
**PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT MEASURES (WPICMM)****PREPARED BY: IOTC SECRETARIAT, 16 APRIL 2026**

PURPOSE

To provide the Compliance Committee with a summary of the progress made during the intersessional period, in relation to the work of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM).

BACKGROUND AND PROGRESS

The Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) derives its mandate from [IOTC Resolution 17/02](#). To date, the WPICMM has held nine meetings, the last one being the WPICMM09 on 11 to 13 February 2026.

The Ninth Session of the WPICMM was held virtually and was chaired by Mr Neil ANSELL (European Union). A total of 90 participants attended the Session. In all, the meeting made 31 recommendations, which require the consideration of the CoC23. Key topics discussed during WPICMM09 included the review of the new WPICMM's workplan for endorsement by the Compliance Committee (CoC23), the assessment criteria for the upcoming compliance campaign CoC24-2027, and; the adoption of a formalised, continuous process for the review, edit and/or repeal of obsolete CMMs.

There are specific topics requiring special attention and discussion at the CoC23 meeting, they are reproduced below:

- Two recommendations relate to the work of the Commission to improve its MCS scheme:

WPICMM09.01 ([Para. 15](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the SCAF23 to discuss and consider the allocation of a budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project.

WPICMM09.02 ([Para. 16](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC23 to discuss and consider the launch of the IOTC VMS pilot project, and to recommend endorsement by the Commission (S30).

- Two recommendations relate to possible infractions under the ROP and PSM implementation:

WPICMM09.04 ([Para. 25](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that China provide its response to the PSM Case number 2, detected in 2025, by submitting its response within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.

WPICMM09.06 ([Para. 43](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that Korea provides its response to the possible infraction detected in 2025, within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.

- Four recommendations relate to tasks assigned to the Secretariat:

WPICMM09.12 ([Para. 80](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to work inter-sessionally with the concerned CPCs and the developers of the concerned application(s) to address the feedback received and improve the IOTC applications where technically feasible and funds are available.

WPICMM09.13 ([Para. 81](#)) WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to provide feedback in the e-MARIS application, within each reporting requirement.

WPICMM09.18 ([Para. 107](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to report proposals for amending existing CMMs in the e-MARIS application.

WPICMM09.28 ([Para. 146](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make the necessary provision to include new reporting requirements in e-MARIS that may arise from new Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its next annual meeting.

The report of the Ninth meeting of the WPICMM is available as a resource document in the CoC23 meeting page, section “*Reports from other meetings*”, IOTC–2026–WPICMM09–R. The consolidated set of recommendations of the WPICMM09 is available in its Appendix 5.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The CoC23 to:

- **ENDORSE** the work plan of the WPICMM.
- **RECOMMEND** that China and Korea provide their responses to the ROP/PSM possible infractions to CoC23.
- **ENDORSE** the changes to the assessment criteria, for the CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign.
- **DISCUSS** the future of the IOTC VMS pilot project and determine if it will propose a budget to SCAF23.