maldives is working on full roll-out electronic logbook systems. The data collected will be hosted within the national Fisheries Information System.</p> | <p>Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>-</p> |
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b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>Port sampling was implemented at the key landing sites.</p> | <p>Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>-</p> |
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c. National observer scheme:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>Maldives faces several challenges regarding the implementation of this requirement, including high turnover of staff and budgetary issues. However, Maldives is working to improve data collection under the National Observer Scheme.</p> | <p>Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>-</p> |
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d. National Vessel registry:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>All sea going vessels including fishing vessels are required to register at the Ministry of Transport under the law. This registration is among one of the mandatory prerequisite for issuing a fishing license.</p> | <p>Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>-</p> |
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e. Electronic data capture, VMS, or on-board electronic monitoring:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:</p> <p>An electronic catch reporting application has been developed and testing phase completed. Electronic reporting of logbook data is now open on a voluntary ba-</p> | <p>Industrial IOTC fisheries - Measures taken & implementation progress:</p> <p>-</p> |
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sis. Paper based logbook reporting is still mandatory as stated above.
Installation of VMS is mandatory prerequisite for issuing a fishing license.
On-board electronic monitoring was trailed however the implementation of a national EM scheme has been delayed due to the high cost associated with the EM technology.

5. Action(s) to improve data processing and reporting systems that facilitate submission of data to the IOTC Secretariat:

Tick the boxes and describe.

a. Development of fisheries databases

- Yes
 No

Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

Data on fishing license, logbook records, all commercial landings and exports are all recorded electrically and maintained in the national Fisheries Information System (FIS) database. Database is developed as web software which enable landing and processing facilities report their mandatory fisheries reporting directly through to the system. The software is developed to provide different level of access in terms of their role in fisheries management and MCS spectrum. Thus, this allows relevant officers from the Ministry and other relevant agencies to generate reports, cross reference and validate information more effectively and in a timely manner.
Application developed for logbook reporting of pole and line and handline fishery is also integrated into the database.
To fulfill reporting obligations, particularly to attain timely reporting of catch and effort data concerning of IOTC resolutions 15/01 and 15/02, Maldives continually implements the necessary developments and enhancements to FIS Database.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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b. Development of data dissemination systems

- Yes
 No

Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

Countries importing fish from Maldives can access to catch documentation issued through national Fisheries Information System through the FIS exporter portal.
There is an online portal established for electronic data reporting. This portal will be further developed to share information required for fishers, processors and other relevant agencies in a timely manner.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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c. Frame surveys

Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

Yes All vessels engaged in commercial tuna fishing is required to obtain a fishing license. The licensing process currently in place captures information of the vessel, gears and other related information. Furthermore the mandatory logbooks also captures details of the fishery.

No

[d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets](#)

Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**

No -

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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[e. Development of automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submission](#)

Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**

No Maldives have a full-fledge e-licensing system. Automation of fisheries data collection require full roll-out of e-logbook. Once the full roll-out work is completed the intention is to make the e-logbook mandatory. This would help to eliminate manual recording of paper based logbook data and would enable to receive logbook catch data near real time. VMS is a monitoring software is design to record and report data electronically through API for any database permitted to.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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[f. Steps to minimise data entry errors](#)

Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**

No With the implementation of e-reporting specific validation rules are set to eliminate reporting errors. It is an ongoing process to further study on the potential areas that require improvement particularly on minimizing data reporting issues. Different level of verifications stages are deployed for vessel license, fish landing and logbook data entry into the system to crosscheck data enter into the national-Fisheries Information System.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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6. Action(s) to improve the quality and accuracy of data submitted to the IOTC Secretariat:

Tick the boxes and describe.

[a. Steps to improve data validation](#)

Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**

No All data related to tuna fisheries including fishing license, logbook, landings, and sampling data are electronically logged into Fisheries Information System. Full rollout of electronic logbook reporting will enable automatic data verification across data patches. This would consequently improve quality and accuracy of data and also facilitate the validation process.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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Furthermore, the VMS and electronic observer scheme would further assist validating data coming through different sources.

b. Improvements in sampling coverage

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No
 Currently sampling program is implemented targeting major landing centers. However, new samplers are deployed in targeting fishing islands to improve sampling coverage.

