

# 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: Sri Lanka**

**Date of submission: 11 March 2026 - 12:21**

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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[The e-MARIS Compliance Questionnaire & Implementation Report](#)

# 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

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## 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 :

Implementation of Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for Fishing Boats Operating in High Seas Regulations 2015 (Extraordinary 1907/47) amended in 2022 (extraordinary 2310/37)

Please refer the following paragraph of the above regulation

(3) by the repeal of regulation 2 thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:-

“2. A person shall not deploy any multiday fishing vessel to engage in fishing and fishery related activities and fishing operations unless such vessel is fitted with Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System Device (hereinafter referred to as a “VMS Device”) on board approved by the

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) which allows tracking and identification of such vessels by the land based Fisheries Monitoring Centre (hereinafter referred to as “FMC”) of the Department.”;

(4) by the insertion immediately after the substituted regulation 2, of the following new regulation which shall come into effect as regulation 2A thereof:-

“2A. The Director-General shall not issue any vessel registration, renewal of registration, transfer of vessel or departure approval to any multiday fishing vessel unless it has a fully operational VMS Device on board.”;

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 29 June 2025 - 18:54 // 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 :**

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, IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, At sea inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Prohibition of fishing for a determined period, Imprisonment , Fine

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



[NPCISL2024.pdf](#) - 29/6/2025

**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:

26-03-2015

**Part II - Report on the progress of implementation of VMS**

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

- YES - Report submitted and data provided below
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessel on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has only an artisanal/coastal fleet < 24m fishing exclusively in the EEZ in 2024

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

5

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

1964

**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?

385

**8. Legal Obligation**[VMS Regulation amended.pdf](#) - 29/6/2025**Upload the national legislation with provision of requirements/obligation under Resolution 15/03 :****a. Enter the reference of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:**

Implementation of Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for Fishing Boats Operating in High Seas Regulations 2015 (Extraordinary 1907/47) amended in 2022 (extraordinary 2310/37)

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

Please refer the following paragraph of the above regulation

(3) by the repeal of regulation 2 thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:-

"2. A person shall not deploy any multiday fishing vessel to engage in fishing and fishery related activities and fishing operations unless such vessel is fitted with Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System Device (hereinafter referred to as a "VMS Device") on board approved by the

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") which allows tracking and identification of such vessels by the land based Fisheries Monitoring Centre (hereinafter referred to as "FMC") of the Department.";

(4) by the insertion immediately after the substituted regulation 2, of the following new regulation which shall come into effect as regulation 2A thereof:-

"2A. The Director-General shall not issue any vessel registration, renewal of registration, transfer of vessel or departure approval to any multiday fishing vessel unless it has a fully operational VMS Device on board.";

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

This was submitted on 24th June 2024. At that time there is no space to provide system or procedures. No dropdown list displayed when the submission done on 24th.

**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 :**

Timely entering of log sheet data to the Log Data Collection System was ensured, and the catch quantities were closely monitored on a quarterly basis. When the cumulative catch reached 75% of the allocated catch limit, a systematic rotational departure allowance mechanism was implemented to regulate fishing effort and ensure compliance with the established catch limits. In 2024 Sri Lanka didn't have properly implemented SOP for reporting of landing of the catch. Therefore, a landing declaration form was initiated.

Sri Lanka Developed SOP for the Detailed vessel inspection for the year 2025.

**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 :**

Timely entering of log sheet data to the Log Data Collection System was ensured, and the catch quantities were closely monitored on a quarterly basis. When the cumulative catch reached 75% of the allocated catch limit, a systematic rotational departure allowance mechanism was implemented to regulate fishing effort and ensure compliance with the established catch limits. In 2024 Sri Lanka didn't have properly implemented SOP for reporting of landing of the catch. Therefore, a landing declaration form was initiated.

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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 :**

In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, At sea inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers

Timely entering of log sheet data to the Log Data Collection System was ensured, and the catch quantities were closely monitored on a quarterly basis. When the cumulative catch reached 75% of the allocated catch limit, a systematic rotational departure allowance mechanism was implemented to regulate fishing effort and ensure compliance with the established catch limits. In 2024 Sri Lanka didn't have properly implemented SOP for reporting of landing of the catch. Therefore, a landing declaration form was initiated.

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

Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures

**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Other sanctions (specify below)

Warn the skippers who have misreported the catch during the detailed vessel inspection

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

NONE



**Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:**

[NPCISL2024.pdf](#) - 16/2/2026

[D-I SOP Local vessel port inspection & Fish Landing verification.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

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)
Sri Lanka - 4,772 t 4772	5348.1 - -	OVER CATCH LIMIT (+) OVERAGE OF : 576.1	NO TRANSFER -> NO AD- JUSTED CATCH LIMIT -	4195.9

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:

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

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



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

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

High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12  
5A. No person who operates in the high seas shall transship fish to any other boat at sea or any port without the prior written approval of the Director-General"

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 28 January 2026 - 12:41 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

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

**2. Flagged LSTVs have transhipped in foreign ports ?**

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

**3. Reporting summary:**

Reported ? 4 options availables

Select at least one option

**Additional information ?**

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

NONE

Number of LSTVs having transhipped in foreign port in 2025:

Total quantity transhipped in port (kg) in 2025:



**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 :

High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 (AMENDED IN 2015) published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 (xx) A scientific observer nominated by the Director General shall be deployed for each boat having a length more than twenty four meters and the boat owner shall essentially provide facilities required by the observer similar to that provided to the master of the boat until completion of the fishing operation ; Provided however, the Director General may deploy a scientific observer to any boat having a length of less than twenty four meters taking into consideration the type of facilities available in such boats.

## **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 :

In 2021/22 DFAR has prepared and published leaflets on live release of Sharks and rays in three languages and distributed among fishermen and awareness is being conducted.

