

# Rules of Procedures 2025 - Appendix V

## Compliance Questionnaire for the year 2025 (CoC23)

**Deadline for submission: 20/2/2026**

### READING NOTES:

- The questionnaire is composed of 5 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.

**All sections/questions applicable, to South Africa, of the Compliance Questionnaire (CQ) must be completed.**

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

**Reporting CPC: South Africa**

**Date of submission: 19 February 2026 - 17:50**

You can consult your previous Compliance questionnaire 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](#)**

# Section 1 – Implementation obligations

## 1.1 Compliance committee



### **Requirement number: 1.4 - Information required: Compliance action plan in 2025 - Deadline: 18/7/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 22 July 2025 - 20:37 // Compliance assessment : N/A

**1. Did you submit the compliance action plan for this reporting obligation ?**

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No compliance issue N/C2 identified in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

**2. The Compliance Action Plan on compliance issues N/C2 is provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- YES - The Compliance Action Plan is provided in the table and/or uploaded
- NO – Not Applicable/NIL report - No Non-compliant category 2 based on the deliberations of the CoC/COM was identified

CR Re-quire-ment Num-ber	Corrective(s) action(s) Free text	Period of FROM To date	imple-menta-tion TO To date	Remarks, if any Free text If none, by default NONE is written.
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-	-	-	-	NONE
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**Upload your Compliance action plan :**

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

NONE

•**Number of compliance issues NC2:**

0

•**Number of compliance issues NC2 responded:**

0



## 1.2 Scientific committee

### Report of the Scientific Committee SC04 – National scientific report

#### **Requirement number: 1.3 - Information required: National Scientific Report in 2024 - Deadline: 16/11/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 23 October 2025 - 11:03 // Compliance assessment : C

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

NO - Not submitted       YES - Submitted

**2. The 2024 national scientific report for the annual session of the Scientific Committee in 2025 provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

YES - CPC scientific report is submitted       NO - CPC scientific report is NOT submitted

**3. The 2024 national scientific report for the annual session of the Scientific Committee in 2025 completed using the latest template report as directed by the Circular ?**

YES - The NR is completed using the latest 2024 template report

NO - The NR is NOT completed using the latest 2024 template report

**National scientific report submitted ?**

Yes the 23 October 2025 - 11:03

**Comments/remarks about the submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

NONE

**Any additional information(s) / remark(s) on the completion of Section 1 of the Compliance Questionnaire ?**

None

# Section 2 – Flag State Controls

## 2.1 Authorised vessels

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



**Requirement number: 3.6 - Information required: List of authorised vessels in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 18 February 2026 - 23:59 // Compliance assessment : P/C

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

1. NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessels 24 meters in length overall or more fishing in the IOTC area of competence
2. NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessels less than 24m, operating in waters outside EEZ of the flag state, fishing in the IOTC area of competence
- YES - Submitted
- NO - Not submitted

**2. A list of authorised vessels exists - vessels 24 metres in length overall or more and vessels less than 24m, operating in waters outside EEZ of the flag state ?**

- YES  NO

**3. All the mandatory information have been provided in the e-RAV application for all authorized vessels ?**

- NO  YES – Partially  YES – Complete

**If NO or Partially, please specify the reasons; If Partially, please specify the number of vessels:**

IMO number not available for 4 small Pole & Line vessels <100GRT

**4. Mandatory information not fully provided or missing:**

INTEGRATION E-MARIS - E-RAV

The below figures are automatically sourced from South Africa reporting in the e-RAV

<u>Mandatory parameter</u>	<u>Number of field(s) missing</u>
Name of vessel	0
IMO number	4
National register number or EU registration (CFR) number	0
International radio call sign	0
Port of Registration	0
Type of vessel	0

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<b>Length overall (m)</b>	0
<b>Gross tonnage (GT)</b>	0
<b>Total volume of fish hold(s) (in m3)</b>	0
<b>Name of owner(s)</b>	0
<b>Address of owner(s)</b>	0
<b>Name of operator(s)</b>	0
<b>Address of operator(s)</b>	0
<b>Name of beneficial owner(s)</b>	0
<b>Address of beneficial owner(s)</b>	0
<b>Name of company operating the vessel</b>	0
<b>Address of company operating the vessel</b>	0
<b>Company registration number</b>	0
<b>Gear(s) used</b>	0
<b>Time period(s) authorised for fishing and/or trans- shipping - FROM</b>	0
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**Time period(s) authorised for fishing and/or trans-  
shipping - TO**

**Colour photographs of the vessel showing the star-  
board side of the vessel showing the whole structure** 0

**Colour photographs of the vessel showing the port-  
side of the vessel showing the whole structure** 0

**Colour photographs of the vessel showing the bow  
of the vessel** 4

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

IMO number not available for 4 small Pole & Line vessels <100GRT

## **5. Vessels on the Record of Authorized Vessels in 2025 :**

INTEGRATION E-MARIS - E-RAV

**The below figures are automatically sourced from South Africa reporting in the e-RAV  
2025**

The fields are restricted to the e-RAV - Integration.

**Number of vessels  $\geq$  24m  
on the Record of Autho-  
rized Vessels :**

10

**Number of vessels < 24m  
on the record of autho-  
rized vessel:**

13

## Requirement number: 2.5 - Information required: Template of the official authorisation to fish outside national jurisdictions in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:15 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have fishing vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not license flagged vessels to fish for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### 2. National flag vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels are issued authorisations to fish (ATF) outside National Jurisdiction for species managed by the IOTC?

- NO - National flag vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels are NOT issued authorisations to fish (ATF) outside National Jurisdiction
- YES - National flag vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels are issued authorisations to fish (ATF) outside National Jurisdiction - for high sea only
- YES - National flag vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels are issued authorisations to fish (ATF) outside National Jurisdiction - for EEZs of other countries only
- YES - National flag vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels are issued authorisations to fish (ATF) outside National Jurisdiction - both for high sea and for EEZs of other countries only

### 3. The template of the official authorisation to fish outside National Jurisdictions, with associated information required, has been reported to the IOTC Secretariat?

Reported ? Select at least one option	Submis- sion/update date? Select a date from the cal- endar	Additional information ? if not reported specify the reasons & the actions taken. If none, by default NONE is written.
YES - Complete for all vessel types	06-02-2023	NONE

### 4. The information concerning the official authorisation to fish outside National Jurisdictions has been updated/changed and we submit the updated information to the IOTC Secretariat?

#### 4.1 REPORTING ON NEW COMPETENT AUTHORITY / INSTITUTION

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for new institution(s).
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for new institution.

#### 4.2 REPORTING ON NEW PERSONAL OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY / INSTITUTION

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for new personal(s).
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for personal.

#### 4.3 REPORTING ON INSTITUTION AND/OR OFFICER NOT ANYMORE AUTHORISED

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.

#### 4.4 REPORTING ON NEW ATF TEMPLATE(S)

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for new ATF template(s).
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for ATF template.

### 5. All the mandatory information on the template of the official authorisation to fish outside National Jurisdictions have been provided to the IOTC Secretariat?

- NO - ALL information missing       NO - Partially (Some information missing)
- YES - Complete - ALL Information provided

## 2.2 Chartering agreements

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



#### **Requirement number: 3.5 - Information required: Start, suspension, resumption and termination of the fishing operations under the chartering agreement in 2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 20 January 2026 - 12:26 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

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

##### 2. Reporting on start, suspension, resumption and termination of charter agreements signed?

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

Agreement Number (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4)	CPCs involved Select one CPC	Start date Pick up date	Suspension date FROM Pick up date	Suspension date TO Pick up date	Resumption date Pick up date	Termination date Pick up date
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## Requirement number: 3.3 - Information required: Information on the particulars of the charter agreements and detail of vessels (chartering CP) in 2025

Requirement submitted ? true the 20 January 2026 - 10:43 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No chartered vessel and no chartering agreement in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is involved as flag CPC in chartering agreement in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not charter vessel in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### 2. You have chartering agreements signed ?

- YES - Information reported       NO - Information not Reported

### 3. The information of the charter agreements signed in 2025 , (as Chartering CP) reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?

- YES - Information reported       NO - Information not Reported



**Upload the information of the charter agreements in 2025 in the UPLOAD section :**

### Mandatory requirements complied with

- Flag CP was in copy of the e-mail notification
- Notification sent within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a Charter agreement
- IMO ship identification number (if eligible)
- Name and contact address of the beneficial owner(s) of the vessel(s)
- Description of the vessel(s), including the length overall, type of vessel(s) & the type of fishing method(s) used under the chartering agreement
- Copy of the chartering agreement       Fishing authorization or license it has issued to the vessel(s)
- The quota allocation(s) or fishing possibility assigned to the vessel(s)
- Duration of the chartering arrangement       Consent to the chartering agreement
- Measures adopted to implement these provisions
- Name of the chartered vessel(s) (in both native & Latin alphabets)
- Registration number of the chartered vessel(s)

### 4. The information of the charter agreements signed is reported within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a Charter agreement ?

- Yes       No

Date of signature of the agreement(s):

-

Date of commencement of fishing:

-

Date of reporting:

-

### 5. Chartering agreements have been signed with the following countries ?

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### 6. For the chartered vessel(s) under the charter agreement(s) :

Number of charter agreements :

0

Number of charter vessels :

0

## **Requirement number: 3.4 - Information required: Consent, measures, agreement implementation of IOTC CMMs (flag CPC) in 2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 20 January 2026 - 10:37 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No chartered vessel and no chartering agreement as flag CPC in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is involved as Chartering CP in chartering agreement in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have flag vessel chartered in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. The information of the charter agreements signed (as Flag CP) reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- YES - Information reported and uploaded below
- NO - No information reported
- Nil report/Not Applicable - No chartered vessels and no chartering agreement in 2025

### **Mandatory information provided ?**

#### **Select the mandatory information provided:**

- Consent to the chartering agreement       Measures adopted to implement these provisions; and
- Its agreement to comply with IOTC Conservation and Management Measures
- Copy of the chartering agreement       Chartering CP was in copy of the e-mail notification
- Notification sent within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a Charter agreement

### **3. The information of the charter agreements signed is reported within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a Charter agreement ?**

- YES - Reported within 15 days, or, in any case, prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities.
- NO - NOT Reported within 15 days or prior to 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities.

**Date of signature of the agreement(s):**

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**Date of commencement of fishing:**

-

**Date of reporting:**

-

### **4. Chartering agreements signed with the following countries ?**

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### **5. For the chartered vessel(s) under the charter agreement(s):**

**Number of charter agreements in 2025:**

0

**Number of charter vessels in 2025:**

0

## 2.3 Active vessels

### Resolution 10/08 Concerning a Record of Active Vessels Fishing for Tunas and Swordfish in the IOTC Area



#### **Requirement number: 3.1 - Information required: List of active vessels in 2025 - Deadline: 15/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 04 February 2026 - 12:24 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does NOT have vessel fishing in the IOTC area of competence and on the Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

#### 2. List of vessels active provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?

- YES - The list of vessels active is provided, submitted in the e-RAV application and uploaded below
- NO - The list of vessels active is NOT provided
- NO - NIL report - Not applicable - No active vessels in 2025



**Upload the 2025 list of active vessels as reported in the e-RAV application with this template:** [Res\\_10\\_08 - Active Vessels List declaration ZAF2025.xlsx](#) - 4/2/2026

What criteria/information you are using to establish the List of Active Vessels?

