

IOTC-2026-CoC23-09 [E]

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS RELEVANT TO THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE

To provide the Compliance Committee with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period, in relation to the recommendations and requests for actions by the IOTC Secretariat, made by the Compliance Committee (CoC22).

BACKGROUND

In 2025, the Commission endorsed two **RECOMMENDATIONS**, eight **REQUESTS** and one **AGREED** action point from the Report of the Compliance Committee (CoC22), which required follow up by the IOTC Secretariat during the intersessional period. These actions and the status of their implementation during the intersessional period are detailed in the table below.

No **RECOMMENDATION** or **REQUEST** was made by the Commission (S29) for compliance-related intersessional follow-up by the IOTC Secretariat.

REQUESTS REQUIRING ACTIONS

Paragraph	Follow-up action	Status
58	The CoC22 REQUESTED the Secretariat to present the non-compliance issues in a disaggregated manner within the Summary report on the level of compliance.	Pending To be prepared for the CoC Special Session in October 2026.
72	The CoC22 RECOMMENDED the Secretariat to collaborate with developing coastal States to assess their needs for establishing robust data collection systems and to prepare a funding proposal for submission to donors.	Ongoing Three in-country missions were undertaken (Indonesia, Kenya and India) and three virtual technical meetings were organised (Oman, Mozambique and Indonesia). Additionally, a data reporting workshop and a species identification workshops were also held.
75	The CoC22 REQUESTED the Secretariat to propose to the next meeting of the WPICMM, an amendment to Resolution 16/11, to make the use of e-PSM mandatory.	Completed IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-R The WPICMM09 ACKNOWLEDGED the difficulties of some Members with the obligation to use e-PSM and AGREED to not recommend any amendment of Resolution 25/11 to CoC23.
76	The CoC22 NOTED that the IOTC is the first RFMO to connect to the FAO GIES and FURTHER NOTED that the information exchange has limitations as it is unidirectional and only accepts information from the regional system to the global system. The CoC22 REQUESTED the Secretariat to liaise with the FAO to find a solution to that situation.	Completed IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-R The WPICMM09 NOTED [...] the technical nature of the two systems prevent downstream data flow; i.e.

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		from the FAO PSMA's GIES to IOTC e-PSM
77	The CoC22 NOTED the challenges faced by CPCs to collect size-frequency data and REQUESTED that the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS), should provide the CoC23 with advice on the impact of lowering the requirement of 1 fish per metric ton, in cases where the quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for particular species.	Completed IOTC-2025-WPDCS21-08_Rev1 The WPDCS acknowledged that the sampling target of one fish per metric tonne established under Resolution 15/02 represents a general rule of thumb [...]. The Secretariat indicated that, for catches of less than one metric tonne, the requirement of one fish per metric tonne is not taken into account in data compliance assessments
80	The CoC22 REQUESTED that the IOTC Secretariat issue a circular towards the end of the year to remind CPCs of the need to update and complete all mandatory information on their vessel records.	Ongoing A circular was deemed not necessary since, besides Iran, only four other CPCs (Indonesia, Iran, Kenya and Sri Lanka) had records that are slightly incomplete. Secretariat is working with these CPCs.
82	The CoC22 REQUESTED the Secretariat, with regards to CPCs with compliance scores below 50%, to undertake compliance support missions to assist them to improve their overall compliance score.	Ongoing Secretariat has provide virtual support to some CPCs during the intersessional period (Kenya, Liberia, Panama). Support was also provided to an NGO (IPNLF) who was assisting two CPCs (Pakistan and Somalia) with their reporting capacity.
192	The CoC22 ACKNOWLEDGED the withdrawal of an objection to the catch limits of yellowfin tuna from a CPC. The CoC22 AGREED to discuss the mechanism to address payback of over-catches that occurred under the previously applicable Resolution at the next WPICMM and ALSO AGREED not to apply such a payback to the CPC in 2025. The CoC22 FURTHER REQUESTED the CPC to work with the Secretariat to identify potential payback, if any, based on the conclusions of the discussions to be held at the WPICMM.	Ongoing IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-R The WPICMM09 AGREED to defer to the Compliance Committee the identification of a mechanism to address payback of over-catches yellowfin tuna incurred under Resolution 19/01 and the payback to be applied under Resolution 21/01.
136	The CoC22 NOTED that a series of fundamental questions were raised in relation to the information provided by India and AGREED that the questions will be send to the Secretariat for onward transmission to India.	Completed IOTC Ref 2025-122, 11 April 2025.
166	The CoC22 NOTED that Singapore has carrier vessels participating in the Regional Observer Programme to monitor transshipments at sea and REQUESTED the	Completed

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	Secretariat to engage with Singapore with objective of inviting them to become a CNCP of the IOTC.	Messaged on 5 June 2025, in response on this subject to Singapore Food Agency (SFA).
178	The CoC22 RECOMMENDED the Secretariat to coordinate with CPCs with overall compliance rates below 50%, to conduct compliance support missions.	Ongoing Some virtual meetings have been held (Indonesia, e-MARIS Pilot Project; Liberia, e-MARIS; Panama, for e-MARIS and e-RAV) and in person mission were in planning stage for 2026 (Indonesia and South Africa).

The majority of “Ongoing” actions are related to work that are required to be undertaken on a routine basis in support of CPCs and, therefore, are not expected to have a foreseeable completion timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION/s

That the CoC23 **NOTE** document IOTC-2026-CoC23-09 on the progress made in relation to the implementation of the requests from CoC22.