Shark fin sample has to be identified to species level obtain CITES clearance from Department of Wildlife to export of the fins of the sharks that are not prohibited to catch in Sri Lanka. The identifications are done both physically and genetically by the National Research Agency (NARA).

Sri Lanka's National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (SLNPOA-Sharks published in 2013 and subject to revise in four years period. The Steering committee on implementation of NPOA Sharks meets once in six months. NPOA Sharks is revised in 2025 using the comments and observations made by the members of the National Steering Committee. NPOA-Sharks is published in [www.fisheries.gov.lk](http://www.fisheries.gov.lk) website

Banning of the use /carry on-board the wire trace/shark lines in High Seas fishing is to be Incorporated to the next revision. Shark Fisheries Management Regulation, 2015 (Gazette No. 1938/2 of 26 October 2015): (i) Prohibition of finning on board and prohibition of , catching, retaining , transshipment , and sale of Thresher sharks (i.e. *Alopius vulpinus*, *A. superciliosus* and *A. pelagicus*) , Ocean white tip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) and whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*). There is no practice of finning onboard by the Sri Lanka fishermen. The fins are cut and removed by the buyers who engage in shark fin exports in the shore/ harbor after landing as per their interest. Sri Lanka do not have target fishery for Sharks for fin exportation.

## **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 :

Awareness conducted to fishermen on the prohibition of taking onboard any Shortfin and Longfin Mako shark incidentally caught to fishing gear and release as much as possible with minimum damages to fishes.



## **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 :

Improve the data collection system and submission of data as per the IOTC standard based on the CMM's adopted.

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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 :

Implementation of Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulations 2015

(1) No person shall except under authority of a license issued by the Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, (hereinafter referred to as the "Director General") land, transship, pack or process fish taken outside Sri Lanka waters by a foreign fishing boat, or obtain services such as resupplying, maintenance and dry docking for such boat at any port of Sri Lanka, authorized by the Director General.

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## **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 :

Sri Lanka has not submitted any proposal to the 30th commission of the IOTC.

In the event of submitting a proposal to the commission in future, Sri Lanka will appoint a focal point to the IOTC secretariat 60 days prior to the commission.

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



[through cooperation with the BBNJ agreement](#)

[\(the agreement under the United Nations Convention](#)

[on the Law of the Sea on the conservation](#)

## and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas 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 :

Sri Lanka has already ratified BBNJ agreement in 17th September 2025.

## **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 :

Fisheries administration make aware the fishers on the current tuna stock states of the IOTC area of competence and highlight the importance of reducing the pressure on the stocks. Will make arrangements on future fleet developments, without exceeding the current capacity and further to reduce the capacity with the time.

**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:

Actions have taken as per the FARA act 1996 no.02

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 :

[List of legal action \( from 01 st january 2025 to 31 st december 2025.xlsx](#)

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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 Sri Lanka flag State of vessel(s) included on the Draft IUU Vessel List:

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

2. For vessel under your Flag - Sri Lanka - 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
IMULA2264MTR	4SF6183	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and being kept under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).</p> <p>ii)Summoned the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.</p> <p>iii)Suspended the fishing operation license, skipper license and seized the registration certificate and the log book issued to the vessel.</p> <p>iv)The owner informed of the consequences of being listed in the IUU vessel list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03</p> <p>v)Initiated investigation under violation of 14F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.27 of 2023</p> <p>vi) Accused accepted the guilty and requested to settlement under 52(B)sentence of FARA No.02 of 1996</p> <p>vii)Investigation is ongoing</p>

Additional comments/informations. if any?

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

[IMULA2264MTR.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

(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 - Sri Lanka - 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	Flag	Additional information
Completed by Secretariat	Completed by Secretariat	

### Additional informations (IR)?

The due date for this submission is on 04/04/2026. But without submitting this requirement it is not possible to submit the Implementation report 2025. Therefore DFAR submit this report now (11/03/2026). When we received any update before 04/04/2026 we will do a new submission for this.



## 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 - Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka 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	CPC information(s) for delisting
Select the IUU vessel(s) from the list	Enter information(s) for delisting

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

[IUU listed vessels\\_delisting.pdf](#) - 5/3/2026

(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:

- Sri Lanka 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.
- Sri Lanka is effectively assuming & will continue to effectively assume flag State responsibilities with regard to the monitoring & control of the fishing activities of this vessel.
- Sri Lanka 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 - Sri Lanka provide new or changed information for the purpose of updating the IOTC IUU Vessels List
- NO - NIL report - Sri Lanka 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)

60 / IMULA 0846 KLT/GOD BLESS / Sri Lanka / UNK/INC / UNK/INC

### 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

60 / IMULA 0846 KLT/GOD BLESS / Sri Lanka / UNK/INC / UNK/INC

i) Initiated court case at Magistrate Court Colombo accused under section 14 F of FARA No. 2 of

Summary of actions, known to have been taken in respect of the alleged IUU fishing activities & their outcomes

1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 17524 on the date of 12.11.2020


ii) The skipper pleaded guilty at the trial. Hon. Magistrate has issued the verdict to the skipper to pay 1.5 Million penalty on 03rd November 2022.

iii) Skipper paid the fine (Receipt No.:R 776573,R 777243 and R/25 256567 (attached)

iv) Hon Magistrate imposed 3 Million Rs. fine and 6 months imprisonment to the owner

v) Owner made an Appeal at High Court -Kalutara on 17th October 2024. (Case No.HCA 874/23)

vi) High court dismissed the case on 30th October 2025 and affirmed the judgement delivered by the Magistrate court.