- VMS information  Issuance of Authorisation to Fish high sea (ATF)
- Issuance of Fishing license in EEZ  Landing/transshipment report
- Return of paper national fishing logbook  Periodic catch reporting
- Electronic reporting system (ERS)  Report from electronic national fishing logbook
- Other information

The List of Active Vessels includes the following categories of vessels ?

- Flag Vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- Flag Vessels < 24m fishing exclusively in EEZ & NOT registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels
- Vessel(s) under Charter Agreement

#### 3. All the mandatory information on all vessels active provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?

##### Reported ?

Select at least one option

If reported  
Number of active vessels ?

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

YES - Complete (All active vessels reported and no mandatory information missing) 19

NONE

#### 4. What mandatory information are not fully provided or missing ?

- IOTC Number       Name of the vessel       Registration number       IMO number
- Previous flag(s) of the vessel       International radio call sign       Type of vessel
- Length overall (m)       Total volume of fish hold(s) (in m3)       Gross tonnage (GT)
- Name & address of owner(s)       Name & address of charterer       Name & address of operator(s)
- Main target species       Period of authorisation (FROM)       Period of authorisation (TO)

**Specify the reasons for each missing requirement selected above:**

IOTC Number not provided for vessels <24m and active in the EEZ only. IMO Number not available for small Pole & Line vessels <100GRT

**5. For national vessels - number of active vessels ?**

Number of active vessels ≥ 24m

Number of active vessels ≥ 24m:

10

Number of active vessels < 24m

Number of active vessels < 24m:

9

## 2.4 List of vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna

### Resolution 21/01 on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence



#### **Requirement number: 3.11 - Information required: List of vessels having fished for yellowfin tuna in the preceding year in 2025 - Deadline: 15/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 04 February 2026 - 13:23 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does NOT have vessels fishing for yellow fin tuna (YFT) in the IOTC area of competence in 2025 - No catch of YFT in High sea fisheries and no catch of YFT in coastal fisheries.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC objected to Resolution 21/01.
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

##### 2. The list of vessels which have fished yellowfin tuna (YFT) provided to the IOTC Secretariat and attached ?

- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does NOT have vessels fishing for yellow fin tuna (YFT) in the IOTC area of competence in 2025 - No catch of YFT in High sea fisheries and no catch of YFT in coastal fisheries.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC OBJECTED to Resolution 21/01
- YES – The list of YFT vessels with catch of YFT in High sea fisheries AND catch of YFT in coastal fisheries in 2025 , is uploaded below.
- YES – ONLY the list of YFT vessels with catch of YFT in High sea fisheries in 2025 , is uploaded below.
- YES – ONLY the list of YFT vessels with catch of YFT in coastal fisheries in 2025 , is uploaded below.



#### **Upload the list of vessels fishing YEL-LOWFIN TUNA (YFT) using the template report:**

[Res 21 01 - Reporting template for active vessels YFT E F ZAF2025.xlsx](#) - 4/2/2026

##### Criteria/information used to establish the List of vessels fishing YFT ?

- Return of paper national fishing logbook  Report from electronic national fishing logbook
- Landing/transshipment report  Periodic catch reporting  Electronic reporting system (ERS)
- Issuance of Fishing license in EEZ, Authorised target species include YFT
- Issuance of Authorisation to Fish high sea (ATF), Authorised target species include YFT
- Other information

##### 3. For national vessels - number of vessels ?

###### a. For vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV):

Enter number of vessels

Number of vessels ≥ 24m on the RAV fishing for yellowfin tuna 9

Number of vessels < 24m on the RAV fishing for yellowfin tuna 4

###### b. For vessels NOT registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels (RAV):

Enter number of vessels (all length)

Number of coastal/artisanal vessels fishing for yellowfin tuna 1



## 2.5 Control of domestic vessels

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



#### **Requirement number: 2.1 - Information required: Vessels to carry on board authorisation to fish and/or tranship and certificate of vessel registration in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:18 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

##### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship to be on board national 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 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 IOTC binding measure are :

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

1. South African vessels are obliged to apply and be issued with a South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) registration and safety certificates.
2. All right holders can only fish for tuna and tuna-like species if they are in possession of a catch permit and a local/high seas license.
3. All right holders can only transship tuna and tuna-like species if they are in possession of a transshipment permit and in the presence of a Fishery Control Officers. Transship at sea is not permitted.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Maintain compliance/infringement records

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

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

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

NONE



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

#### 3. All documents, valid certificates of vessel registration and valid authorisation to fish and/or tranship, were found to be on board national vessels inspected ?

##### Implemented ?

Select one option

##### If Implemented - since?

Select a date from the calendar

##### Additional information ?

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

Implemented (obliged) BOTH by national law or regulation or administrative instruction AND T&C ATF -

NONE

National legislation with provision of documents onboard ?



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :**

[ZAF - Law - 1998 - MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\)\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law ATF - Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions 2025-2026.pdf - 19/2/2026](#)

[ZAF - Law ATF - Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_2026.pdf - 19/2/2026](#)

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

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998)

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

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

13. Permits

(1) No person shall exercise any right granted in terms of section 18 or perform any other activity in terms of this Act unless a permit has been issued by the Minister to such person to exercise that right or perform that activity.

(2) Any permit contemplated in subsection (1) shall - (a) be issued for a specified period not exceeding one year; (b) be issued subject to the conditions determined by the Minister in the permit; and (c) be issued against the payment of any fees determined by the Minister in terms of section 25 (1).

(3) The holder of a permit shall at all times have that permit available for inspection at the location where the right or activity in respect of which the permit has been issued, is exercised.

(4) A permit to exercise an existing right in terms of this Act may be refused if the conditions of a previously issued permit had not been adhered to.

14.3 No transshipment of fish at sea is permitted. Transshipment in port shall only be permitted subject to the application and issuance of a transshipment permit by the Department and 100% complete monitoring of transshipment by the FCOs.

## **Requirement number: 2.2 - Information required: Fishing vessels to be marked in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:20 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance, by persons/vessels, with the obligation for national vessel marking ?**

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act and Regulations Promulgated thereunder - 77Marking of fishing vessels and 78 Radio call signs Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions, p53 - operators are required to strictly adhere to the permit conditions

**Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions: Vessel Specifications**

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government

Marine Living Resources Act and Regulations Promulgated thereunder - 77Marking of fishing vessels and 78 Radio call signs Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions, p53 - operators are required to strictly adhere to the permit conditions

**Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions: Vessel Specifications**

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

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

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

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

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

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

A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

NONE



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

### **3. All national fishing vessels are marked (e.i FAO Standard Specification for the Marking and Identification of Fishing vessels) ?**

Implemented ? Select one option	If Implemented - since? Select a date from the calendar	Marked with? Select at least one option	Additional information ? if not obliged/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.
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- - - NONE

#### 4. National legislation with provision of documents onboard ?



### Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :

[ZAF - Law - 1998 - MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\) \\_EN.pdf](#)  
[ZAF - Law - 1998 - Regulation MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\) \\_EN.pdf](#)  
[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - Tuna Pole Line PermitConditions \\_EN.pdf](#)  
[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions \\_EN.pdf](#)

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

Marine Living Resources Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder  
 Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole-line Permit Conditions

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

##### 77 Marking of fishing vessels

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, no person shall use any fishing vessel unless it bears the registration letters and numbers assigned thereto by the Director-General.
- (2) The letters and numbers contemplated in subregulation (1), shall be affixed according to the specifications set out in Annexure 14.
- (3) The registration letters and numbers assigned to any fishing vessel shall not be transferred to any other vessel without the written authority of the Director-General and shall not be used on, painted on or attached to any other vessel.
- (4) When any fishing vessel ceases to be licensed in terms of the provisions of the Act, the owner of such a vessel shall obliterate or remove every registration letter and number from such a vessel within 21 days.
- (5) If the owner of a licensed fishing vessel sells or otherwise disposes of such a vessel, in the case where the requirements of the Act have- (a) been complied with, transfer fees determined by the Minister under section 25 of the Act, shall be payable; and, (b) not been complied with, the licence shall lapse.

##### 78 Radio call signs

- (1) All vessels with an overall length of 25 metres or more that are licensed to engage in fishing in South African waters, shall display the letters and or numbers of its radio call-sign on each side of the superstructure at the highest practical point above the gunwale, or main deck where it can best be seen.
- (2) If, for practical reasons, the radio call sign cannot be displayed on the superstructure, it shall be displayed in a conspicuous position on each side of the vessel at the highest practical point above the gunwale or main deck.
- (3) The letters and or numbers of the radio call sign shall be painted in white on a black background or black on a white background in characters not less than in the case of vessels with an overall length of- (a) 25 metres or more, but less than 45 metres, 90 cm in height, 45 cm in breadth, excluding the letter 'l' and figure '1', 10 cm in thickness width and stroke, and 20 cm spacing between each letter and or figure, and the white or black background area shall overlap the edges of the radio call sign by at least 10 cm; and (b) 45 metres or more, 120 cm height, 70 cm in breadth, excluding the letter 'l' and figure '1', 15 cm in thickness width and stroke, and 30 cm spacing between each letter and or number and the white or black background area shall overlap the edges of the radio call sign by at least 20cm.
- (4) Any registration letter and or number and the radio call-sign assigned and affixed to a fishing vessel shall at all times be maintained in a clear, distinct and legible condition and shall at all times be clearly displayed.

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8.1 The letters (TL or SL) must be displayed on the vessel next to the area code.

8.2 The registration letters and numbers assigned to the vessel by the Director-General (the area code), must be painted in white on a black background or in black on a white background on both bows in characters not less than 15 cm in height, 10cm in breadth (figure "1" expected) and 2 cm in thickness (width of stroke). The space between adjacent letters and figures shall be between 2 cm and 5 cm.

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8.3 Radio call signs must be clearly visible and displayed as stipulated in terms of regulation 78 of the Regulations promulgated under the Act.

## **Requirement number: 2.3 - Information required: Passive fishing gears to be marked in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:22 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025 .
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no fishing vessel using passive fishing gears in 2025 .
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance, by persons/vessels, with the obligation to mark passive fishing gears ?**

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

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

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

In accordance with Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions, p53 - operators are required to strictly adhere to the permit conditions

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

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

In accordance with Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions, p53 - operators are required to strictly adhere to the permit conditions

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

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

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

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

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

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

A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

NONE



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

### **3. All passive fishing gears used by national fishing vessels are marked ?**

#### **Implemented ?**

Select one option

**If Implemented since ?**

**Marked with ?**

Select at least one option

**Additional information ?**

if not obliged/implemented specify the rea-

Select a date from the calendar

sons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.

NONE

#### 4. National legislation with provision of gears marked ?



#### Upload national legislation and ATF T&C :

[ZAF - Law - 1998 - Regulation MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\)\\_EN.pdf](#)

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

REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 CHAPTER 9 OTHER PROVISIONS - Part 1 Provisions relating to the leaving of objects and dispensing of material in the sea Fishing gear and other implements 86.

