

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: South Africa

Date of submission: 14 March 2026 - 09:32

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 :

The **Marine Living Resources Act 18 of 1998** mandates monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) vessels to ensure sustainable use and compliance with fisheries management measures. South Africa has been undertaking the following actions to ensure implementation of this measure:

- Ensuring continuous position reporting by all vessels required to carry VMS under the MLRA and in accordance with Resolution 25/02.
- Maintaining and updating VMS hardware and communication pathways feeding into the national Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC).
- Ensuring that vessels continued to comply with VMS operational standards through permit conditions and inspections enabled by MLRA enforcement powers.
- Monitoring compliance with VMS-related permit conditions for commercial and high-seas fishing vessels.
- Requiring written authorization for vessels entering Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) or restricted zones in emergencies, ensuring compliance with both national and international rules.
- Using positional data to verify compliance with permit conditions related to closed areas, seasonal closures, and protected zones.
- Continuous review of vessel tracks via the VMS database to ensure vessels do not enter closed or restricted areas.
- Automatic generation and investigation of **VMS alarms** triggered by overdue reports, deviations, or entry into MPAs.
- Producing VMS history logs as evidence for compliance investigations or court proceedings.
- Applying VMS monitoring to all vessels operating in the IOTC area of competence to ensure compliance with international measures.

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 30 June 2025 - 17:19 // 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 :

National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation, IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements, Sanction schemes prevent vessels from non-compliance behaviour & from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Authority & capacity to conduct timely investigations of violations, including the establishment of the identity of the violators and the nature of the violations

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Prohibition of fishing for a determined period, Fine , Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish

The Marine Living Resources Act stipulates that “

28. (1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act—

(a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete;

(b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit;

(c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act;

(d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or

(e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.

(2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision.

(3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may—

(a) revoke the right, licence or permit;

(b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister;

(c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister;

(d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or

(e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection

or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit.

In addition, Tuna Pole-line and Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions stipulates that:

9.1 The Permit Holder's nominated fishing vessel shall be fitted with a functional vessel monitoring system ("VMS"), which is approved by the Chief Director: Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (CD: MCS).

9.2 The Permit Holder / Vessel Owner / Skipper shall ensure that the VMS is fully operational and that the VMS continues to transmit to the Department's Operations room. The Permit Holder shall notify Departmental Operations Room prior to sailing as per clause 9.4 or submit a list of vessels sailing for the forthcoming week to Operations Room by fax 021 425 6497 or email vmsops@dffe.gov.za by no later than the Thursday of the week prior.

9.3 Whilst at sea, the VMS shall report continuously and uninterruptedly to the Operations Room.

9. VIOLATIONS

9.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings).

9.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or
- (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit.
- (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA.
- (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA.
- (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

Tuna Pole-line and Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions stipulates that:

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Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (CD: MCS).

9.2 The Permit Holder / Vessel Owner / Skipper shall ensure that the VMS is fully operational and that the VMS continues to transmit to the Department's Operations room. The Permit Holder shall notify Departmental Operations Room prior to sailing as per clause 9.4 or submit a list of vessels sailing for the forthcoming week to

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9.3 Whilst at sea, the VMS shall report continuously and uninterruptedly to the Operations Room.



Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

Part I - Adoption VMS for all vessels ≥ 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:

01-04-1998

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 < 24 m 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:

8

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

5
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 techni-
cal failures?

0

8. Legal Obligation



Upload the national legislation with pro- vision of requirements/obligation under Resolution 15/03 :

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

Marine Living Resources Act (18/1998), Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole-line Permit Conditions

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

Regulation 76 of the Marine Living Resources Act, Tuna Pole-line and Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions stipulates that:

9.1 The Permit Holder's nominated fishing vessel shall be fitted with a functional vessel monitoring system ("VMS"), which is approved by the Chief Director:

Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (CD: MCS).

9.2 The Permit Holder / Vessel Owner / Skipper shall ensure that the VMS is fully operational and that the VMS continues to transmit to the Department's Operations room. The Permit Holder shall notify Departmental Operations Room prior to sailing as per clause 9.4 or submit a list of vessels sailing for the forthcoming week to

Operations Room by fax 021 425 6497 or email vmsops@dffe.gov.za by no later than the Thursday of the week prior.