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

[IUU listed vessels - Status report.pdf](#) - 4/3/2026

**[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 09 February 2026 - 08:08 // Compliance assessment : -/-

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

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

**Investigation reports & any other information**

IUU Vessel	Natural/legal person name	Investigation results	Action taken
61 / IMUL-A-1028-TLE/DEWLI FISHING KUDAWELLA / Sri Lanka / UNK/INC / UNK/INC	R.P.J KUMARA, NEAR THE POST OFFICE, NONAGAMA, AMBALANTHOTTA	(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL and keep under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG). (ii)Summon the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel owner.	(i)Initiate court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No: 40534/5/20 on the date of 04.09.2020 (ii)Magistrate summoned to detain the vessel under the Department of Coast Guard.

<p>60 / IMULA 0846 KLT/GOD BLESS / Sri Lanka / UNK/INC / UNK/INC</p>	<p>M.S.S.F.JAYA- SOORIYA,NO.71/8,SIRI NIWASA RD, NALAHENA, BERUWALA</p>	<p>(iii)Suspend the fishing opera- (iii)Trial date was 17th June tion license, skipper license 2021 and seize the registration book (iv) Imposed an administrative and the log book issued to the penalty of SLR vessel. 3.33 million (iv)The owner informed the (v)vessel detained at harbor repercussions of being listed until pay the administrative fine. IUU vessels list as per the IOTC (v) Court date was 21st Feb Resolution 18/03. 2023. (vi) The Court case has ad- journed up to 03rd May 2023 (vii)Court dates was 08th May 2024,29th January 2025 and 16th December 2025 (viii)The legal actions ongoing. (ix) Next Court date 2026.03.24</p> <hr/> <p>(i)Detained the vessel after ar- (i)Initiated court case at Mag- rival istrate Court Colombo accused to the port of SL and keep un- under section 14 F of FARA No. der the supervision of Depart-2 of 1996 amended by FARA ment of Coast Guard No.35 of 2013. Case No: 17524 (DCG). on the date of 12.11.2020 (ii)Summon the skipper and (ii)Magistrate ordered to detain crew to the vessel at the Department of the head office, DFAR and con- Coast Guard. duct and inquiry in the presence (iii)Trial date was 04th June of the vessel 2021. owner. (iv)Due to the COVID-19 pan- (iii)Suspend the fishing opera- demic the trial date shifted to tion 4th March 2022. license, skipper license and (v) The Skipper does not appear seize the registration book and at the Courts.Hon. Magistrate the log book issued the warrant to arrest the issued to the vessel. skipper and DFAR file the plaint (iv)The owner informed the sheet on 4th March 2022. repercussions of being listed (vi) The skipper pleaded guilty at IUU vessels list as per the IOTC the trial. Hon. Magistrate has is- Resolution sued the verdict to the skipper 18/03. to pay 1.5 Million penalty on 03rd Novem- ber 2022. (vii)Court date 10th March 2023, due for the payment of the penalty and the verdict on the vessel (viii)Trial date was 16th July 2023 (ix)Skipper paid the fine (x)Owner made an Appeal at High Court -Kalutara on 17th October 2024. (Case No.HCA 874/23) (ix)Court date was 14th Feb 2025 (X)(v)High court dismissed the case on 30th October 2025 and</p>
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affirmed the judgement delivered by the Magistrate court.

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UNK/INC / IMULA0195TCO

P.M.M.N.CHATHURAN-  
GA,05,PALAYUTTU  
RD,TRINCOMALEE

(i)Detained the vessel after ar- (i)Initiate court case in MC  
rival Colombo  
to the port of SL and keep un- under 14 F and 14 A sentences  
der the supervision of Depart- of  
ment of Coast Guard FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended  
(DCG). by  
(ii)Summon the skipper and FARA No.35 of 2013. Case No:  
crew to 53030 on the date of  
the head office, DFAR and con- 08.07.2021  
duct and inquiry in the presence  
of the vessel (ii)Magistrate summoned to de-  
owner. tain the  
(iii)Suspend the fishing opera- vessel at the Department of  
tion Coast  
license, skipper license and Guard.  
seize the registration book and  
the log book (iii)Skipper license is suspended  
issued to the vessel. for  
(iv)The owner informed the another 1 year  
repercussions of being listed  
IUU vessels list as per the IOTCiv) Hon. Magistrate summon to  
Resolution appear vessel owner and skip-  
18/03. per at  
open court for trial on 22nd  
February 2022

(v) The Skipper does not ap-  
pear at the  
Courts. .Hon. Magistrate issued  
the  
warrant to arrest the skipper  
and  
DFAR file the plaint sheet on  
22nd  
February 2022 and accuse not  
appeared in court.

(vi)Summon for accuse to ap-  
pear in  
court in 30th March 2022 and  
the  
accuse appeared in court and  
pleaded  
not guilty.

(vii)Hon.Magistrate summon to  
trial for  
guilty on 4th May 2022

(viii)The Court case has ad-  
journd up  
to 01.06.2022, 06.07.2022  
,07.09.2022  
and the accuse not appeared in  
the

<p>194 / IMULA2159CHW &amp; SAN- JANA PUTHA / Sri Lanka / UNK/INC / IMUL-A-2159-CHW</p>	<p>WJP.SAMJEEWA,188/A,MILL ROAD,THALWILA,MARAWILA</p>	<p>(i) DFAR received the letter of reporting from the BIOT on 5th January 2023 (Two months later) The boat has departed again for fishing on the date of 08th January 2023, before issuing the detain order by DFAR. (iii)The same skipper W.R.R. Fernando) has engaged in the fishing voyage (iv)Letter has been issued by DFAR Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL.</p>	<p>(i) Accused was acquitted and released (ii) Added to the Risk vessel list of DFAR for strict monitoring. (iii) Case is over.Suspension lifted (iv)Considering the listed in IOTC IUU list, the operation license was suspended for 06 month period from 08.05.2025 under the power vested to the DG/DFAR under the provision of 14J of No 2 of 1996 FAR act amended by no 27 of 2023 FAR act</p>
		<p>(v) The Coast Guard Dept. and the harbor officers have been</p>	<p>courts.</p> <p>(ix) The attorney on behalf of accused produced medical on the health status of the client on 07.11 2022 , 23rd November 2022 and up to 04th January 2023.</p> <p>(x) Hon. Magistrate summoned to vessel Owner and skipper to appear at open court for the verdict trial on 22nd Feb 2023.</p> <p>(xi) The Court case has adjourned up to 03rd May 2023</p> <p>(xii) The Court case has adjourned up to 02rd April 2024.</p> <p>(xiii) The Court case has adjourned up to 19th December 2024.</p> <p>(x) The Court case has adjourned up to 18th February 2025.</p> <p>(xi) The Court case has adjourned up to 16th December 2025.</p> <p>(x)Next court date 31st March 2026</p>