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

Large Pelagic Longline and Tuna Pole Line permit conditions, p53 - operators are required to strictly adhere to the permit conditions

##### **REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998**

CHAPTER 9 OTHER PROVISIONS - Part 1 Provisions relating to the leaving of objects and dispensing of material in the sea Fishing gear and other implements

86. (1) No person shall, except on the authority of a permit, leave any fishing gear, mooring, or any other implement or object utilised for fishing operations on or in the sea upon termination of any fishing operations.

(2) Where any person has left any fishing gear, mooring, or any other implement or object on or in the sea in contravention of subregulation (1), the Minister may cause such object to be removed.

(3) Any costs incurred by the Minister in connection with the removal of any fishing gear, mooring or other implement or object in terms of subregulation (2), shall be payable by the person by whom the object in question was left on or in the sea, which costs shall constitute a debt owing to the State.

**(4) Any buoy used for marking or suspending an implement in the sea shall be clearly marked with the name of the vessel from which it was deployed.**

## **Requirement number: 2.4 - Information required: Vessels to carry on board bound national fishing logbook with consecutively numbered pages in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:27 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has ONLY vessels (eg. carrier vessels, support vessels) other than fishing vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025 .
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure persons/vessels compliance with the obligation for fishing vessels/persons to keep fishing national logbook on board, bound, with consecutively numbered pages and original kept on board at least 12 months ?**

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

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

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

#### 11.2 Catch Statistics:

- (a) A new catch statistics logbook, available at Marine Resource Management upon receipt of a permit, is to be utilised every year. A second book can be obtained should the first book be fully utilized.
- (b) The original catch statistics forms shall remain in the logbook until it is delivered to the Department. By the end of each month, following the month in which the fish were caught (e.g. January to be submitted by the end of February), the catch statistics must be submitted to the Department. Delivery methods include:
- Scans of the original catch statistics form or electronic (excel or equivalent) copies to be emailed to pllresearch@dffe.gov.za. The electronic version of the catch statistics form is available upon request from pllresearch@dffe.gov.za.
  - Hand deliver the original catch statistics form to the Customer Services Centre (Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way). Certification and receipt of delivery will be confirmed by by an official of the Branch: Fisheries Management who will stamp, date and sign the carbon copy of the catch statistics form in the logbook.
  - Post to DFFE's Foretrust Building. Address in Clause 15.1. Attn: Large Pelagics Scientific Technician.
- Delivery method (i) requires that all original logbook catch statistics forms only be submitted for Attn: Scientific Technician by the 28th of February 2025 (i.e end of the fishing permit year), or when requesting a new log book, or when the originals are requested by the Department. Catch statistics logbook forms and notifications must be submitted for the duration of the active permit.
- (c) A "NO FISHING" return must be submitted for every month where no fish has been landed.

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

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

#### 14 VIOLATIONS

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

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

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

14.7 The Department may refuse to issue a subsequent permit should the conditions stipulated in this permit not be adhered to.

(f) The Department will not issue the 2025/26 catch permit to the Permit Holder if the required catch statistics data are not provided or are incomplete.

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

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

#### 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

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

contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.

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

(3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may - (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

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

NONE



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[Large Pelagic Longline-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)  
[Tuna Pole Line-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)

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

**3. All national fishing logbooks were found to be bound on board national fishing vessels ?**

<b>Implemented ?</b>	<b>If Implemented - Since ?</b>	<b>Additional information ?</b>
Select at least one option	Select a date from the calendar	if not obliged/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.

- - NONE

**4. All national fishing logbooks were found to be on board with consecutively numbered pages ?**

<b>Implemented ?</b>	<b>If Implemented - Since ?</b>	<b>Additional information ?</b>
Select at least one option	Select a date from the calendar	if not obliged/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.

- - NONE

**5. All national fishing logbook were found to be on board with the original recordings contained in the fishing logbooks for a period of at least 12 months ?**

<b>Implemented ?</b>	<b>If Implemented - Since ?</b>	<b>Additional information ?</b>
Select at least one option	Select a date from the calendar	If none specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

- - NONE

6. National legislation with provision for: i) Logbooks to be carried onboard and bound? ii) Logbooks with consecutively numbered pages? iii) Logbooks with original recordings for at least 12 months on board ?



## Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2023 24 - Tuna Pole Line PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2023 24 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law - 1998 - Regulation MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\)\\_EN.pdf](#)

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

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998

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

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

### REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 - Logbooks

79. (1) The master of a fishing vessel in respect of which a commercial licence or permit has been issued, shall maintain on such fishing vessel—(a) a bound fishing logbook with numbered pages; and (b) a landing logbook, the format of which shall be determined in the permit and which shall be obtainable from Sea Fisheries...

(2) Catch logbooks shall contain the following recordings: (a) On a daily basis and or for each fishing operation, catches retained on board by species in live weight kilograms; (b) the estimated cumulative fishing since the commencement of fishing; (c) the type of gear used; (d) the number of fishing operations per day, where appropriate, and the duration of time that the fishing gear is deployed during each fishing operation; (e) the fishing location, longitude and latitude; and (f) the amount of fish dumped or discarded, where applicable.

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

12.2 The Permit Holder shall keep the duplicate copies of the catch statistics logbook forms for a minimum period of sixty (60) months.

## Resolution 15/01 On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC Area of Competence



### Requirement number: 2.6 - Information required: Template of official fishing logbooks in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:59 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- 1 . NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessels over 24 metres length overall and under 24 metres fishing outside the EEZs registered on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels
- 2 . NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessels less than 24 metres operating within the EEZ
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

#### 2. The information concerning the official fishing logbook has been updated/changed and submit the updated information?

- YES - We have updated the official fishing logbook in 2025 and we submit the information to the IOTC Secretariat
- NO - We have NOT updated the official fishing logbook in 2025
- NO - NIL report/Not applicable - No vessels over 24 metres length overall and under 24 metres fishing outside the EEZs registered on the IOTC Record of authorised vessels

#### 3. Information on fishing logbook used onboard by flagged fishing vessels:

Vessel Type	Paper/Electronic	Category operation: Select at least one option	In IOTC language: Select at least one option	e-LOGBOOK regulation provided: For CPC with e-Logbook	e-LOGBOOK screen shot provided: For CPC with e-Logbook	e-LOGBOOK software name: For CPC with e-Logbook
PS	-	-	-	-	-	-
LL	Paper	Vessels > 24m fishing inside & outside EEZ, Vessels < 24m fishing Inside EEZ	English	-	-	-
GN	-	-	-	-	-	-
PoL	Paper	Vessels > 24m fishing inside & outside EEZ, Vessels < 24m fishing Inside EEZ	English	-	-	-
TRO	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (Select)	-	-	-	-	-	-



**b. Upload the fishing logbook template in one of the two languages of the IOTC :**

[007 Large Pelagic Longline catch returns forms\\_example 2024.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

[007 Tuna Pole logbook2024 TEMPLATE example.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

**c. Any additional information?**

Enter comments/remarks, If none, NONES is written

NONE

**4. CPCs with paper official fishing logbook:**

a. If paper fishing logbook is not in one of the two languages of the IOTC, the complete field description of the logbook in one of the two languages of the IOTC is reported to the IOTC Secretariat:

NO     YES     All flag vessels use electronic fishing logbook on board

**5. CPCs with electronic fishing logbook system:**

a. The copy of the applicable regulations implementing the electronic logbook system is reported to the IOTC Secretariat?

No     Yes     All flag vessels use paper fishing logbook on board

b. The set of screen captures of the electronic logbook system is reported to the IOTC Secretariat?

No     Yes     All flag vessels use paper fishing logbook on board

c. The name of the certified software of the electronic logbook system has been reported to the IOTC Secretariat?

No     Yes     All flag vessels use paper fishing logbook on board

d. If electronic fishing logbook is not in one of the two languages of the IOTC, the complete field description of the logbook in one of the two languages of the IOTC is reported to the IOTC Secretariat?

No     Yes     Yes - The electronic fishing logbook was provided in one of the two languages of the IOTC

## **Requirement number: 2.7 - Information required: Data recording system for vessels below 24m operating inside the EEZ in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 17:44 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a developing State.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of Competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No artisanal/coastal fisheries/vessels active in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel less than 24 metres operating within the EEZ in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. A system or procedures to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for fishing vessels less than 24 metres AND persons of developing CPCs operating inside the EEZ to implement the data recording system ?**

- 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 :**

Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations

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

#### **11. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION**

##### **11.1 Catch Statistics:**

- (a) A new catch statistics logbook, available at Marine Resource Management upon receipt of a permit, is to be utilised every year. A second book can be obtained should the first book be fully utilized.
- (b) The original catch statistics forms shall remain in the logbook until it is delivered to the Department. By the end of each month, following the month in which the fish were caught (e.g. January to be submitted by the end of February), the catch statistics must be submitted to the Department. Delivery methods include:
- Scans of the original catch statistics form or electronic (excel or equivalent) copies to be emailed to pllresearch@dffe.gov.za. The electronic version of the catch statistics form is available upon request from pllresearch@dffe.gov.za.
  - Hand deliver the original catch statistics form to the Customer Services Centre (Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way). Certification and receipt of delivery will be confirmed by an official of the Branch: Fisheries Management who will stamp, date and sign the carbon copy of the catch statistics form in the logbook.
  - Post to DFFE's Foretrust Building. Address in Clause 15.1. Attn: Large Pelagics Scientific Technician.
- Delivery method (i) requires that all original logbook catch statistics forms only be submitted for Attn: Scientific Technician by the 28th of February 2025 (i.e end of the fishing permit year), or when requesting a new log book, or when the originals are requested by the Department. Catch statistics logbook forms and notifications must be submitted for the duration of the active permit.
- (c) A "NO FISHING" return must be submitted for every month where no fish has been landed.
- (d) Any errors in recording information in the catch statistics book shall only be rectified using a pen to strike out the incorrect information. (No correction fluid such as Tippex shall be used).
- (e) Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed must be reported in the catch statistics logbook. This is to be filled out in the grey row at the end of each trip on the catch statistic logbook form and should reflect the same amounts as per the landing declaration sheets.

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery: 11.2.f. The Department will not issue the 2026/27 catch permit to the Permit Holder if the required catch statistics data are not provided or are incomplete.

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

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF

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

#### **14 VIOLATIONS**

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with

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

14.7 The Department may refuse to issue a subsequent permit should the conditions stipulated in this permit not be adhered to.

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

None



[Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026  
[Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_26 signed.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

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

3. The data/catch recording systems for vessels less than 24 metres of developing CPCs operating inside the EEZ is implemented at the standard of the Resolution 15/01 ?

Implemented ?

Select at least one option

If implemented - since ?  
 Select a year

Additional information/remarks ?

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

YES - The coastal data/catch recording system is fishing logbook based, identical to the system for vessels over 24 metres length overall and those under 24 metres if they fish outside the EEZs

2015 NONE

4. Implementation of the data recording system for coastal fisheries (EEZ), for which coastal fisheries/fishing gears, the system is implemented (since 2016) ?