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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c. Frame surveys

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No
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Industrial IOTC fisheries - Measures taken & implementation progress:

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d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No
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Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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e. Comparability of data from previous years

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No
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Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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Resolution 19/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence



Requirement number: 2.28 - Information required: Report on review of Flag State internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions on flag vessels on the RAV in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 09:00 // Compliance assessment : C

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no vessels on the Record of authorised vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
 NO - Not implemented
 YES - Implemented

2. A system or procedures exist i) to review flag State internal actions, measures, punitive actions and sanctions, and ii) to monitor and to ensure compliance by vessels & persons with those obligations of Paragraphs 11 (Resolution 19/04)

- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to i) review flag State internal actions and ii) to monitor & to ensure compliance by vessels & persons with those obligations of Paragraphs 11, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.
 YES - CPC has system / procedure to i) review flag State internal actions and ii) to monitor & to ensure compliance by vessels & persons with those obligations of Paragraphs 11, AND action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

The Ministry maintains a record of all licensed fishing vessels and the Ministry ensures all relevant documentations are provided before the license is issued. Licenses are issued through the Ministry's online portal, Fisheries Information System (FIS). Fishing licenses are only issued to vessels registered to a Maldivian or to companies registered in the Maldives. Vessel history is maintained in the FIS. The Ministry also conducts random inspections at landing points and at home ports to ensure compliance of licensed vessels.

b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Before each license is issued Ministry checks the vessel history to ensure that any fine applied to it has been paid and that the vessel is not on any IUU fishing list. Random inspections conducted also ensure that all necessary documents are kept onboard and the VMS is also used to monitor vessel behaviour.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Fine

If the vessel is found to be in contravention with a licensing condition or any other legal obligation, the Master or Operator or holder of the license is subjected to a fine. Furthermore, the vessels license is not renewed if the vessel has a pending fine payment.

d. Enter any comments/remarks about your submission and the implementation of system and procedures:



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

3. Paragraph 11.a):

Fulfil in respect of the vessels the requirements and responsibilities under the IOTC Agreement and its Conservation and Management Measures

Please specify below:

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.a) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, punitives actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.a) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures Mechanism to transpose IOTC Resolutions in national legislation, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Mechanism to implement IOTC Resolutions through national regulation

Punitives actions Legal based sheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national regulation

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

IOTC CMMs are implemented through national legislations. Current regulatory framework enable implementation of all current IOTC CMMs and bring changes when required under any of the future measure comes into force. Current government Strategic Action Plan involves specific activities to implement the national Monitoring Compliance and Surveillance plan for fishing and fisheries activities. This involve schedule for random inspection and routing checks by the compliance officers and surveillance activities that would be carried out in coordination of Maldives coast guard are carried out to make sure IOTC conservation and management measures are met by AFVs.

Maldives developed NPOA-IUU in 2019. It mandates Maldives to implement all relevant measures adopted under IOTC resolutions on eliminating IUU fishing.

The Tuna Fishery Regulation (2022/R-139) has a chapter on Licensing of the vessels. Vessels that does not fulfill the requirements of the licensing conditions are not issued fishing licenses. The regulation also includes the penalties specified if these requirements are not met by the vessel.