informed to be vigilant on the arrival of the vessel

(vi) The vessel Arrived to ports on the date of 10th March 2023 after the subsequent fishing trip.

(vii) The owner informed of the consequences of being listed in the IUU vessel list as per the IOTC Resolution 18/03.

(viii) Initiated prosecution at courts in MC Colombo under 14 A sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013. on the date of 17th January 2023.

(ix). Case No: 84307/5/23

(x) Investigation temporary hold till the arrival of the vessel

(xi) Reiterated pending case after arrival of the vessel.

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MSSP JAYASOORIYA, 78/8,SIRINIWASA MAWATHA, NALLAHENA, BERUWALA

(i)Detained the vessel after arrival to the port of SL being kept under the supervision of Department of Coast Guard (DCG).

(ii)Summoned the skipper and crew to the head office, DFAR and conduct and inquiry in the presence of the vessel own-

(i)Initiated court case in MC Colombo under 14 F sentence of FARA No. 2 of 1996 amended by FARA No.35 of 2013 on the date of 27th June 2023.

(ii) Case No.:94818/05/23

(iii)Case is ongoing

(iv) Court dates was 2nd April 2024, 11th June 2024 , 08th October 2024 5 and 16th January 2025 and 21st Feb 2025

v)Next court date 06th March 2026

#### Other actions taken & additional information to report?

Another four (04) vessels in the IOTC IUU vessel list(IMULA0833KLT, IMULA0892KLT, IMULA0168PTM, IMULA1053TLE).But those are not included in the above dropdown list.therefore the updated informaotion related to these vessels cannot entered to the above.Therefore please find the following attachment to see the updated information on those vessels.

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

[IUU listed vessels - Status report 09.02.2026.pdf](#) - 9/2/2026

## 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 14 November 2025 - 13:35 // 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

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**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. 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:

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

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 January 2026 - 10:53 // Compliance assessment : N/A

**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](#)

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

(If none, by default NONE is written)

NONE

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 January 2026 - 10:56 // Compliance assessment : N/A

**1. Did you implement the obligation ?**

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

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

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

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

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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

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## 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

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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

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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

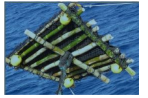


## Upload national legislation with provisions of Resolution 23/01 Paragraphs 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15:

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

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

### [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 29 January 2026 - 11:53 // Compliance assessment : -/-

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

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

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

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

1. Export, import or re-export of fish and fishery products shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the Director-General in accordance with international obligations and to the provisions of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) and the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969.

2.Exporter, importer or re-exporter of any Fish or Fishery product shall fulfill the requirements stipulated in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

3.Any person engaged in Export, import and re-export of any Fish or Fishery products shall register with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources for that purpose

4.Any person who intends to register an establishment to export, import and re-export of fish or fishery products shall submit an application in Form 1, Form 2 and Form 3 respectively to the Director General subject to terms and conditions issued by him

5. Annual registration fee shall be paid by the applicant together with the application for registration of any establishment.

6. Any authorized officer shall conduct an on site inspection at the relevant establishment or company where applicable according to the guidelines on export, import and re-export of any Fish or Fishery product.

[NPCISL2024.pdf](#) - 29/1/2026

## 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

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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

SFAFDFC - Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center

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

## Upload the 2025 report :

### If section 2 in not completed

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



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

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 March 2026 - 08:40 // Compliance assessment : C

#### 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: Sri Lanka — Reporting period: 2025

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

Fishing Area	Fishing Gear	Point of export (Country/City/Port/High Sea)	Export to Country list	Preselection	Shape	Product weight (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Country/Entity/Fishing Entity	Preselection	Shape	Product weight (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)
Select from the list	Select from the list			Select			Select	Select		

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

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

VNM-Viet Nam

8946

Gilled & gutted

FRA OT-France 2380 Other

OTHER Country NOT LISTED 11376 Other



**Upload the annual report :**

[Res\\_01\\_06\\_BET\\_Statistical\\_Document\\_Programme\\_Annual\\_Report\\_EN.xls](#) - 5/3/2026

**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

**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 28 January 2026 - 12:10 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

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

**2. Reporting observations of damaged data buoys :**

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

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**Any additional information to report ?**

NONE

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

**Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles**



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

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 March 2026 - 13:14 // 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:**

\*Data collected through port sampling, log books, and observer programme

\*Catch data submission to IOTC in every Year June. Including By-catch and discard data submitted

\*The summery is included to the National Report LKA 2021

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

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

NO - 3.b) is not applicable - No vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV)

**Progress of implementation:**

\*Catching Turtles intentionally is prohibited within EEZ and High seas under published regulations. (Fishing operation regulation 1996)

\*It is legally mandatory to take line cutters and de-hooks on board, (High seas fishing regulations 2014). Samples equipments provided for the fishermen to prepare and use. Vessels are not allowed to depart for fishing without line cutters and de-hooks on board.

\*Awareness on turtle conservation and release of incidental caught turtles is been conducted

\*A supplementary (leaflet) is prepared and distributed among fishermen on safe release of incidentally entangled turtles (Copy Attached: Annex (ii)).