9.3 Whilst at sea, the VMS shall report continuously and uninterruptedly to the Operations Room.

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

NONE

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 :

N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for skipjack tuna. Catches are far below the 10000t threshold



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 :

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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 :

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N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for bigeye tuna. Catches are far below the 2000t threshold

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

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N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for bigeye tuna. Catches are far below the 2000t threshold

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

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N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for bigeye tuna. Catches are far below the 2000t threshold

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)
South Africa AVG 2017-21 - 219,23 t	221.05	OVER CATCH LIMIT (+) OVERAGE OF :	NO TRANSFER -> NO AD- JUSTED CATCH LIMIT	217.41
219.23	-	1	-	-

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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:

N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for bigeye tuna. Catches are far below the 2000t threshold

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

N/A, South Africa does not have a binding catch limit for bigeye tuna. Catches are far below the 2000t threshold

A.5 - Actions taken to implement [Resolution 25/05 On establishing a programme for transhipment 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 transhipment by large-scale fishing vessels](#) adopted by the Commission at its 29th Session :

N/A Transhipment at sea is prohibited in South Africa

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 04 March 2026 - 22:29 // 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 available
Select at least one option

Additional information ?

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

NO - Reports not provided

Nil

Number of LSTVs having transhipped in foreign port in 2025:

0

Total quantity transhipped in port (kg) in 2025:

0



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 :

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 :

2025/2026 Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions:

"16.Observer Programme

16.1.The Department shall require each Permit Holder to carry one or more Scientific Observers on board its vessel on request (72 hours), a minimum of one per quarter so as to ensure that 20% of all fishing days per quarter are monitored... Annual observer coverage per vessel is required to be spatially representative of annual fishing effort and needs to fulfill RFMO specific requirements. If coverage of observed trips is not temporally and spatially representative of effort, the Department shall require vessels to carry Scientific Observers on board additional trips....Failure to comply with this request shall result in the vessel being ordered to remain in port and may result in the initiation of proceedings under section 28 of the MLRA..."

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 :

Permit conditions for the 2026/2027 season ammended with the following words: "Fins may not be removed from the shark trunks. Fins are to be kept naturally attached, but may be partially cut and folded over". Allowances to tether to the bodies have been removed.

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 :

Permit conditions of the fleet has been ammended in the following way "In line with ICCAT Recommendation 25-08 and IOTC Resultion 25-09, shortfin mako may only be retained if the animal was dead at the time of haulback and the condition of the animal can be verified by an onboard observer. All shortfin mako sharks that are alive at haulback shall promptly be released following best release procedures". Release procedures attached as an Annex to the permit conditions."

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 :

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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 :

Regulations are passed



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 :

2026/2027 Permit conditions have been amended to include recent CMMs.

A.13 - Actions taken to implement Recommendation 25/13 On promoting the objectives of IOTC

IOTC
AGREEMENT

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)

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 :

South Africa has signed the BBNJ agreement.

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 :

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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:

2026/2027 Permit conditions have been amended to include recent CMMs.

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 South Africa flag State of vessel(s) included on the Draft IUU Vessel List:

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

2. For vessel under your Flag - South Africa - 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 - South Africa - 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 - South Africa 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 South Africa 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:

- South Africa 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.
- South Africa is effectively assuming & will continue to effectively assume flag State responsibilities with regard to the monitoring & control of the fishing activities of this vessel.
- South Africa 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 - South Africa provide new or changed information for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List
- NO - NIL report - South Africa 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 04 February 2026 - 15:24 // Compliance assessment : -/-

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

- YES - South Africa has taken actions/measures to investigate allegations/reports on IUU fishing involving South Africa-nationals
- NO - NIL report for 2025 – No South Africa 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?

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

[permitcondition_largepelagiclongline202425.pdf](#) - 4/2/2026

[MLRA 18-98.pdf](#) - 4/2/2026

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 20 January 2026 - 12:36 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers
FAD or FAD-related fishing is prohibited in South Africa. Failure to adhere to this is a violation of the domestic law and permit conditions and will result in initiation of section 28 proceedings under the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

FAD or FAD-related fishing is prohibited in South Africa. Failure to adhere to this is a violation of the domestic law and permit conditions and will result in initiation of section 28 proceedings under the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Prohibition of fishing for a determined period, Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish, Fine , Imprisonment

FAD or FAD-related fishing is prohibited in South Africa. Failure to adhere to this is a violation of the domestic law and permit conditions and will result in initiation of section 28 proceedings under the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998.