- BS - Beach seine       CN - Cast net       DL - Drifting longline
- DL+TL - Drifting longline and trolling line       DS - Danish seine       GD - Drifting gillnet
- GD+DL - Drifting gillnet and longline       GD+HL+TL - Drifting gillnet, handline and trolling line
- GE - Encircling gillnet       GS - Set gillnet       GS+SL - Set gillnet and longline       HL - Handline
- HL+TL - Handline and trolling line       HL+TL+DL - Hook and line
- HL+TL+PL - Handline, trolling line and pole-and-line       HR - Harpoon       LN - Lift net
- PL - Pole-and-line       PL+PS - Pole-and-line and purse seine       PS - Purse seine
- RN - Ring net       RR - Rod and reel       SL - Set longline       SP - None (supply vessels)
- TL - Trolling line       TP - Trap       TR - Trawl       UN - Unknown gear       VL - Vertical line

5. Describe your coastal data recording system for the fisheries/fishing gears checked above ?

- Catch Assessment Surveys of artisanal/coastal fisheries based on sample surveys "sampling in space and time"
- Artisanal/coastal fisheries information system
- Simplified data/catch recording forms onboard vessels
- Simplified data/catch recording forms used by field samplers at landing site/port
- The coastal data/catch recording system is fishing logbook based, identical to the system for vessels over 24 metres length overall and those under 24 metres if they fish outside the EEZs.

None of the above boxes are checked, please specify, and, describe your data/catch recording system for the fisheries/fishing gears covered:

6. Upload forms, documents, guideline, SOP on your coastal data recording system ?



**Upload forms used by your coastal data recording system**

[007 Tuna Pole logbook2024 TEMPLATE example.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

**Upload any documents, guideline, standard operating procedure (SOP) on**

## your coastal data recording system

### 7. Legal Obligation ?



### **Upload national legislation with provision for coastal national data recording system for coastal vessels below 24m operating in the EEZ :**

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

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998

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

##### Logbooks

79. (1) The master of a fishing vessel in respect of which a commercial licence or permit has been issued, shall maintain on such fishing vessel-- (a) a bound fishing logbook with numbered pages; and (b) a landing logbook, the format of which shall be determined in the permit and which shall be obtainable from Sea Fisheries.

(2) Catch logbooks shall contain the following recordings: (a) On a daily basis and or for each fishing operation, catches retained on board by species in live weight kilograms; (b) the estimated cumulative fishing since the commencement of fishing; (c) the type of gear used; (d) the number of fishing operations per day, where appropriate, and the duration of time that the fishing gear is deployed during each fishing operation; (e) the fishing location, longitude and latitude; and (f) the amount of fish dumped or discarded, where applicable.

## **Resolution 24/02 On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (FADs) In the IOTC Area of Competence – Marking of drifting fish aggregating devices**



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

## Resolution 23/01 - On management of anchored fish aggregating devices (AFADs) – Marking of anchored fish aggregating devices.



### **Requirement number: 2.10 - Obligation: AFADs to be marked in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 17:15 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

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

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation for vessels to only use AFADs permanently marked with a Unique National Identification (UNI) number ?

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

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

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

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Sanction schemes prevent vessels from non-compliance behaviour & from engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, Maintain compliance/infringement records

Section 28 proceedings in terms of the MLRA will be invoked for any violation of permit conditions and the MLRA

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

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

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

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

NONE



[Large Pelagic Longline-Permit conditions 2024.pdf](#)

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

#### 3. All anchored Fish Aggregating Devices are marked ? Implemented ?

Marked with ?

Select at least one option	if Implement- ed - since ? Select a date from the cal- endar	Enter the identifier. (e.g. IOTC no, IMO)	Number of AFAD marked ?
-	-	-	0

4. Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices are marked, the national legislation obliges AFADs to be marked clearly and permanently with a Unique National Identification (UNI) number that identifies either the CPC or the vessel(s) that the AFAD belongs to ?

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

(If none, by default NONE is written)

NONE

5. AFAD marked provision in national legislation / ATF T&C ?



### Obligated by national legislation and ATF T&C, Upload :

a. Provide 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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## **2.6 Vessel Monitoring System**

**Consult the Implementation report at Resolution 25/02**

## 2.7 Transshipment

**Resolution 24/05 On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels**





## 2.8 Compliance of flag vessels

### Resolution 16/07 On the use of artificial lights to attract fish



#### **Requirement number: 2.15 - Prohibition to: Use surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Exigence soumise ? true le 19 February 2026 - 15:26 // Évaluation de la conformité de l'obligation : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO vessel (coastal and high sea) operating beyond territorial waters
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

##### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the prohibition i) from using/installing/operating surface/submerged artificial lights beyond territorial waters and ii) from intentionally conducting fishing activities around/near any vessel/DFAD equipped with artificial lights ?

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

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

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

As per large pelagic longline permit conditions (pg70) and tuna pole-line permit conditions (pg43), The use, installing or operating surface or submerged artificial lights is prohibited

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

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

##### 14 VIOLATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

##### 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

(1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act - (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.

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

(3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may - (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

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

NONE



[Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions 2025-2026.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

[Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_26.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

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

**3. The use of submerged artificial lights for the purpose of aggregating tuna and tuna-like species beyond territorial waters ? Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**if Implemented - since?**

Select a date from the calendar

**Additional information ?**

if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

If none, by default NONE is written.

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national regulation

01-02-2017

NONE

**4. Legal obligation ?**



**Provision for Prohibition to: Use surface or submerged artificial lights to attract fish - Upload national legislation / ATF T&C:**

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

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

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

Annexure 9 and Annexure 6:

The use, installing or operating surface or submerged artificial lights is prohibited

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



### Requirement number: 2.16 - Prohibition to: Use aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:42 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel, support and supply vessel operating 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 prohibition from using aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids ?

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

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

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

As per large pelagic longline permit conditions, p52 - Use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids is prohibited

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

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

#### 14 VIOLATIONS

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

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

#### 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

(1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act - (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.

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

(3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may - (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister;

(d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

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

NONE



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

**3. The use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids ?**

<b>Implemented ?</b> Select at least one option	<b>if Implemented - since?</b> Select a date from the calendar	<b>Additional information ?</b> if not banned/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation
-	-	NONE

**4. Legal obligation ?**



**Provision for Prohibition to: Use aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles - Upload the national legislation & ATF T&C :**

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - Tuna Pole Line PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)  
[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

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

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

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

Use of aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles as fishing aids is prohibited

## Resolution 11/02 Prohibition of fishing on data buoys



### **Requirement number: 2.23 - Prohibition from: Intentionally fish within 1 nautical mile of or interact with data buoy in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:43 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have fishing vessels operating 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 prohibition of fishing vessels from intentionally fishing/interacting with data buoy ?**

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

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

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

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

Large pelagic longline permit conditions, p53 - Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government

Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

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

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

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NONE



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

**3. Intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoy:**

**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.

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**4. Legal Obligation**



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provision to prohibit fishing vessels from intentionally fishing within one nautical mile of or interacting with a data buoy in the IOTC area of competence - Resolution 11/02 (2):**

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - Tuna Pole Line PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

(Including, not limited to, encircling buoy with fishing gear and tying up to and attaching the vessel and any fishing gear, part or portion of the vessel, to a data buoy or its mooring; and cutting a data buoy anchor line)

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

Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions

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

Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

## **Requirement number: 2.24 -Prohibition from: Taking on board a data buoy in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 17:36 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have fishing vessels operating 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 prohibition of fishing vessels to take onboard data buoy ?**

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

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

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

Large pelagic longline permit conditions, p53 - Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

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

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

Large pelagic longline permit conditions, p53 - Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

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

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

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NONE



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

**3. Taking on board a data buoy:****Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

<b>If Implemented - Since?</b>	<b>Additional information ?</b>
Select a date from the calendar	if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national law

01-03-2025

NONE

**4 . Legal Obligation**

**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provision to prohibit fishing vessels from taking on board a data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence - Resolution 11/02 (3):**

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2024 25 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

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

Large pelagic longline permit conditions, p53

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

Operators are prohibited from taking on board a data buoy and fishing on data buoy while engaged in fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the IOTC area of competence.

## Resolution 23/06 On the conservation of cetaceans



## Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*)



## Resolution 19/03 On the conservation of Mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence



### Requirement number: 2.27 - Prohibition to: intentionally setting any gear type on Mobulid rays in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:34 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not have vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the Prohibition of intentionally setting any gear type on Mobulid rays ?

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

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

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Flag State regular inspections are conducted to verify compliance of vessels with the IOTC obligations Prohibited under the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and permit conditions promulgated thereunder.

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Established in national law implemented by Government Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery:

#### 14 VIOLATIONS

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

14.7 The Department may refuse to issue a subsequent permit should the conditions stipulated in this permit not be adhered to.

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

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

Section 28 of the MLRA provides that:

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

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

NONE

#### 3. The Prohibition of intentionally setting any gear type on Mobulid rays:

##### 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 01-04-2016 NONE

#### 4 . Legal obligation



### Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provision to prohibit all flagged vessels from intentionally setting any gear type for targeted fishing of mobulid rays in the IOTC Area of Competence - Resolution 19/03 (2):

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2023 24 - Tuna Pole Line PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law ATF - 2023 24 - LargePelagics LL PermitConditions\\_EN.pdf](#)

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

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998)

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

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

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998):**

#### 13. Permits

(1) No person shall exercise any right granted in terms of section 18 or perform any other activity in terms of this Act unless a permit has been issued by the Minister to such person to exercise that right or perform that activity.

(2) Any permit contemplated in subsection (1) shall - (a) be issued for a specified period not exceeding one year; (b) be issued subject to the conditions determined by the Minister in the permit; and (c) be issued against the payment of any fees determined by the Minister in terms of section 25 (1).

(3) The holder of a permit shall at all times have that permit available for inspection at the location where the right or activity in respect of which the permit has been issued, is exercised.

(4) A permit to exercise an existing right in terms of this Act may be refused if the conditions of a previously issued permit had not been adhered to.

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

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



## Resolution 17/05 On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC

### **Requirement number: 6.1 - Prohibition to: fin sharks in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:33 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- 1 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel on the IOTC Record of authorised Vessels
- 2 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel authorised to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC on the high seas
- 3 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel operating in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- 4 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- 5 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the *Prohibition of shark finning* ?

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector (pg 50), Fins may not be removed from shark trunks. Fins to be kept naturally attached. As of 1st April 2026, tethering of fins no longer allowed. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the Prohibition on shark finning. Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements, Implementation of responses to non-compliance & infringements to ensure prompt control and remediation

Response to non-compliance with the Prohibition on shark finning is implemented by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

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

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024. Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations 14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). 14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this

MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

**MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits**

28. (1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be. (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit;(b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit. MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53 53. (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

**MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68 - Offences and penalties**

58. (1) Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years. (2) Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand. (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand. (4) A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years. Forfeiture orders by court 68. (1) If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State. (2) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it. (3) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security. (4) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

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

[NPOA Sharks II\\_South Africa\\_2022.pdf](#)  
[18-OF-1998-MARINE-LIVING-RE-SOURCES-ACT\\_8-Mar-2016-to-date.pdf](#)  
[Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions 2025-2026.pdf - 19/2/2026](#)  
[Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_26.pdf - 19/2/2026](#)

**3. Sharks landed fresh: the removal of shark fins on board vessels, the landing, retention on-board, transshipment and carrying of shark fins which are not naturally attached to the shark carcass until the first point of landing ?**  
**Implemented ?** **Additional information ?**

Select at least one option

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

Select a date from the calendar

Is implemented (ban) by national legislation

01-03-201NONE

#### Additional information on the implementation of this obligation ?

As of 1st April 2026, the permit condition allowing fins to be tethered will be removed. All fins to be kept naturally attached.