\*Dept. of Wild Life Conservation of Sri Lanka also enforce their regulations on conservation of turtles including their nesting habitats.

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:**

\*Maximum length of the drift gill net in high seas restricted to be less than 2.5km seiners (High seas fishing regulations 2014).

\*To be comply with IOTC Resolution 17/07, Sri Lanka in a process of is phasing out use of gill net within EEZ as explain in the implementation reports of 2018 and 2019 in a view to enforce complete prohibition of gill net >2.5 km within EEZ by 2022.

\*A regulation was drafted to prohibit use of gill nets larger than 2.5km within EEZ and with the condition of laying of gillnet below 2m depth (the regulation is processing at Legal Draftsmen's Dept.

\*Fishermen make aware on proper disposal of fishing gear/ nets and the repercussion of ghost fishing by nets.

\*Trawling is prohibited (Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (amendment) Act, No.11 of 2017).

\*Collect information through port sampling, log books, and observer programme

\*The fishermen are instructed to keep records of incidental entangles of turtles by giving geographical coordinates and the form of release whether dead or alive.

\*Display of poster on turtle conservation

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:**

\*It is legally mandatory to take line cutters and de-hooks on board for long lines. (High seas fishing regulations 2014).

\*Basically use whole fin fish or squids as the bait in longlines. Local production of fin fish for baits has been initiated in 2017.

\*Collect information through port sampling, log books, and observer programme

**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 operating purse seines operating in Sri Lanka.

\*However, in a thought of future developments, dip nets onboard is legally mandatory for purse seiners (High seas fishing regulations 2014. )

\*Increase of awareness among fishermen

\*Instructed to release the Entangled and remained live turtles immediately.

\*Collect information through, log books, and observer programme

**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:**

\*Long line fishing is basically conduct using J hooks. However fishermen are encouraged to use circular to reduce incidental catches of Turtles.

\*Basically use whole fin fish or squids as the bait in long lines. Local production of fin fish for baits has been initiated in 2017

\*In 2021 artificial baits representing live squids is used further reducing the turtle catches.

\*Use of monofilament net is banned.

**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:**

\*Continue undertake research, monitoring and conservation activities and the results are regularly informed.

\*Monitoring nesting sites of turtles in western and southern coasts.

\*Tuttle ressources are conserved and encouraged use for Eco tourisum.

**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:**

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**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 January 2026 - 10:54 // Compliance assessment : N/A

**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 &amp; coastal CPC:</u>
1	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-

5. For each CPC/CPC agreement:

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**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

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

**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 28 January 2026 - 12:26 // 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 11 March 2026 - 07:18 // Compliance assessment : P/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 :**

At sea inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators

Sri Lanka prepared the document, which is titled "The National Plan of Control and Inspections of Fishing Vessels Sri Lanka" (NPCISL) for effective enforcement of the regularized CMMs for the National fishing vessels, Nationals and the foreign fishing vessels those enter to the ports of in Sri Lanka. This control and inspection plan includes the effective control over Fishing vessels such as marking of vessel and used gear, registration and licensing, catch data reporting and Verification, data collection as per international standards, vessels inspections on land, at sea, on board, in port and at departure and arrival of fishing trip, conducting on board observer programs, vessel monitoring systems, and radio communications etc.

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government  
Regulation for Highsea is already published.Ban on large scale drift net on EEZ will be published

**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Fine , Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF  
The sanction on violations has been increased under the provisions of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ( Amendment) Act No.35 of 2013

**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 none written specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

Implemented (ban) BOTH by national law or regulation or administrative instruction AND T&C ATF 01-09-2014

Regulation for Highsea is already published.Ban on large scale drift net on EEZ will be published

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

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

**Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**If Implemented - since ?**

Select a date from the calendar

**Additional information ?**

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

Implemented (ban) BOTH by national law or regulation or administrative instruction AND T&C ATF 01-09-2014

Regulation for Highsea is already published. Ban on large scale drift net on EEZ will be published

**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...)

[Annex E - SOP PSMA Foreign vessel inspection.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

[D-I SOP Local vessel port inspection & Fish Landing verification.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

[SLNPOA-Final-2025-ENG.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

**6. Legal Obligation**



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

[High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014.pdf SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR FISHING OPERATIONS.pdf](#)

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

- 1) High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary 1878/12
- 2) Specific conditions for fishing operations

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

Please refer the following paragraph in the given "High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary 1878/12"

4.(ix) The maximum length of such gill nets shall be less than two point five kilometers where the fishing operations in the High Seas are carried out by using Gill nets ;

Please refer the following paragraph in the given "Specific conditions for fishing operations"

viii. The maximum length of the gill nets used in fishing operations shall be less than two point five kilometers (2.5 km).

**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 05 March 2026 - 13:14 // 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 Paper log book is implemented 100 per cent in all multi-day vessels which operate within EEZ and High seas.

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

Paper log book is implemented 100 per cent in all multi-day vessels which operate within EEZ and High seas.

b. Port-based sampling or related fisheries surveys:

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
- No Measures have been taken to increase the coverage and representativeness of the samples in the data collection program of coastal fisheries .

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

Measures have been taken to increase the coverage and representativeness of the samples in the data collection program of coastal fisheries .

c. National observer scheme:

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
- No The training programme (conducted by CapMarine South Africa under the funding assistance of EU/IOTC) completed in July of 2022.
- EMS pilot project was completed virtually in September 2021 after installation of four sets of EMS equipment. With regard to the EMS pilot project , there is one set of EMS equipment to be installed. DFAR has requested assistance from IOTC to continue this pilot project. This has been discussed at the last WGEMS and WPD-CS.
- IOTC (Marine Instruments) conducted a training virtually from 23rd to 28th September 2021 for 8 Dry Observers on the data analysing with data collected from the four Sri Lankan fishing vessels which EMS were already installed.
- Sri Lanka presented outcomes, gaps and difficulties identified on this project to IOTC-WGEMS which was held in November 2021 for further development.