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



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



Upload the national legislation with provisions of implementation of requirements / obligations of Resolution 23/01:

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

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions, p67; Tuna Pole-line Permit Conditions, p39

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

FAD or FAD-related fishing is prohibited in South Africa.

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 06 March 2026 - 09:59 // 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.



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 your 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 February 2026 - 15:54 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

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

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by another government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, Police) with institutional procedures implemented

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

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF

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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**
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- YES - AFADs deployed in EEZ **Specify the number of AFADs deployed in the EEZ in 2025**
-
Specify the number of AFADs lost, abandoned, discarded in the EEZ in 2025
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Specify the number of AFADs inspected in 2025
-
Specify the Cumulative total number of AFADs deployed in the EEZ
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- 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 :

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



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:

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

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[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 10 March 2026 - 17:35 // 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 :

Imports/landings/transshipments of tuna & tuna-like fish products in ports, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented

South Africa has Fishery Control Officers and Fishery Control Monitors that are responsible for discharging and monitoring thereof, as well as transshipment at its ports. Import permit is required for all imports of fish and fishery products to South Africa. Transshipment permit is required for all transshipments and this can only be done in Port and in the presence of a Fishery Control Officer.

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
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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 10 March 2026 - 14:40 // 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: South Africa — **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 "<u>Information from the Secretariat</u>". It is the information contained in this report that must be compiled in this section.</p>
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Fishing Area	Fishing Gear	Point of export (Country/City/Port/High Sea)	Export to Country	Preselection	Shape	Product weight (KG)	Country/Entity	Preselection	Shape	Product weight (KG)
Select from the list	Select from the list		Select from the list	Select		(e.g. 25.000,59)	Select	Select		(e.g. 25.000,59)

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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.
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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 06 March 2026 - 10:09 // 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)	<i>Any discernible identifying information contained on the data buoy</i>

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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 19 February 2026 - 15:38 // 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:

Logbook and Observer programme data collected.

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:

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery: Annexure 4 and 7, respectively: Release Procedures of by-catch (seabirds, turtles and sharks)

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:

N/A

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:

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery: Annexure 4 and 7, respectively: Release Procedures of by-catch (seabirds, turtles and sharks)

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery:

1.1 This permit is issued subject to the provisions and regulations of the following laws but not limited to: (p) The Conservation Measures and Resolutions (ANNEXURE 9/6) adopted by the: i. Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT); ii. Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC); and iii. International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

Annexure 9/6: APPLICABLE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT MEASURES AS ADOPTED BY VARIOUS TUNA REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS

12/04: On the conservation of Marine Turtles: As per permit conditions: 5.4 Longline vessels that fish in a shallow-set fisheries are at depths shallower than 100 meters, employ or implement at least one of the following methods to reduce turtle bycatch: i. Use of only large circle hooks (refer to Annexure 6 below for images of hooks); or ii. Use of only whole finfish bait.

22.3 Bycatch of Sea Turtles a) To reduce bycatch and increase post-release survival of threatened and endangered sea turtle populations, refer to Annexure 4/7 on turtle release procedure.. 22.4.(b) All turtle, seabird, mammal (whales, dolphins, seals) and shark by-catch need to be monitored and reported in the catch statistics logbook. Encounters with these species must be mitigated according to international best practice and in line with the CCMs of the relevant regional fisheries management organizations.

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:

No purse seine

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:

Research is conducted on by-catch mitigation through various collaboration (WWF: Birdlife etc).

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:

Multi-national collaborations underway to investigate impacts of various fisheries on turtles in the IOTC/ICCAT region. To be reported on when completed.

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:

Data submitted to IOSEA.

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 19 February 2026 - 15:57 // 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	-	-	-	-

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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 06 March 2026 - 10:05 // 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>

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 06 March 2026 - 10:01 // 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, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions, p48, Use of large-scale driftnets is prohibited.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions, p48, Use of large-scale driftnets is prohibited.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish, Fine

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

(2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection 28(1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection 28(2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

In addition, a violations section in the permit conditions stipulates the following:

A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its

contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings).

A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to:

(a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or

(b) failure to effectively utilise the permit.

(c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA.