**4. Sharks landed frozen: CPCs that do not apply sub-paragraph 3 a) for all sharks shall require their vessels to not have on board fins that total more than 5% of the weight of sharks on board, up to the first point of landing ?**

**Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**If Implemented since?** - **Additional information ?**  
if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.  
If none, by default NONE is written.

Select a date from the calendar

Is implemented (ban) by national legislation

01-03-201NONE

#### Additional information on the implementation of this obligation ?

As of next fishing season. Fins to be kept naturally attached, permit conditions allowing tethering of fins no longer in effect as of April 2026

#### 5. Legal obligation



**Upload the national legislation and ATF**

**T&C :**

**With provision for Prohibition of shark finning**

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[NPOA Sharks II\\_South Africa\\_2022.pdf](#)  
[Permit conditions TPL.pdf](#)  
[Permit-conditions LPL.pdf](#)

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector (pg 50), Fins may not be removed from shark trunks. Fins to be kept naturally attached.

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector (pg 50), Fins may not be removed from shark trunks. Fins to be kept naturally attached.

## Resolution 12/09 On the conservation of thresher sharks (family *Alopiidae*) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence



### **Requirement number: 6.2 - Prohibition to: retain onboard, tranship, land, store, sell thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae* in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:52 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- 1 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No CPC flag vessel operating in the IOTC area of Competence
- 2 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is NOT a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- 3 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of flag vessels with the prohibition from retaining on board, transshipping, landing, storing, selling or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae* ?

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

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

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

6.2 Resolution 12/09 On the conservation of thresher sharks (family *Alopiidae*) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence - Prohibition on thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae* Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector. Section 6: Catch Controls and Limitations: Thresher sharks belonging to the genus *Alopias*, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus *Sphyrna*), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks as detailed in <https://sharkattackcampaign.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Commercial-Fisheries-HandlingGuidelines-Sharks.pdf> (pg 50), On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC. Hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus *Sphyrna*), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. Fins may not be removed from the shark trunks (i.e. headed, gutted).

For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the Prohibition to:retain onboard, tranship, land, store, sell thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae*.

Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

Response to non-compliance with the Prohibition to:retain onboard, tranship, land, store, sell thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae* is implemented by DFFE MCS section by enforcing:

**A)** The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and **B)** The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

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

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024.

#### **Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2026-2027 - 14. Violations**

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

**14.2** A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

#### **MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits**

**28. (1)** If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the

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

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

**(3)** When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

**(4)** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit.

#### **MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53**

**53. (1)** Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62.

**(2)** If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

#### **MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68**

##### **Offences and penalties**

**58. (1)** Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.

**(2)** Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand.

**(3)** Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand.

**(4)** A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.

##### **Forfeiture orders by court**

**68. (1)** If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State.

**(2)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it.

**(3)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security.

**(4)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

6.2 Resolution 12/09 On the conservation of thresher sharks (family Alopiidae) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence - Prohibition on thresher sharks of all the species of the family Alopiidae  
Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector. Section 6: Catch Controls and Limitations: Thresher sharks belonging to the genus Alopias, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus Sphyrna), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks as detailed in <https://sharkattackcampaign.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Commercial-Fisheries-HandlingGuidelines-Sharks.pdf> (pg 50), On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC. Hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus Sphyrna), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. Fins may not be removed from the shark trunks (i.e. headed, gutted).



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

3. Retaining on board, transhipping, landing, storing, selling or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae* ?

**Implemented ?** 4 options availables

**Select at least one option**

**If Implemented - since?**

Additional information ? if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

Select a date from the calendar

If none, by default NONE is written.

Is implemented (ban) by national legislation

01-03-201NONE

Additional information on the implementation of this obligation ?

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4 . Legal obligation ?



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :**

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**With provision for the prohibition from retaining on board, transhipping, landing, storing, selling or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae***

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

MLRA Act 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery 1 March 2026 - 29 February 2027

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

**Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery 1 March 2026 - 29 February 2027**

Section 6: Catch Controls and Limitations: Thresher sharks belonging to the genus Alopias, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus Sphyrna), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks.

## Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed fisheries



### Requirement number: 6.3 - Prohibition to: retain onboard, tranship, land, store, sell oceanic whitetip sharks in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:25 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- 1 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no vessels on the IOTC Record of authorised Vessels in 2025
- 2 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no vessels authorised to fish tuna and tuna-like species managed by the IOTC on the high seas
- 3 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- 4 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of South Africa flag vessels with the prohibition on oceanic whitetip sharks ?

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector. Section 6: Catch Controls and Limitations: Thresher sharks belonging to the genus *Alopias*, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus *Sphyrna*), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks as detailed in <https://sharkattackcampaign.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Commercial-Fisheries-HandlingGuidelines-Sharks.pdf> (pg 50), On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC. Hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus *Sphyrna*), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. Fins must remain naturally attached or tethered. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the Prohibition to: retain onboard, tranship, land, store, sell thresher sharks of all the species of the family *Alopiidae*. Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

Response to non-compliance with the following prohibition on Thresher sharks belonging to the genus *Alopias*, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus *Sphyrna*), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

Prohibition of fishing for a determined period, Fine , Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Other sanctions (specify below)

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024. Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations 14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). 14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

**MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits 28.** (1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be. (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit. **MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53 53.** (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

**MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68 - Offences and penalties**

**58.** (1) Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years. (2) Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand. (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand. (4) A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years. Forfeiture orders by court 68. (1) If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State. (2) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it. (3) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security. (4) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.



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## Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:

### 3. Retaining onboard, transhiping, landing or storing any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks ?

**Implemented ?** 4 options availables

**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.

Is implemented (ban) by national legislation

01-03-201NONE

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Additional information on the implementation of this obligation ?

NONE

### 4 . Legal obligation ?



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**With provision for prohibition on oceanic whitetip sharks**

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

MLRA Act 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder

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

Section 6: Catch Controls and Limitations: Thresher sharks belonging to the genus Alopias, hammerhead sharks (belonging to genus Sphyrna), oceanic whitetip sharks, porbeagle sharks, dusky sharks and silky sharks shall not be retained on board the vessel. In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks.

## Resolution 19/03 On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence



### Requirement number: 6.4 - Prohibition to: retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:19 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- 1 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no flag vessels operating in the IOTC area of Competence in 2025
- 2 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- 3 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of South Africa flag vessels with the prohibition of retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence ?

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector. Annexure 9 (pg50). Vessel(s) is/are prohibited from intentionally setting any gear type for targeted fishing of mobulid rays in the IOTC Area of Competence, if the animal is sighted prior to commencement of the set. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the Prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Implementation of corrective/preventative actions to prevent recurrence of non-compliance & infringements

Response to non-compliance with the following prohibition on mobulids by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

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

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024. Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations 14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). 14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this

MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

#### **MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS**

**28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits 28.** (1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be. (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit. **MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53 53.** (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

#### **MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68 - Offences and penalties**

58. (1) Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years. (2) Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand. (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand. (4) A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years. Forfeiture orders by court 68. (1) If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State. (2) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it. (3) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security. (4) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.



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**3. Retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence ?**

**Implemented ?**

**Additional information ?**

Select at least one option

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

Select a date from the calendar

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national regulation

01-03-201 NONE

#### 4 . Legal obligation ?



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**With provision for the prohibition of retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence**

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

MLRA Act 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder

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

Vessel(s) is/are prohibited from intentionally setting any gear type for targeted fishing of mobulid rays in the IOTC Area of Competence, if the animal is sighted prior to commencement of the set

Vessel(s) shall not retain onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence

## **Requirement number: 6.5 - Prohibition to: gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies of mobulid rays in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:57 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- 1 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no flag vessels operating in the IOTC area of Competence in 2025
- 2 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- 3 - NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of South Africa flag vessels with:**

- The prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies of mobulid rays
- The obligation to release alive, implement of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector (pg 8), Catch control and limitations (Section 6). It is prohibited to gaff, lift by the gill slits/ spiracles or punch holes through the bodies of prohibited species. Annexure 9. (pg 50). Vessel(s) is/are prohibited from intentionally setting any gear type for targeted fishing of mobulid rays in the IOTC Area of Competence, if the animal is sighted prior to commencement of the set. Vessel(s) shall not retain onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, any part or whole carcass of mobulid rays caught in the IOTC Area of Competence. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conducts continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/ spiracles, punch holes through the bodies & obligation to release alive, implementation of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays. Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

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

Response to non-compliance with the following prohibition on mobulids by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

Other sanctions (specify below)

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Articles 53 53. (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68

Offences and penalties

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

NONE

**3. Gaffing, lifting by the gill slits/spiracles, punching holes through the bodies of mobulid rays ?**

**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 01-03-2018

NONE

**4. The obligation to release alive, implement live release handling procedures of mobulid rays ?**

<b>Implemented ?</b> Select at least one option	<b>If Implemented - Since?</b> Select a date from the calendar	<b>Additional information ?</b> if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation. If none, by default NONE is written.
Implemented (obliged) ONLY by national regulation	01-03-2018	NONE

#### 4 . Legal obligation ?



### Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :

#### With provision on :

- **The prohibition to gaff, lift by the gill slits/spiracles, punch holes through the bodies of mobulid rays**
- **The obligation to release alive, implement of live release handling procedures of mobulid rays**

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

MLRA Act 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder

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

In the event of capture, the Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to implement live release handling procedures for mobulids, threshers, hammerhead sharks, dusky and silky sharks as detailed in <https://sharkattackcampaign.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Commercial-Fisheries-HandlingGuidelines-Sharks.pdf>

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



### **Requirement number: 6.6 - Obligation: Longline vessels to carry and employ line cutters and de-hookers on board in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:24 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no longline vessels on the IOTC Record of authorised Vessels in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no longline vessels active in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of South Africa longline vessels with the obligation to carry and employ line cutters and de-hookers on board ?