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

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d. National Vessel registry:

- Yes **Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**
- No It is legally mandatory to register the vessels those engage in fishing, in Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR).
- Maintenance of updated vessel registry is also mandatory under the said legislation. Accordingly national vessel registry in maintain.

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

It is legally mandatory to register the vessels those engage in fishing, in Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR).

Maintenance of updated vessel registry is also mandatory under the said legislation. Accordingly national vessel registry in maintain.

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:**

(i) VMS is being installed to all artisanal multiday fishing vessels since 2021 (the project is ongoing).  
(ii) A pilot project is being implemented with the technical assistance of EU/IOTC for onboard electronic monitoring. (EMS)

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

Tick the boxes and describe.

### a. Development of fisheries databases

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
(i) Centralized data base has been developed to manage operation licenses.  
(ii) All district offices are linked to a single network which increased the efficiency of data processing.

**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
(i) Centralized data base has been developed to manage operation licenses.  
(ii) All district offices are linked to a single network which increased the efficiency of data processing.

### b. Development of data dissemination systems

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
(i) A separate IT division for handling development of data systems is established in 2020.  
(ii) Appointed a dedicated officer for each district to coordinate data management, facilitating the disseminating system.

**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
(i) A separate IT division for handling development of data systems is established in 2020.  
(ii) Appointed a dedicated officer for each district to coordinate data management, facilitating the disseminating system.

### c. Frame surveys

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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### d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
Data verification is being carried out using the data obtained from port sampling, observer program, logbook data and VMS data.

**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
Data verification is being carried out using the data obtained from port sampling, observer program, logbook data and VMS data.

### e. Development of automated routines to process and extract IOTC data submission

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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### f. Steps to minimise data entry errors

Yes  
 No

**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
Partially achieved via central data base which has been developed.

**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
Partially achieved via central data base which has been developed.

## 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  
 No

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

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

1. Data validated by cross checking log book position data Vs VMS data (In Random basis)  
2. Catch data (Landing) validation by port inspection. 3. Validation of by-catch data using observer information.

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**b. Improvements in sampling coverage**

Yes  
 No  
**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
A new sampling strategy has been introduced by improving coverage of coastal tuna fisheries.  
Number of enumerators has been increased from 36 to 50 covering entire coastal districts since 2020.

**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**c. Frame surveys**

Yes  
 No  
**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Industrial IOTC fisheries - Measures taken & implementation progress:**  
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**d. Coherence of data with alternative fisheries datasets**

Yes  
 No  
**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**e. Comparability of data from previous years**

Yes  
 No  
**Artisanal (coastal) fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Industrial fisheries - Measures taken, implementation progress:**  
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**Resolution 19/04 Concerning the IOTC record of vessels authorised to operate in the IOTC area of competence**



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

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 March 2026 - 08:55 // 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, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations, Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators Sri Lanka prepared the document, which is titled "The National Plan of Control and Inspections of Fishing Vessels Sri Lanka" (NPCISL) for effective enforcement of the regularized CMMs for the National fishing vessels, Nationals and the foreign fishing vessels those enter to the ports of in Sri Lanka. This control and inspection plan includes the effective control over Fishing vessels such as marking of vessel and used gear, registration and licensing, catch data reporting and Verification, data collection as per international standards, vessels inspections on land, at sea, on board, in port and at departure and arrival of fishing trip, conducting on board observer programs, vessel monitoring systems, and radio communications etc.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

The sanction on violations has been increased under the provisions of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ( Amendment) Act No.35 of 2013

**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Fine , Other sanctions (specify below)

The sanction on violations has been increased under the provisions of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ( Amendment) Act No.35 of 2013.

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

1) Department of fisheries and Aquatic Resources Sri Lanka provided the designated ports of Sri Lanka to IOTC secretariat through e-PSM and e-MARIS

2) (i) A separate Division (Division of Fishing Operations) for handling Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing is established in DFAR. (ii) Appointed a dedicated officer (Director-fishing Operations) for coordination and monitoring of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMO) (iii) Director (Fishing Operations) provide necessary reports for RFMOs (IOTC,FAO,EU) (iv) Carrying out relevant activities regarding the existing international conventions regarding Sri Lanka fishing Industry.

3) Sri Lanka prepared the document, which is titled "The National Plan of Control and Inspections of Fishing Vessels Sri Lanka" (NPCISL) for effective enforcement of the regularized CMMs for the National fishing vessels, Nationals and the foreign fishing vessels those enter to the ports of in Sri Lanka. This control and inspection plan includes the effective control over Fishing vessels such as marking of vessel and used gear, registration and licensing, catch data reporting and Verification, data collection as per international standards, vessels inspections on land, at sea, on board, in port and at departure and arrival of fishing trip, conducting on board observer programs, vessel monitoring systems, and radio communications etc.



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**Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:**

**3. Paragraph 11.a):**

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

Please specify below:

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

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

**Punitive actions** .

**Sanctions** .

**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** .

**Punitive actions** .

**Sanctions** .

**Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :**

Records of measures, punitive actions and sanctions on such violations, not found in my review conducted. This is mainly because the vessels operated for tuna fishing departed at designated fishing harbours and no person allowed to depart without valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorization

**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, punitive 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** .

**Punitive actions** .

**Sanctions** .

**Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :**

Records of measures, punitive actions and sanctions on such violations, not found in my review conducted. This is mainly because the vessels operated for tuna fishing departed at designated fishing harbours and no person allowed to depart without valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorization

**6. Paragraph 11.d):**

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

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

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

**Measures** \_

**Punitive actions** \_

**Sanctions** \_

**Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :**

No records of measures, punitive actions and sanctions on such violations I found in my review conducted. The vessel history is thoroughly checked before the registration of vessels as per the regulation. Therefore no cases reported on vessels operated with IUU history.