4. Paragraph 11.b):

Ensure that AFVs comply with all the relevant IOTC Conservation and Management Measures

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.b) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, puntives actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.b) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures Implement IOTC Resolutions through national regulation, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Control and enforcement regime over vessels flying Maldives flag with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & observers

Punitive actions Legal based sheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national law, Established in national regulation

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

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5. Paragraph 11.c):

Ensure AFVs on the IOTC Record keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.c) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, puntives actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.c) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures Control and enforcement regime over vessels flying Maldives flag, To keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration & valid authorisation to fish/tranship obliged by national legislations

Punitive actions Legal based sheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national regulation, Established in national law

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

The Tuna Fishery Regulation (2022/R-139) has a chapter on Licensing of the vessels. Vessels are required to keep a copy of the fishing license on board. The regulation also includes the penalties specified if these requirements are not met by the vessel. The current Strategic Action Plan involves specific activities to implement the national Monitoring Compliance and Surveillance plan for fishing and fisheries activities. As per this plan enforcement officers conducts random inspection and routing checks to make sure IOTC conservation and management measures are met by AFVs as well as other relevant domestic regulations.

At sea transshipment is prohibited in the Maldives.

6. Paragraph 11.d):

Ensure AFVs on the IOTC Record have no history of IUU fishing activities or that AFVs are not engaged in or associated with IUU fishing

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.d) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, punitive actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.d) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Maintain records of all vessels & current owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to Maldives jurisdiction, Measures to ensure that persons subject to Maldives jurisdiction, including owners/operators do not support/engage in IUU fishing/fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitive actions Administrative based scheme, Legal based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to owner, Applied to captain, Legal punitive actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national regulation, Established in national law

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

Maldives ensure all authorised vessels comply with relevant IOTC measures and are not associated in any form of IUU fishing. Maldives cross references the documents with flag states, RFMOs and other MCS centers on foreign flagged vessel applying to register as a Maldivian flagged vessel. In accordance with licensing regulation this check is also carried out at the point of issuing authorisation to fish for any imported vessel which has history of foreign origin.

Under fisheries act foreign flagged vessels are prohibited to obtain license to fish and foreign individual or entity cannot own or be a shareholding owner of a fishing vessel authorised for fishing.

7. Paragraph 11.e):

Ensure under domestic law the owners/operators of AFVs on the IOTC Record are not engaged in/associated with tuna fishing activities conducted by vessels not entered into the IOTC Record in the IOTC area of competence

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.e) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, punitive actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.e) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place to fight IUU, Maintain records of all vessels & current owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to Maldives jurisdiction, Measures to ensure that persons subject to Maldives jurisdiction, including owners/operators do not support/engage in IUU fishing/fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Monitoring/surveillance by VMS any encounter of flag Vessel with any other vessel, Port inspection procedures - control/verification of any encounter of flag Vessel with any other vessel, Sanctions prevent vessel from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitive actions

Legal based sheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitives actions, Administrative based scheme, Legal punitives actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

Under the licensing regulation vessels are required to have authorization or fishing license to engage in any form of commercial fishing. Maldives regularly communicate updates AFVs to the IOTC secretariat on a weekly basis.

The Licensing Regulation also mandates fish landing centers and processing facilities to obtain license to operate. These landing centers are also mandated to record and report fish daily fish landing through fisheries information system. Landing to these fish processing centers are only permitted for authorised vessels.

8. Paragraph 11.f):

Ensure under domestic law the owners of the AFVs on the IOTC Record are citizens or legal entities within the flag CPCs so that any control or punitive actions can be effectively taken against them

- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraph 11.f) in 2025 and include in the below table the internal actions, punitives actions and sanctions
- CPC has conducted a review of the internal actions & measures, punitive actions and sanctions for paragraphs 11.f) in 2024 and there is no update to provide for 2025.

If such a review has been conducted, list of measures with, for each the following details

Measures Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes to combat IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Vessels record flying Maldives flag include name/street address/ mailing address & nationality of natural /legal persons with beneficial ownership of the vessel, Maintains a record of vessels flying Maldives flag for vessels & owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to their jurisdiction, Regime for authorizing fishing & fishing related activities - Information requirements allow identification of accountable persons, natural/legal person authorized to engage in fishing & fishing related activities

Punitives actions Legal based sheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitives actions, Legal punitives actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established by national regulation

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by administration


Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

All local seagoing vessels including fishing vessels can be operated in the Maldives after register under the Transport Regulation on vessel registration. Under the licensing regulation all vessels requesting for fishing license are required to have a local vessel registry with applicant be Maldivian nationals or a 100 percent Maldivian legal entity. Regulation on registry of seagoing vessels consists provisions to ensure the verification of vessel characteristics, origin, history and owner(s) of the vessel.