(d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA.

(e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

NONE



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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.

- - 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.

- - 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



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

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tions_EN.pdf](#)

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

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions

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

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions, p48, Use of large-scale driftnets is prohibited.

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 11 March 2026 - 16:47 // 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:

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No Regular consultation with the right holders and skippers in the Pole/Baitboat fleet who complete the catch statistics logbooks, to bring data recording errors to their attention.

- Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 Regular consultation with the right holders and skippers in Longline who complete the catch statistics logbooks, to bring data recording errors to their attention.

b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 No The Tuna Pole fishing sector has seen a marked increase in port sampling, paid for by the right holders, as per their permit conditions

- Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**

c. National observer scheme:

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

- Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
 The longline fleet must achieve human observer coverage that is temporally and spatially representative, in line with the permit conditions. South Africa assess compliance with these conditions. South Africa is in regular contact with the observer companies that have deployed observers on vessels. Every quarter the observer reports and databases are received from observer companies, and the data verified.

d. National Vessel registry:

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

- Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
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e. Electronic data capture, VMS, or on-board electronic monitoring:

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

- Industrial IOTC fisheries - Measures taken & implementation progress:**
 The Tuna Pole fishing sector has begun testing out an electronic logbook application alongside the physical logbook reporting.

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

The MS Access databases are updated when required to include new reporting fields. The databases are stored online to allow entry and validation remotely and to reduce issues with version control amongst multiple data capturers.

b. Development of data dissemination systems

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

SQL code has been created to reduce the number of errors and the time it takes to query out data

c. Frame surveys

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

Industrial 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 -

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 -

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

SQL code has been created to reduce the number of errors and the time it takes to query out data

f. Steps to minimise data entry errors

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

Data entry and validation rules are embedded in the MS Access databases

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 -

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

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b. Improvements in sampling coverage

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:

For the 2026/2027 fishing season, a quarterly schedule of trips to observer, per vessel, has been implemented to achieve 20% observer coverage in the longline fleet, across ICCAT and IOTC regions.

c. Frame surveys

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

Industrial IOTC fisheries - Measures taken & implementation progress: -

d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress: -

e. Comparability of data from previous years

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

Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress: -

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 06 March 2026 - 10:15 // 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, National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation

Only South African Persons as stipulated in the South Africa's Fisheries Legislation (Marine Living Resources Act) is allowed to have and hold a fishing right in South Africa.

A tuna fishing right is a requirement to participate in the tuna and tuna like fishing in South Africa in terms of the South African fisheries legislation. In addition, a vessel is required to apply and be issued with a local and/or high seas vessel license as well as a commercial permit to undertake commercial fishing of tuna and tuna like species.

All the South African AFVs have no history of IUU fishing activities, otherwise will not be permitted to participate in the Large Pelagic Longline fishery;

The Policy on Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights in the Large Pelagic Longline Fishery stipulates that a suitable vessel in this fishery is a vessel that is not listed on the official negative vessel lists of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission or the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

All South African vessels authorized to fish in the IOTC Area of Competence must have on board a valid SAMSA certificates of vessel registration and safety certificates and in addition, are required to apply and be issued with a vessel license, permit to undertake commercial fishing of tuna and tuna like species.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government
Only South African Persons as stipulated in the South Africa's Fisheries Legislation (Marine Living Resources Act) is allowed to have and hold a fishing right in South Africa.

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All South African vessels authorized to fish in the IOTC Area of Competence must have on board a valid SAMSA certificates of vessel registration and safety certificates and in addition, are required to apply and be issued with a vessel license, permit to undertake commercial fishing of tuna and tuna like species.

c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish, Fine , Other sanctions (specify below)

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

(2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection 28(1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection 28(2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

In addition, a violations section in the permit conditions stipulates the following:

A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings).

A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to:

(a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

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All South African vessels authorized to fish in the IOTC Area of Competence must have on board a valid SAMSA certificates of vessel registration and safety certificates and in addition, are required to apply and be issued with a vessel license, permit to undertake commercial fishing of tuna and tuna like species.