**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** \_

**Punitive actions** \_

**Sanctions** \_

**Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :**

**8. Paragraph 11.f):**

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

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

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

**Measures** -

**Punitives actions** -

**Sanctions** -

**Any other measures/punitive actions/sanctions? Specify :**

Under domestic law all owners of the AFV are citizens of Sri Lanka as per the provisions of the No.02 of FARA act 1996. Therefore, records of measures, punitive actions and sanctions on such violations, not found in my review conducted in 2023.

#### 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):**

[s Departure and Arrival of Mechanized Fishing Boats Regulations, No. 1 of 2023.pdf](#)  
[02-1996.pdf](#)  
[27 - 2023\\_E.pdf](#)  
[35-2013\\_E.pdf](#)  
[Amended regulation of biat registratiin 1998.pdf](#)  
[Fish and Fishery Products, Export, Import and Re-export Management.pdf](#)  
[Fish catch data collection regulation 2014.pdf](#)  
[High sea fishing regulation-amendment.pdf](#)  
[High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014.pdf](#)  
[Issuance of certificates of competence for skipper regulation.pdf](#)  
[Registration of fishing boats regulation 1980.pdf](#)  
[regulation-gear markings.pdf](#)  
[The Fish and Fishery Products, Export, Import and Re- export Management Regulations, 2017 amendment.pdf](#)  
[VMS Regulation amended.pdf](#)

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

- 1) FARA Act No. 02 of 1996
- 2) High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12
- 3) High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 (Amended in 2015) published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6
- 4) Fish catch data collection régulation 2014
- 5) Registration of Fishing Boat Regulation 1980
- 6) Shark Fisheries Management Regulations, 2015
- 7) Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Act No.35 of 2013
- 8) Departure and Arrival of Mechanized Fishing Boats Regulations, No. 1 of 2023

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

- 1) Please Refer the following paragraph in thr Page no.21 of FARA Act no 02 of 1996 "local fishing boat" means any fishing boat- (a) wholly owned by the Government of Sri Lanka or any public corporation established by or under any law of Sri Lanka; (b) wholly owned by one or more persons who are citizens of Sri Lanka; or (c)

wholly owned by any company, society or other association of persons, Incorporated or established under the law of Sri Lanka, a majority of the voting shares of which are hold by

2) Please refer the whole text of the High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 & High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014 (Amended in 2015) published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6

3) Please refer the following paragraph of the Fish catch data collection régulation 2014

2. Every person who uses mechanized fishing boat registered under the Registration of Fishing Boats Regulations, 1980 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 109 of October 3, 1980, for fishing in Sri Lanka waters or high seas, shall carry onboard a log book issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources during each fishing trip.

3. (1) Every person who engages in fishing, in terms of these regulations shall maintain a record of the catch in the log book, relating to each fishing trip.

(2) The log book shall be produced for inspection to any authorized officer, if so required by such officer

4. (1) Every person who engages in fishing in terms of these regulations shall submit the log book to the authorized officer.

(2) The authorized officer shall check and certify such log book at the end of every three months.

## **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 13 January 2026 - 14:11 // 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 - Sri Lanka 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 – Sri Lanka 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 19 January 2026 - 10:52 // 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

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

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

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

Requirement submitted ? true the 11 March 2026 - 10:27 // Compliance assessment : N/C1

**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 :**

In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, At sea inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers

Timely entering of log sheet data to the Log Data Collection System was ensured, and the catch quantities were closely monitored on a quarterly basis. When the cumulative catch reached 75% of the allocated catch limit, a systematic rotational departure allowance mechanism was implemented to regulate fishing effort and ensure compliance with the established catch limits. In 2024 Sri Lanka didn't have properly implemented SOP for reporting of landing of the catch. Therefore, a landing declaration form was initiated.

Sri Lanka Developed SOP for the Detailed vessel inspection for the year 2025.

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

Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures

**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Other sanctions (specify below)

Warn the skippers who have misreported the catch during the detailed vessel inspection

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

NONE



[D-I SOP Local vessel port inspection & Fish Landing verification.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

**Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:**

**B.1 Catch limits – Nominal catch of YFT**

**3. CPC is subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions:**

YES - Subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions  NO - NOT subject to yellowfin tuna catch reductions

**4. The catch of yellowfin tuna reported to the IOTC Secretariat and the reductions are:**

YES - Reporting in the below table.  NO - No catch limits apply in 2024

Sri Lanka Base annual limit 33245

YFT Catch Limit 2025 <a href="#">Data from Circular 2025-13</a>	YFT Catch 2025 (Quantity in Ton)	YFT Over Catch 2025 (Yes/No)	YFT Over Catch 2025 (Quantity in Ton)
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33245	-	-	-
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**Any comments on the above table? Provide any additional information, if any (IR) ?**

above question is not clear

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

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

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

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

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**If Yes, please specify the YFT overcatch in 2023 :**

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

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

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

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**8. Legal Obligation**



**Upload the national legislation :**

**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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**Requirement number: 2.20 - Information required: Gillnet, Report the level of implementation of paragraphs 21-23 in 2025 - Deadline: 12/3/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 11 March 2026 - 10:25 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1 . Did you implement the obligation ?**

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO gillnet fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of authorized Vessels  
 NO - Not implemented  
 YES - Implemented

**2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with i) phasing out/convert gillnetters to other gears, ii) set gillnets at 2m depth, iii) increase observer coverage/ field sampling in gillnetters by 10% ?**

- 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 :**

System / procedures to monitor compliance with IOTC binding measure are not listed above, we specify and describe them in the below section

Level of implementation of paragraph 21

- 1) Conducted a survey to record the number of large scale drift gill nets in Sri Lanka.(District Level)
- 2) Made aware the fishers on resolution; 17/07 during the period of 2018-2020
- 3) Notify the number of authorised vessels operate large scale gill nets in the competent area of IOTC to the Secretariat by 31 December 2020 as per the point 5 of the resolution.
- 4) Prepared the draft regulation prohibiting the use of gill nets larger than 2.5km within EEZ of Sri Lanka . ( Use of large gill nest in High seas is already prohibited)
- 5) The drafted regulation is processing.