Ministry of Transport communicates vessel registration information with the Ministry of Fisheries regularly to enable validation of information present with the application for fishing license.

Furthermore the Fisheries Act of the Maldives also stipulates that a fishing license cannot be granted to a foreign-flagged fishing vessel to fish in Maldives.

9. Legal Obligation

 **Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provisions of the obligations under Paragraphs 11 a) to f) - flag State actions, measures, punitive actions and sanctions - Resolution 19/04 (11):** [Licensing Regulation.pdf](#)

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Licensing regulation - Article 12 - Collection and management of information

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

A national registry of permits and licenses issued under this Regulation comprising of the following information shall be compiled and kept up-to-date by the Ministry. The following information shall be included in the registry.

- (a) Information of applicants for permits or licenses under this Regulation;
- (b) Information of issued, renewed or revoked permits and licenses
- (c) Details of activities that have licenses or permits issued for them;
- (d) Information of party issuing permit or license; and
- (e) Information of vessel or place that have licenses or permits issued to them;

Information required: Report on vessels engaged in fishing or transshipment and not on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025 - Deadline: 5/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 06 January 2026 - 10:34 // Compliance assessment : -/-

1. Reporting factual information showing that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting vessels not on the IOTC Record to be engaged in fishing and/or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence

- YES - Maldives suspect the vessel(s) not on the IOTC Record to be engaged in fishing and/or transshipment of tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence in 2025
- NO - Nil report for 2025 – Maldives has no factual information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel name</u>	<u>Vessel Flag</u>	<u>Vessel identifiers</u>	<u>Actions taken</u>
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Other actions taken & additional information to report?



Upload the factual information reports and any other information on the facts as well as the results of action taken :

Resolution 19/07 On Vessel Chartering in the IOTC Area of Competence



Requirement number: 3.2 -Information required: Particulars of the charter agreements in 2025 Deadline : 28/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 15 February 2026 - 07:38 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No chartered vessel and no chartering agreement in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

2. You have chartering agreements signed :

YES as chartering CP YES as Flag CPC NO

NO - Nil report - No chartered vessels and no chartering agreement in 2025

3. The particulars of charter agreements signed, catches, effort, observer coverage (as Chartering CP), is reported in the below table. Upload the information about these charter agreements in the UPLOAD section:

YES - Particulars of charter agreement reported in the below table

NO - Particulars of charter agreement are NOT reported

Charter No (e.g. 1, 2, 3, ...)	Start date Select	End date Select	Flag CP Select one CPC	Observer cover- age on chartered vessels Number of days	Fishing effort by chartered ves- sels Number of days	Catches by the chartered ves- sels Tons	Number of char- tered vessels Number (eg 5)
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Resolution 21/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence



Requirement number: 2.17 - Information required: Catch limits – Nominal catch of YFT in 2024

Information required: CPCs subject to catch reductions, over-catch, report on corrective actions taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels

Requirement submitted ? true the 25 February 2026 - 08:44 // Compliance assessment : N/A

1 . Did you implement the obligation ?

NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2024 due to no over-catch in 2023

NIL Report / Not Applicable - No YFT catch limit applies to CPC

YES - Implemented

NO - Not implemented

2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance, by persons/flagged vessels, with the limit of catch of Yellowfin tuna (YFT) and the corrective actions taken by the CPC to adhere to the prescribed catch levels when subject to catch reductions due to over-catch :

NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND NO action in relation to potential infringements.

YES - CPC has system AND procedures to monitor compliance with this binding measure, AND to take action in relation to potential infringements

a. System or procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are :

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Any comments on the above table? Provide any additional information, if any (IR) ?