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

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

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector Annexure 4: Release Procedures (pg43-46): safe handling and release of sea turtles. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department's MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the obligation to have line cutters and de-hookers onboard. Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2024-2025 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

Response to non-compliance with the following prohibition by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2024-2025 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

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

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024. Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations 14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). 14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits 28. (1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit,

or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be. (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit;(b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit. MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53 53. (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour. MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68

**Offences and penalties**

58. (1) Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years. (2) Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand. (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand. (4) A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years. Forfeiture orders by court 68. (1) If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State. (2) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it. (3) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security. (4) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

None

**3. The obligation for all South Africa flag longline vessels to carry and employ line cutters and de-hookers on board ?**

**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 (obliged) BOTH by national law or regulation or administrative instruction AND T&C ATF

NONE

**4. Legal obligation ?**



**Upload the national legislation and ATF  
T&C :**

**With provision of the obligation to carry  
and employ line cutters and de-hookers on  
board**

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

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery 1 March 2025 - 29 February 2026  
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**b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:**

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector Annexure 4: Release Procedures (pg43-46): safe handling and release of sea turtles



## Resolution 23/07 On reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries



### **Requirement number: 6.8 - Obligation: Longline vessels to use mitigation measures south of 25°S in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:44 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no longline vessel operating in the IOTC Area of Competence - no longline vessel on the IOTC Record of authorised Vessels (RAV) and no longline vessels <24 operating in EEZ - in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has no longline vessel operating south of 25°S in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance with the obligation, for all longline vessels and persons, to use at least two of the three mitigation measures ?

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

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

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector Annexure 3. Specifications of Seabird Mitigation procedures. For the items selected above, the monitoring of flag vessels compliance is conducted by system/tool/personnel used by Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) section of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), they are: Inspection, fishing logbook, observer, VMS. These allow the Department, MCS section to conduct continuous monitoring of the fleets to ensure compliance with the seabird prohibition. Implementation of those tools are governed by the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Uploaded in section legal obligation below).

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

Response to non-compliance with the following prohibition by DFFE MCS section by enforcing: A) The Marine Living Resources Act 1998: CHAPTER 6 - LAW ENFORCEMENT 53. Seizure of vessels, 54. Seizure of vehicles or aircraft, 55. Immobilisation of vessels, vehicles or aircraft, 58. Offences and penalties, 64. Treatment of things detained or seized, 68. Forfeiture orders by court, 71. Documentary evidence, 73. Certificate as to location of vessel, 75. Photographic evidence); and B) The Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 (Section 14. On Violations). Response to non-compliance may lead to the action(s) mentioned in 1c below.

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

Forfeiture of property such as vessel, gear, and fish

Actions in relation to potential infringements, when proven, can be taken by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment under the provisions in the Marine Living Resources Act 1998 and the Permit Conditions Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024. Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations 14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), its contractors, agents or advisers and the skipper of the vessel, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings which may include section 28 of the MLRA proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). 14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be. (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision. (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit;(b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit. MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53 53. (1) Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62. (2) If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour. MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68

#### Offences and penalties

58. (1) Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years. (2) Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand. (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand. (4) A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years. Forfeiture orders by court 68. (1) If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State. (2) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it. (3) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security. (4) If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

NONE



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

[18-OF-1998-MARINE-LIVING-RE-SOURCES-ACT\\_8-Mar-2016-to-date \(1\).pdf](#)  
[Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_26.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026  
[Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions 2025-2026.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

**3. The obligation for all longline vessels to use at least two of the three mitigation measures ? Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**If Implemented - since?**

Select a date from the calendar

**Additional information ?**

if not banned/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

Implemented (obliged) ONLY by national law

01-02-2018

NONE

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#### 4. Legal obligation ?



### **Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :**

**With provision of the obligation, for long-line vessels, to use the mitigation measures.**

[18-OF-1998-MARINE-LIVING-RESOURCES-ACT\\_8-Mar-2016-to-date \(2\).pdf](#)  
[Tuna Pole Line Permit Conditions 2025\\_26.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026  
[Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions 2025-2026.pdf](#) - 19/2/2026

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

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery 1 March 2025 - 28 February 2026

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

Marine Living Resources Act (MLRA) 1998 and the Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Permit Conditions for the Large Pelagic Longline Sector Annexure 3. Specifications of Seabird Mitigation procedures.

## Resolution 18/05 On Management Measures for the Conservation of the Billfishes: Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-Pacific Sailfish



### Requirement number: 6.10 - Prohibition to: Retain on board, tranship, land, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin, indo-pacific sailfish smaller than 60 cm lower jaw fork length in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - In 2025, no vessels catching striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*), black marlin (*Makaira indica*), blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and Indo-Pacific sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*) in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of flag vessels with the prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, and Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length ?

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

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

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

#### 6. CATCH CONTROLS AND LIMITATIONS

6.3.(a) The catching of SBT (*Thunnus maccoyii*), with a mass of less than 6.4 kg, and Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) with a Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL) of less than 119 cm, Pectoral Fork Length (PFL) of less than 87cm or a Cleithrum to Keel (CK) measurement of less than 63 cm, and **marlins less than 60cm LJFL** or less than 90 cm PFL is prohibited. Refer to **Annexure 7** for images of length types. Any fish that does not comply with the size and weight restrictions and is not alive when retrieving the longline must be handed over to the Fisheries Control Officer upon return of the vessel to port. The FCO must be notified of the number of undersize fish 24 (twenty-four) hours prior to the vessel berthing.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government, Established by national regulation implemented by Government, Established in administrative orders implemented by Government, Maintain compliance/infringement records

#### Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery and Permit Conditions: Tuna Pole-Line Fishery: 14 VIOLATIONS

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

14.7 The Department may refuse to issue a subsequent permit should the conditions stipulated in this permit not be adhered to.

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

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

#### MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

(1) If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act - (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known

address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.

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

(3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may - (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

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

NONE



[Marine Living Resources Act of 1998.pdf](#)  
[Large Pelagic Longline-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)

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

3. The prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, and Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length?

**Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**If Implemented - since?**

Select a date from the calendar

**Additional information ?**

if not ban/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

If none, by default NONE is written.

Implemented (ban) ONLY by national regulation

01-01-2007

NONE

3. Legal obligation?



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :**

[Large Pelagic Longline-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)

**With provision for Prohibition to: Retain on board, tranship, land, striped marlin, black marlin, blue marlin, indo-pacific sailfish smaller than 60 cm lower jaw fork length**

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

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998)**

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

42. Implementation of international conservation and management measures

(1) The Minister may provide appropriate information in terms of international conservation and management measures to an international organisation of which the Republic is a member, or to states parties to such international conservation and management measures.



## Resolution 24/06 On a ban on discards of bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and non- targeted species caught by vessels in the IOTC Record of Authorisation that operate in the IOTC area of competence

### **Requirement number: 6.11 - Obligation: Retention of target tuna species on board vessels in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 17:12 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel on the Record of Authorised Vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of flag vessels and persons with the obligation to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught ?

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

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

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

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery:

Clause 16.7: The Scientific Observer shall be responsible to verify fisheries data or as otherwise directed by the Department. The information collected by the Scientific Observer shall be standardised to the departments' requirements. The Scientific Observer shall monitor all fishing operations and shall record any transgressions of the MLRA.

Clause 4.3: Discharging shall only take place in the presence of a FCO or Monitor. Discharging after hours or on weekends and public holidays shall be communicated to the relevant offices (see 4.1) at least 24 hours prior to arrival of the vessel and during office hours if discharge is to take place on a weekend or public holiday unless prior arrangements have been made with the relevant Fishery Control Office.

Clause 10.1: The Permit Holder must ensure that all fish is discharged from the vessel in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Fishery Control Officer (FCO).

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery:

#### **14 VIOLATIONS**

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

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MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998):

28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

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

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

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

- (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act;
  - (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or
  - (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit,
- the Director-General may by written notice delivered to such holder, or sent by registered post to the said holder's last known address, request the holder to show cause in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of the notice, why the right, licence or permit should not be revoked, suspended, cancelled, altered or reduced, as the case may be.
- (2) The Director-General shall after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1) refer the matter, together with any reason furnished by the holder in question, to the Minister for the Minister's decision.
- (3) When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may -
- (a) revoke the right, licence or permit;
  - (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister;
  - (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister;
  - (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or
  - (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

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

None



[Large Pelagic Longline-Permit conditions 2024.pdf](#)  
[Marine Living Resources Act of 1998.pdf](#)

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

**3. The obligation for all vessels to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught ? Implemented ?**

Select at least one option

**If Implemented - since?**  
 Select a date from the calendar

**Additional information ?**  
 if not banned/implemented specify the reasons & the actions taken to transpose the obligation.

Implemented (obliged) ONLY by national law

01-01-2005

NONE

**4. Legal obligation?**



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C with provision to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught :**

[Large Pelagic Longline-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)

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

2025/2026 Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery

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

Clause 6.1(l): No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board (e.g., 6.1.(f), 6.1.(g) and 6.2.(b)).

Clause 6.1(o): The Fishery Control Officer must be notified of excess by-catch 24 hrs prior to the vessel berthing. Excess by-catch must be handed over to the FCO upon return of vessel to port.

## **Requirement number: 6.12 - Obligation: Retention of non target species on board vessels in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 17:14 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO fishing vessel on the Record of Authorised Vessels operating in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to monitor and to ensure compliance of flag vessels and persons with the obligation to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught ?**

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

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

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

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery:

Clause 16.7: The Scientific Observer shall be responsible to verify fisheries data or as otherwise directed by the Department. The information collected by the Scientific Observer shall be standardised to the departments' requirements. The Scientific Observer shall monitor all fishing operations and shall record any transgressions of the MLRA.

Clause 4.3: Discharging shall only take place in the presence of a FCO or Monitor. Discharging after hours or on weekends and public holidays shall be communicated to the relevant offices (see 4.1) at least 24 hours prior to arrival of the vessel and during office hours if discharge is to take place on a weekend or public holiday unless prior arrangements have been made with the relevant Fishery Control Office.

Clause 10.1: The Permit Holder must ensure that all fish is discharged from the vessel in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Fishery Control Officer (FCO).

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

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

Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery:

#### **14 VIOLATIONS**

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

14.2 A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

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

Suspend/cancel/revoke a licence/ATF, Fine

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998):

28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits

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

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

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

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

(e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit,

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

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

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

NONE



[Marine Living Resources Act 18-98.pdf](#)  
[Large Pelagic Longline-Permit conditions 2024.pdf](#)

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

3. The obligation for all vessels to retain on board and then land all bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and yellowfin tuna caught ? 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 (obliged) ONLY by national law	01-01-2005	NONE

**4. Legal obligation?**



**Upload the national legislation and ATF T&C :**

[Marine Living Resources Act 18-98.pdf](#)  
[Large Pelagic Longline-Permit conditions 2024.pdf](#)

**With provision for Obligation: Retention of non target species on board vessels.**

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

2025/2026 Permit Conditions: Large Pelagic Longline Fishery

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

Clause 6.1(l): No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board (e.g., 6.1.(f), 6.1.(g) and 6.2.(b)).

Clause 6.1(o): The Fishery Control Officer must be notified of excess by-catch 24 hrs prior to the vessel berthing. Excess by-catch must be handed over to the FCO upon return of vessel to port.

## 2.9 Regional Observer Scheme

### [Resolution 24/04 On a Regional observer scheme](#)



#### **Requirement number: 9.1 - Obligation: Mandatory 5% observer coverage at sea (all vessels) in 2024 - Deadline: 16/11/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 15 January 2026 - 16:03 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

1. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel of 24 meters length overall and above in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024
2. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024
3. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel above 24 meters and vessels under 24 meters operated exclusively in the EEZ in 2024
- YES - Implemented
- NO - Not implemented

##### 2. A system or procedures exist to implement the at sea observer scheme, and the binding obligation of minimum observer coverage of 5% as defined by the number of operations/sets ?