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, punitive 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, Mechanism to implement IOTC Resolutions through administrative orders, Regime to implement IOTC Resolutions through terms and conditions of flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) - updated every years, Mechanism to implement IOTC Resolutions through national regulation, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Adopted legislation including principles/rules/standards of relevant international instruments and any applicable RFMO CMMs, Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes, to manage capacity/fishing effort/catch limits/output control & to combat IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing
Punitive actions	Legal based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitive actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Established in national law, Established in national regulation
Sanctions	Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

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, punitive 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, Implement IOTC Resolutions through administrative orders, Implement IOTC Resolutions through terms & conditions of flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) updated every years, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Adopted legislation with principles/rules/standards of international instruments & any applicable RFMOs CMMs, Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes, to manage capacity & fishing effort/catch limits/output control & combat IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Control and enforcement regime over vessels flying South Africa flag with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & observers, Control & enforcement regime over vessels flying South Africa flag includes legal authority to take control of the vessels (e.g. denial of sailing, recall to port), Control and enforcement regime over vessels flying South Africa flag includes mandatory requirements regarding fisheries-related data that must be recorded and reported in a timely manner by the vessels (catches/effort, bycatches/discards/landings/transshipments), Control and enforcement regime over vessels flying South Africa flag includes an inspection regime, including at sea & In port, Control & enforcement regime over vessels flying South Africa flag includes prohibition of high seas fishing/fishing related activities where vessel involved in serious violation of IOTC CMMs applicable to the high seas
Punitive actions	

Legal based sheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitives actions, Legal punitives actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Vessel master prohibited from operating/boarding any fishing vessel in South Africa waters for a period, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national law, Established in national regulation

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

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, punitives 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 South Africa flag, To keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration & valid authorisation to fish/tranship obliged by national legislations, To keep on board valid certificates of vessel registration & valid authorisation to fish/tranship obliged by terms & conditions of ATF, Regular control - Inspection in port of South Africa vessels, Regular control - Inspection at sea of South Africa vessels

Punitives actions Legal based sheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitives actions, Legal punitives actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national law, Established in national regulation

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

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, punitives 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 Regime to implement IOTC Resolutions through flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) terms & conditions - updated every year, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place, Implement Terms & Conditions of authorizations (ATF) according to Paragraph 29(c)(iv) of Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance, Adopted legislation with principles/rules/standards of international instruments & any applicable RFMO CMMs, Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes to combat IUU fishing / fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Prior assessment of a vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with applicable measures, No registration of vessels with a history of non-compliance, Registration procedures - verification of vessel history, Registration requirement - Information on owners/operators which identifies effective beneficial owners & operators, Maintain records of all vessels & current owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to South Africa jurisdiction, Measures to ensure that persons subject to South Africa jurisdiction, including owners/operators do not support/engage in IUU fishing/fishing related activities in support of such fishing

Punitives actions

Legal based scheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitive actions, Legal punitive actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national law, Established in national regulation

Sanctions -

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

All the South African AFVs have no history of IUU fishing activities, otherwise will not be permitted to participate in the Large Pelagic Longline fishery;

The Policy on Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights in the Large Pelagic Longline Fishery stipulates that a suitable vessel in this fishery is a vessel that is not listed on the official negative vessel lists of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission or the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

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 Regime to implement IOTC Resolutions through flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF) terms & conditions - updated every year, National monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement system in place to fight IUU, Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes to combat IUU fishing / fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Registration requirement - Information on owners/operators which identifies effective beneficial owners & operators, Maintain records of all vessels & current owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to South Africa jurisdiction, Measures to ensure that persons subject to South Africa jurisdiction, including owners/operators do not support/engage in IUU fishing/fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Sanctions prevent vessel from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Promoting industry knowledge/understanding of the need for & cooperative participation in MCS activities to prevent/deter/ eliminate IUU fishing

Punitive actions Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Established in national law

Sanctions Penalty/Fine imposed by court

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

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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, punitive 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 with principles/rules/standards of international instruments & any applicable RFMO CMMs, Adopted legislation national framework with national plans/programmes to combat IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Implement vessels Information/registration/records according to the FAO Compliance Agreement, Record of vessels flying South Africa flag include name/address/nationality of natural/legal person in whose name the vessel is registered, Vessels record flying South Africa flag include name/street address/ mailing address & nationality of natural /legal persons with beneficial ownership of the vessel, Maintains a record of vessels flying South Africa flag for vessels & owners/operators authorized to undertake fishing subject to their jurisdiction, South Africa ensures that the obligations incumbent upon the vessel owners/operators/crews are clearly accessible & communicated to them, 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
- Punitive actions** Legal based scheme, Administrative based scheme, Applied to operator, Applied to captain, Applied to owner, Administrative punitive actions, Legal punitive actions, Suspends/cancels/revokes a licence/ATF, Forfeiture to South Africa of fishing vessel, any gear or article used in the commission of the offence, Forfeiture of any fish caught/on board, Vessel master prohibited from operating/boarding any fishing vessel in South Africa waters for a period, Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration, Established in national law, Established by national regulation
- Sanctions** Penalty/Fine imposed by court, Penalty/Fine imposed by administration

Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :

Only South African Persons as stipulated in the South Africa's Fisheries Legislation (Marine Living Resources Act) is allowed to have and hold a fishing right in South Africa.

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):

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

MLRA
Regulations promulgated thereunder
Large Pelagic Longline Sector Specific Policy
Tuna Pole-line Sector Specific Policy,
Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole-line Permit Conditions.

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

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All the South African AFVs have no history of IUU fishing activities, otherwise will not be permitted to participate in the Large Pelagic Longline fishery;

The Policy on Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights in the Large Pelagic Longline Fishery stipulates that a suitable vessel in this fishery is a vessel that is not listed on the official negative vessel lists of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission or the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

All South African vessels authorized to fish in the IOTC Area of Competence must have on board a valid SAMSA certificates of vessel registration and safety certificates and in addition, are required to apply and be issued with a vessel license, permit to undertake commercial fishing of tuna and tuna like species.

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 14 March 2026 - 09:27 // 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 - South Africa 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 – South Africa 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 20 January 2026 - 12:46 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

<u>Charter No</u> (e.g. 1, 2, 3, ...)	<u>Start date</u> Select	<u>End date</u> Select	<u>Flag CP</u> Select one CPC	<u>Observer cover- age on chartered vessels</u>	<u>Fishing effort by chartered ves- sels</u>	<u>Catches by the chartered ves- sels</u>	<u>Number of char- tered vessels</u> Number (eg 5)
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	Number of days	Number of days	Tons
1	-	-	-

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 11 March 2026 - 16:35 // 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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b. System or procedures to respond to instances of non-compliance are :

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c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :

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

NONE

- 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:

8. Legal Obligation



Upload the national legislation :

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

Not applicable - South Africa is not subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions.

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

Not applicable - South Africa is not subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions.

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

Assessment Criteria

[New Appendix V - The Compliance Committee – Termes of Reference and Rules of Procedure]

Rules of Procedure

The [IOTC Rules of Procedure](#) (12 May 2023) include provisions addressing various operations of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

[REVISED COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – APPENDIX V, IOTC RULES OF PROCEDURE \(2023\)](#)

The compliance status determination of a reporting requirement is, where applicable, grounded in the following main elements, as provided by the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023), Annex V:

- Transposition of Commission decisions - Legislation or administrative orders
- Provision of information on system or procedures to monitor and ensure compliance of vessels and persons
- Reporting deadline, and
- Reporting format – IOTC standard

Year reported on/Year assessed: 2025

- Assessment of legislation (LEG): Not assessed
- Assessment of system and procedures (SPV): Not assessed
- Assessment of IOTC standard (STD): Assessed

Notes:

- Result of assessment: Causes mentioned below are not exhaustive and are only examples; other causes can apply depending of the context and information available.
- Observations mentioned below are not exhaustive and are only examples; other observations can apply depending of the context and information available.

IOTC Standard:

The RoP Annex V requires that submissions contain all mandatory information or data required, in the agreed format.

The standard in term of data/information/fields to be provided/completed is defined: **All sections applicable responded and all sub-sections/questions applicable responded.**

Assessment Result	CR Observation
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Assessment Score: Compliant - C

<p>LEG: N/A</p> <p>STD: The CPC has provided the Implementation Report, in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, all mandatory sections applicable and all sub-sections/questions applicable completed/responded.</p> <p>SP: N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>STD</u>: YES - Implementation Report provided, in agreed format/at IOTC Standard, all mandatory sections applicable and all sub-sections/questions applicable completed/responded. <p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting or submission by the deadlines; • Submission of all mandatory information or data required, in the agreed format.
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Assessment Score: Partially Compliant - P/C

<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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