NONE

B.2 CPCs subject to catch reductions, over-catch, report on corrective actions taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels

5. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2024 , due to over-catch ?

- YES - Subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2024, due to over-catch in 2023.
 NO - NOT subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions in 2024, no over-catch in 2023.

If Yes, please specify the YFT catch declared in 2023 :

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If Yes, please specify the YFT overcatch in 2023 :

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6. If CPC is subject to catch reduction due to over-catch, report on corrective actions/methods taken to adhere to prescribed catch levels :

- Reduction of fishing capacity
 Reduction of fishing effort
 Reduction of the number of fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised vessels
 Reduction of the number of active fishing vessels
 Reduction of the number of Authorisation to Fish issued to fishing vessels
 Seasonal closures imposed on the fleets
 Individual catch limit defined by vessel
 Individual catch limit defined by fleet segment
 Individual catch limit defined by fishing gear

Add any method/Corrective measures / actions implemented and not listed above:

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8. Legal Obligation



Upload the national legislation :

[Fisheries Act of the Maldives.pdf](#)
[Tuna Fishery Management Regulation \(1\).pdf](#)

a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act of the Maldives
 3. Mandates of the Ministry

Tuna Fishery Regulation
 Annex 3 - Conditions of license

b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

Fisheries Act of the Maldives
 3. Mandates of the Ministry

(e) The Ministry shall represent the Government of the Maldives in domestic, regional and international conventions, agreements, arrangements or organizations relating to fishing and related activities, aquaculture and any activity carried out within and outside the maritime zones of the Maldives falling within the scope of this Act. The Ministry shall also implement any such agreements or arrangements in accordance with the laws of the Maldives.

Tuna Fishery Regulation
Annex 3 - Conditions of license

(a) Reporting

(1) The Master of the licensed vessel shall ensure that the vessel has at all times, a Logbook of the fishery designated for that fishery. And the Logbook should be completed regularly during fishing trips.

(2) The Master of the vessel shall ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information recorded in the Logbook.

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part C of the Implementation report ?

None

Part D - Data and information reporting requirements for CPCs that have objected to some Resolutions

CPCs having objected to IOTC Resolutions: India, Iran, Madagascar, Oman, Pakistan, Somalia

Resolution 12/12 To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area



Resolution 18/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence



Resolution 19/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence

Any additional information / remarks on the completion of part D of the Implementation report ?

None

<p><u>LEG</u>: N/A AND/OR <u>STD</u>: The CPC has provided the Implementation Report, NOT in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, Some mandatory sections and/or sub-sections/questions applicable NOT completed/responded. Missing sections on [RXX/YY] and/or sub-sections/questions on [RXX/YY]. AND/OR <u>SP</u>: N/A</p>	<p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information or data for the obligation has been submitted or reported, but in a way that is incomplete or incorrect; CPC has failed to meet reporting or submission deadlines by less than 15 days.
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Assessment Score: Non-Compliant category 1 - N/C1

<p><u>LEG</u>: N/A AND/OR <u>STD</u>: The CPC has NOT provided the Implementation Report. All mandatory sections/sub-sections/questions applicable NOT completed/responded AND/OR <u>SP</u>: N/A</p>	<p>Received [DATE] - XX days after the deadline. <u>STD</u>: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided.</p> <p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CPC has not submitted or reported information or data for the obligation; The CPC has failed to meet a reporting or submission deadline by more than 15 days; Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with an obligation.
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Assessment Score: Non-Compliant Category 2 - N/C2

<p><u>LEG</u>: N/A AND/OR <u>STD</u>: The CPC has NOT provided the Implementation Report. All mandatory sections/sub-sections/questions applicable NOT completed/responded, in two or more consecutive years. AND/OR <u>SP</u>: N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>STD</u>: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years. <p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years;
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Assessment Score: Not Applicable - N/A

<p>IR mandatory for all CPCs.</p>	<p>IR mandatory for all CPCs.</p>
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