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

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

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

Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions:

16.Observer Programme

16.1.The Department shall require each Permit Holder to carry one or more Scientific Observers on board its vessel on request (72 hours), a minimum of one per quarter so as to ensure that 20% of all fishing days per quarter are monitored... Annual observer coverage per vessel is required to be spatially representative of annual fishing effort and needs to fulfill RFMO specific requirements. If coverage of observed trips is not temporally and spatially representative of effort, the Department shall require vessels to carry Scientific Observers on board additional trips

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

Established by national regulation implemented by Government

Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions:

16.Observer Programme

16.1 "...Failure to comply with this request shall result in the vessel being ordered to remain in port and may result in the initiation of proceedings under section 28 of the MLRA..."

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

Other sanctions (specify below)

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

14 VIOLATIONS

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

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

NONE



[Large Pelagic Longline-PCs 20242025.pdf](#)**Upload - Any documents on system/procedures:****3. The number of vessels monitored and the coverage achieved by gear type, have been reported to the IOTC Secretariat & the IOTC Scientific Committee ?**

- 2024 Coverage is = or > 5 % (all fishing gear/fishing vessels)
- 2024 Coverage is = or > 2 % and < 5 % (for all fishing gear/fishing vessels)
- 2024 Coverage is < 2 % (for all fishing gear/fishing vessels)
- Nil Coverage (for all fishing gear/fishing vessels)

**If coverage is below 5 %, please explain and provide additional information:**

N/A

**At sea - all fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above, and fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ ?**

Type of fishing gear	No of operations/sets observed/monitored in 2025:	Total number of operations/sets in 2025:	Coverage in 2025 (%)	Secretariat estimated coverage in 2025 (%)
Purse seine	0	0	0	-
Longline	92	897	10	-
Gillnet	0	0	0	-
Pol & Line	0	0	0	-
Handline	0	0	0	-
Other fishing gear	0	0	0	-
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**Upload Report - number of vessels monitored & coverage achieved by gear type for the observer programme at sea ?**[ST09-DomObPrg\\_IOTC ZAF 2024.xlsx](#) - 15/1/2026**Upload your report - number of vessels monitored & coverage achieved by gear type for the observer programme at sea:****National legislation with provisions to implement the at sea observer programme, and to implement the minimum coverage of 5% for observer programme at sea ?**[MLRA Regulations\\_11Nov2015.pdf](#) - 15/1/2026

**Upload the national legislation with provisions to implement the at sea observer programme, and to implement the minimum coverage of 5% for observer programme at sea :**

[MLRA\\_8Mar2016.pdf](#) - 15/1/2026

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

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No.18 OF 1998)**

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998**  
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b. Provide the text of laws, regulations and administrative instructions in force related to this requirement:

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No.18 OF 1998):**

1 . Observers

(4) An observer shall exercise the scientific, compliance, monitoring and other functions determined by the Minister.

(5) Any person on board any vessel issued with a licence or permit shall permit any observer to board and remain on such vessel for the purposes of performing his or her functions.

56. Co-operation with officials

(5) No person shall - (a) assault, obstruct, resist, delay, refuse the boarding of, intimidate or fail to take all reasonable measures to ensure the safety of, or otherwise interfere with a fishery control officer or observer in the performance of his or her duties; (d) fail to comply with the lawful requirements of any fishery control officer or observer;

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998:**

82 . Observers

(1) Observers designated under section 50 of the Act may— (a) monitor a fishing vessel's compliance with the relevant legislation; (b) record and report upon the fishing activities of the vessel and verify the position of the vessel when engaged in fishing; (c) observe and estimate catches with the view to identifying fishing composition and monitoring discards, by-catches and the taking of undersized fish; (d) record the gear type, mesh size and attachments employed by the master, (e) verify entries made into the log books in respect of species, composition, and quantities; (f) collect fishing and effort data on a set-by-set basis, and this data shall include location, including latitude and longitude, depth, time of net on the bottom and fishing composition; and (g) carry out the scientific work requested by Sea Fisheries.

**Requirement number: 9.2 - Information required: Mandatory 5% coverage of artisanal landings in 2024 - Deadline: 16/11/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 01 December 2025 - 05:03 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No artisanal/coastal fisheries/vessels active in 2024
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not an IOTC coastal State
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

**2. A system or procedures exist to implement the coastal sampling scheme (monitoring coastal fishing vessels landings), and the binding obligation of minimum coverage of 5% of the total levels of vessel activity (i.e. total number of vessel trips or total number of active vessels) ?**

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

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

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**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. The coverage is at least 5 % of artisanal fishing vessels landings for all fishing gears ?**

**Sampling schemes (coastal/artisanal vessel landings):**

Fishing gear/fisheries Select one by row	Total number of vessel trips sampled in 2025:	Total number of active vessels in 2025:	CPC coverage (%) achieved in 2025	Secretariat coverage (%) estimated in 2025
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**4. For artisanal fishing vessels landings, the coverage is ?**

The coverage is 0% - Nil for the following gear/fishery :

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The coverage is < 2% for the following gear/fishery:

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The coverage is = or > 2% and <5% for the following gear/fishery:

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The coverage is = or > 5% for the following gear/fishery :

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If coverage is below 5 %, please explain and provide additional information:

NONE

Report - number of vessels monitored & coverage achieved by gear type for sampling scheme coastal fisheries ?



**Upload your report - number of vessels monitored & coverage achieved by gear type for sampling scheme coastal fisheries:**

National legislation with provision to implement the coastal sampling scheme (monitoring coastal fishing vessels landings), and to implement the minimum coverage of 5% for the coastal sampling scheme ?



**Upload the national legislation with provision to implement the coastal sampling scheme (monitoring coastal fishing vessels landings), and to implement the minimum coverage of 5% for the coastal sampling scheme :**

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 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: 9.3 - Information required: At sea Observer reports in 2024 - Deadline: 16/11/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 22 January 2026 - 17:47 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

1. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024
2. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024
3. NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel above 24 meters and vessels under 24 meters operated exclusively in the EEZ in 2024.
- YES - Submitted
- NO - Not submitted

### 2. All observer reports have been provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?

Report provided ? 5 options availables Select at least one option	Total of vessel trips observed by fishing gear in 2025 ? e.g: PS 5 / LL 6 / BB 3 / GN 7	Total number of ob- server reports provid- ed by fishing gear in 2025? e.g: PS 5 / LL 6 / BB 3 / GN 7	Additional information ? if not provided specify the reasons & the actions taken. If none, by default NONE is written.
YES - Complete - Observer reports pro- vided for all vessels/trips	43	43	LL 43

### 3. Observer reports submitted ?

Yes the 22 January 2026 - 17:47



### Upload the observer reports :

[Trip#16772\\_Santa Cruz\\_Jose de Paiva\\_06.02.2024 - 22.02.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#16999\\_Seawin\\_Sapphire\\_Andy\\_Smith\\_13.05.2024 - 28.05.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17029\\_Ocean Wanderer\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_30.05.2024 - 03.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17030\\_Intrepid\\_Neliseka Lawu\\_30.05.2024 - 03.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17031\\_Ocean Hercules\\_John Simons\\_30.05.2024 - 03.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#16728\\_SeawinRuby\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_16.01.2024 - 24.01.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17048\\_Ocean Hercules\\_John Simons\\_09.06.2024 - 16.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17049\\_Ocean Wanderer\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_09.06.2024 - 17.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17050\\_Timor\\_Wayne Moodley\\_10.06.2024 - 17.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17051\\_Intrepid\\_Neliseka Lawu\\_09.06.2024 - 17.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17052\\_Seawin Ruby\\_David Phillips\\_12.06.2024 - 20.06.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17032\\_Timor\\_Wayne Moodley\\_30.05.2024 - 03.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17066\\_Intrepid\\_Neliseka Lawu\\_18.06.2024 - 21.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17084\\_Active\\_John Simons\\_21.06.2024 - 01.07.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17140\\_Cape Challenger\\_Andrew Fraser\\_13.07.2024 - 21.07.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026

[Trip#17063\\_Ocean Hercules\\_John Simons\\_18.06.2024 - 21.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17064\\_Ocean Wanderer\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_18.06.2024 - 20.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17065\\_Timor\\_Wayne Moodley\\_17.06.2024 - 21.06.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
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[Trip#17084\\_Active\\_John Simons\\_21.06.2024 - 01.07.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17142\\_Hooked\\_Sivuyile Elvis Mbambalala\\_14.07.2024 - 24.07.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17193\\_Kianga\\_Andrew Fraser\\_11.08.2024 - 24.08.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17231\\_Seawin\\_Sapphire\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_09.09.2024 - 17.09.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17232\\_Seawin Ruby\\_Andrew Fraser\\_09.09.2024 - 22.09.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
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[Trip#17141\\_Santa Cruz\\_Franquin Bock\\_13.07.2024 - 29.07.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17261\\_Timor\\_Carel Augustyn\\_09.10.2024 - 15.10.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17262\\_Ocean Wanderer\\_David Phillips\\_08.10.2024 - 15.10.2024\\_IOTC.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17267\\_Intrepid\\_Carel Augustyn\\_15.10.2024 - 25.10.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17268\\_Hooked\\_David Phillips\\_15.10.2024 - 22.10.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17258\\_Southern Cross\\_Andy Smith\\_08.10.2024 - 22.10.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip#17259\\_Tiyalina\\_Eduan Grobbelaar\\_08.10.2024 - 15.10.2024\\_ICCAT.pdf](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #72\\_Ubuntu\\_July 2024\\_Macozoma\\_ICCAT.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #73\\_Saxon\\_July 2024\\_Mnyazana\\_ICCAT.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #74\\_ATU-S\\_August 2024\\_Mbili\\_IOTC.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #69\\_Ubuntu\\_January 2024\\_Mnyazana\\_IOTC.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #70\\_ATUS\\_July 2024\\_Mbili\\_IOTC.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #71\\_Saxon\\_July 2024\\_Mnyazana\\_ICCAT \(003\).doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
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[Trip #77\\_Atlantic HUNTER\\_August\\_Arendse.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #79\\_Cape Challenger\\_September 2024\\_Silekwa\\_ICCAT.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
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[Trip #81\\_Active\\_Septemembr 2024\\_Mbili\\_IOTC.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
[Trip #83\\_Ubuntu\\_October 2024\\_Izak\\_ICCAT.doc](#) - 22/1/2026  
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## **Requirement number: 9.4 - Information required: EMS Vessel Monitoring Plan in 2024- Deadline: 1/7/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:04 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- 1 . NIL Report / Not Applicable - NO fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024 AND/OR No fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ in the Record of authorised vessels or active in 2024.
- 2 . NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPCs is NOT IMPLEMENTING National EM Programs (NEMPs) and EM systems on flagged vessels in 2024.
- 3 . NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPCs is NOT IMPLEMENTING the ROS at sea - Observer embarked on flagged vessels in 2024.
- YES - Submitted
- NO - Not submitted

### **2. CPC is implementing the regional observer scheme at sea using electronic monitoring systems (EMS) AND/OR embarked observers at national level for ?**