Level of implementation of paragraph 22

a.Sri Lanka included the factor the depth of laying drift gill net in Sri Lanka to the survey conducted to find the number of large scale drift gill nets in Sri Lanka as per resolution 17/07 to comply with the para 21 of 19/01.

b.Findings of the survey

\*Since the surface current wave action is very high sea around Sri Lanka creating rough seas conditions in the off-shore, majority fishermen (65%) lay their drift gill nets about 3m below the surface to avoid wash away the nets from target fishing grounds.

\*To lay the net in required depth; they keep the buoy line length 2m to 3m in length from the upper mainline of the net.

c.DFAR conducted awareness on laying of drift long lines in 2m below the surface and laying of Drift gill nets below 2m depth is incorporated to the draft regulation

on prohibition of large Drift gill nets (larger than 2.5km) in the IOTC area of competence which will be published. In the meantime this gillnet restriction has been included to the conditions of the fishing operation license.

Level of implementation of paragraph 23

\*The data collection in the small landing sites is strengthen by increasing the field samplers in a view to increase the data collection from 5% to 10% by as per the resolution 11/04 para 4 for the gill net operating artisanal vessels of Sri Lanka.

\*Pilot project on EMS is being conducted under the technical assistance of EJ/IOTC for the small vessels of Sri Lanka to increase to observer courage.

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

Analysis of infringements findings to identify opportunities to improve compliance controls & monitoring procedures, Maintain compliance/infringement records

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**c. Actions in relation to potential infringements are :**

Other sanctions (specify below)

Once the regulation is established relevant sanctions will be imposed accordingly.

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

NONE



[NPCISL2024.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

**Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:**

**3. CPC has gillnet catch, has gillnet fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels, the gillnet fleet was active in the IOTC Area of Competence?**

NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO gillnet fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of authorized Vessels in 2025

YES - CPC gillnet fleet, on the IOTC Record of authorized Vessels, caught IOTC Species in 2025

**Total catch by GN fishing vessels in 2025 :**

29500500

**4. Report the level of implementation of paragraph 21 - Phasing out or convert gillnet fishing vessels to other gears?**

**a. Phasing out measures:**

Implemented ? Select at least one option	Implemented since? Select a date from the calendar	Additional information ? Specify ? If none, by default NONE is written.
Conduct of awareness programmes on Resolution 21/01 and the ecological impact of gillnet fishing gear	24-11-2022	NONE

## b. Conversion progress:

Number of gillnet vessels converted in 2025 :

7

Total number of gillnet vessels converted since 2019 :

154

Gillnet vessels converted for the following fishing gears:

Pole-and-line

## 5. Report the level of implementation of paragraph 22 - Set gillnets at 2m depth from the surface in gillnet fisheries ?

Implemented ? Select at least one option	If Implemented - since? Select a date from the calendar	Additional information ? Specify ? If none, by default NONE is written.
Other measures (Specify)	-	<p>Since the surface current wave action is very high sea around Sri Lanka creating rough seas conditions in the off-shore, majority</p> <p>fishermen (65%) lay their drift gill nets about 3m below the surface to avoid wash away the nets from target fishing grounds.</p>

## 6. Report the level of implementation of paragraph 23 - Increase observer coverage or field sampling in gillnet fishing vessels by 10% using alternative data collection methodologies (electronic or human) ?

Specify:

Increased observer coverage on-board vessels

%

Increased field sampling

Specify:

10%



## Upload the report :

[Circular on implementation of port sampling.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026  
[High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations-amendment.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026  
[D-I SOP Local vessel port inspection & Fish Landing verification.pdf](#) - 11/3/2026

## 7. Legal Obligation



[Circular on implementation of port sampling.pdf](#)

**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provision for i) phasing out/convert gillnetters to other gears, ii) set gill-nets at 2m depth, iii) increase observer coverage/ field sampling in gillnetters by 10% :**

[High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations-amendment.pdf](#)

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

1) Please find the attached ' DFAR/DFO circular on implementation of port sampling programme for nominal catch data collection and

scientific data collection as per the IOTC resolution 11/04 and 15/02'

2) High Seas Fishing Operations Regulations No. 1 of 2014

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

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**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**



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



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

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**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><u>LEG:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>STD:</u> 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><u>SP:</u> N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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.</li> </ul> <p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting or submission by the deadlines;</li> <li>• Submission of all mandatory information or data required, in the agreed format.</li> </ul>
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#### Assessment Score: Partially Compliant - P/C

<p><u>REC:</u> No [DATE] [MONTH] [YEAR] Report provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, Missing sections in [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY] and/or sub-sections [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>REC:</u> No [DATE] [MONTH] [YEAR] Report provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, Missing sections in [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY] and/or sub-sections [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY]</li> </ul>
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<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"> <li>Information or data for the obligation has been submitted or reported, but in a way that is incomplete or incorrect;</li> <li>CPC has failed to meet reporting or submission deadlines by less than 15 days.</li> </ul>
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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"> <li>The CPC has not submitted or reported information or data for the obligation;</li> <li>The CPC has failed to meet a reporting or submission deadline by more than 15 days;</li> <li>Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with an obligation.</li> </ul>
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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"> <li><u>STD</u>: NO - Implementation Report NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.</li> </ul> <p>Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years;</li> </ul>
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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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