- Fishing vessels of 24 meters length overall and above
- Fishing vessels under 24 meters operating outside the EEZ
- Coastal / artisanal vessels

### **3. The Vessel Monitoring Plan supporting observer programs (at sea) EMS, reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- YES – Complete     YES - Partially     NO

<b>Gear/fishery</b>	<b>Number of Plans (VMP) submitted</b>	<b>Additional information ?</b> Each vessel should develop a "Vessel Monitoring Plan"	<b>Upload the Vessel Monitoring Plans EMS</b>
<b>GI - Gill-nets</b>	0	-	-
<b>HL - Hooks and lines</b>	0	-	-
<b>LL - Long-lines</b>	0	-	-
<b>PL - Pole-and-</b>	0	-	-
<b>PS - Purse seines</b>	0	-	-
<b>OT - Other gears</b>	0	-	-

If other gear/fisheries is reported - Specify:



**If not uploaded in the table above UPLOAD ALL the Vessel Monitoring Plans support-**

**ing observer programs (at sea) EMS (CQ)**

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**Requirement number: 9.4 - Information required: EMS fleet level ROS data collection (table) in 2024 - Deadline: 1/7/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:04 // Compliance assessment : N/A

**4. The fleet level ROS data collection table, supporting observer programs (at sea) EMS, reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- YES – Complete for all sections/all fisheries applicable
- NO - Partially - Missing some sections/fisheries applicable
- NO – NOT complete for all sections/all fisheries applicable

## 2.10 Bigeye tuna Statistical Document Programme

### [Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC bigeye tuna statistical document programme](#)



### **Requirement number: 10.1 - Information required: 1st Semester 2025 report on import of frozen bigeye tuna - Deadline: 1/10/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 07 October 2025 - 15:58 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC did not import frozen bigeye tunas during the 1st semester 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

#### 2. A system for monitoring import, export, re-export of frozen BET exists ?

- YES - A system exists for monitoring import, export, re-export of frozen BET.
- NO - A system does not exist for monitoring import, export, re-export of frozen BET.

#### 3. Frozen Bigeye tuna were imported in the 1st semester 2025 ?

- YES - Frozen bigeye tunas were imported in the 1st semester 2025
- NO - NO frozen bigeye tunas were imported in the 1st semester 2025

#### 3.1. SD: STATISTICAL DOCUMENT BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Person in charge: (ex: John Davis Lucas)	Telephone: ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	Fax: ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	E-Mail: ITU Format (isp@fish.gov) (e.g. john.Davis@ministry.gov)
Aphiwe Nonkeneza	-1	-	ANonkeneza@dffe.gov.za

Importing flag (Reporting flag)	Fishing flag	Sele fishing area list	Sele fishing gear list	Sele fishing gear list	Point of export	Product type (Court/Ci/Sea)	Product shape list	Product shape list	Quantity (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Statistical Doc. Number
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South Africa	TWA-Taiwan Province Chine	Atlantic Ocean	LL-Longline	south Africa	Frozen	Gilled & gutted			11695	
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#### 3.2. RC: RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Person in charge: (ex: John Davis Lucas)	Telephone: ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	Fax: ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	E-Mail: ITU Format (isp@fish.gov) (e.g. john.Davis@ministry.gov)
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Fishing flag	Final Import port	Fishing area	Intermediate	Imports 2nd Import Flag	Imports 3rd Import Flag	Last point of Re-export	Product type	Product shape	Quantity (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Statistical Doc. No
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Select from the list	(Reporting flag)	Select from the list	1st Import Flag	(Country/City/Port/Highest Sea)	Select from the list	Select from the list	
TWA-Taiwan Province China	South Africa	-	-	-	Frozen	Gilled & gutted	40510

**4. Summary of your reporting on frozen Bigeye tuna imported in the 1st semester 2025?**

Total quantity of frozen bigeye tunas imported in the 1st semester 2025(kg):

40510

Specify from which country' vessels the frozen bigeye tuna were imported:

TWA-Taiwan Province China

If country not in the list above, provide the name of the country or the countries code:

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**1st semester import report uploaded/submitted?**

Yes the [07 October 2025 - 15:58](#)

## Requirement number: 10.2 - Information required: 2nd Semester 2024 report on import of frozen bigeye tuna - Deadline: 1/4/2025

Requirement submitted ? true the 26 January 2026 - 11:27 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC did not import frozen bigeye tunas during the 2nd semester 2024
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### 2. Frozen Bigeye tuna were imported in the 2nd semester 2024 ?

- YES - Frozen bigeye tunas were imported in the 2nd semester 2024
- NO – NIL report/not applicable, no frozen bigeye tuna were imported in the 2nd semester 2024

### 3.1. SD: STATISTICAL DOCUMENT BI-ANNUAL REPORT

<b>Person in charge:</b> (ex: John Davis Lucas)	<b>Telephone:</b> ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	<b>Fax:</b> ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	<b>E-Mail:</b> ITU Format (isp@fish.gov) (e.g. john.Davis@ministry.gov)
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Importing flag (Reporting flag)	Fishing flag Select from the list	Fishing area Select from the list	Fishing gear Select from the list	Point of export (Country/City/Port/High Sea)	Product type Select from the list	Product shape Select from the list	Quantity (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Statistical Doc. Number
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 3.2. RC: RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE BI-ANNUAL REPORT

<b>Person in charge:</b> (ex: John Davis Lucas)	<b>Telephone:</b> ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	<b>Fax:</b> ITU Format (Country Code / Digit) (e.g. 248 23 54 89 56)	<b>E-Mail:</b> ITU Format (isp@fish.gov) (e.g. john.Davis@ministry.gov)
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Fishing flag	Final Import (Reporting flag)	Fishing area	Intermediate 1st Import Flag	imports 2nd Import Flag	3rd Import Flag	Last point of Re-export (Country/City/Port/High Sea)	Product type Select	Product shape Select	Quantity (KG) (e.g. 25.000,59)	Statistical Doc. No
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### 2nd semester import report submitted ?

No the -

## **Requirement number: 10.4 - Information required: information on validation of statistical documents - national authorities and authorized officers in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 February 2026 - 15:35 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC did not export/re-export frozen bigeye tunas in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2025
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. A system for validating export and re-export of frozen bigeye tunas exists?**

- YES - A system exists for validating export and re-export of frozen bigeye tunas.
- NO - A system does not exists for validating export and re-export of frozen bigeye tunas

### **3. The Information on validation of statistical documents, the National authorities and authorized officers, is reported/updated ?**

#### **a. REPORTING ON NEW INSTITUTIONS AND/OR NEW OFFICERS**

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for new institution(s) and / or officer(s).
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for new institution(s) and / or officer(s).

#### **b. REPORTING ON INSTITUTION AND/OR OFFICER NOT ANYMORE AUTHORISED**

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.

#### **c. REPORTING ON CHANGE OF SEAL INSTITUTION**

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for change of seal institution.
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for for change of seal institution.

NONE

## 2.11 Interim plan for rebuilding the Yellowfin tuna stock

**Resolution 21/01 On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence**



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

Objection received from India: not applicable to India. Resolution 18/01 remains binding on India. Resolution 19/01 remains binding on Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Oman and Somalia. Resolution 19/01 entered into force on 28/12/2019

**APPLIES ONLY TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MADAGASCAR, OMAN AND SOMALIA**

**Any additional information(s) / remark(s) on the completion of Section 2 of the Compliance Questionnaire ?**

None

# Section 3 – Control by IOTC coastal States of activities of foreign vessels involved in IOTC fishery

## 3.1 Port inspection programme

### Resolution 05/03 Relating to the establishment of an IOTC programme of inspection in port



#### **Requirement number: 11.1 - Information required: List of foreign vessels landings in 2024 - Deadline: 1/7/2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 03 February 2026 - 18:16 // Compliance assessment : P/C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence, no port in the Indian Ocean
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No landing of IOTC Species by foreign fishing vessels in my ports in 2024
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports.
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

##### 2. A system exist to monitor the activities of foreign fishing vessels landings in your ports ?

- YES - Activities of foreign fishing vessels landings are monitored in my ports
- NO - Activities of foreign fishing vessels landings are NOT monitored in your ports

##### 3. The list of foreign fishing vessels which have landed and the details of catch composition submitted to the IOTC Secretariat ?

- YES – Foreign fishing vessels landed IOTC species my ports in 2024 , the data/information is provided and uploaded below
- NO – No landing of IOTC Species in my ports in 2024

##### 4. Summary of your reporting in 2024 :

Total quantity of IOTC species landed by foreign fishing vessels in your ports in 2025 ?

2878389

Total number of foreign fishing vessels that have landed IOTC species in your ports in 2025 ?

33

Flag(s) of foreign fishing vessels that have landed IOTC species in your ports in 2025 ?

EU.ESP-EU.España, EU.PRT-EU.Portugal

##### 5. Report on the list of foreign vessels & the quantities landed in your ports submitted ?

Yes the 03 February 2026 - 18:16

## Resolution 25/11 On Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing



### **Requirement number: 11.2 - Information required: List of designated ports, Designated competent Authority, Prior notification periods in each port State CPC in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 February 2026 - 20:09 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has not designated port (Does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports).
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

#### 2. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation ?

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

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

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

South Africa has sign Port State Measure Agreement with the same objective to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing by preventing vessel engage in IUU fishing from using Port and landing their catches. In this way it reduces incentive of such vessels to continue with operations while it also blocks fisheries product derive from IUU fishing. We have AREP system that is used to screen foreign fishing vessels wishes to enter port and use of port services. The system has PIR function which have the Risk Assessment tool which enables the FCO and permitting unit to detect suspicions IUU activities. Once IUU is detected we immediately seize the vessel, charge the vessel owner or captain with contempt of the act or procedures in place then inform flag state, inform port control (Transnet) to deny the vessel not to leave the port while its under seizer or while criminal proceedings are ongoing and share our report findings with different RFMOs.

Furthermore, South Africa has introduced independent risk assessment to strengthen compliance in terms of IUU fishing activities and unregulated encounters within the EEZ and beyond.

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

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

South Africa Designated 3 national ports for entry of foreign vessels where the above is implemented, and compliance is enforced. Interms of South African law to facilitate entry of foreign fishing vessels, National Port authority is in-charge of the 3 designated port in South Africa. The vessel owner or ship agent will submit an application to Port Authority to request port entry, and submit an AREP to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Environment through IOTC system that South Africa utilizes. Furthermore, the vessel owner or agent is required to apply for Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) permit from DFFE which stipulates their catch, purpose of call etc. Also, the agent applies to port health for health clearance.

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

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

Criminal proceedings (arrests, fines, denial of entry to EEZ, Denial of port services, seizing of fish catch and vessel)

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

NONE



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

[576535974847709668\\_53208rg11873gon6524.pdf - 5/2/2026](#)

[ZAF - LAW - 2007 - National Ports Regulations.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law - 2005 - No. 12 of 2005 National Ports Act, 2005.pdf Permit Conditions \(Gear\).pdf - 5/2/2026](#)

**3. The list of designated ports have been submitted to the IOTC Secretariat?**

- YES - The list has already been submitted       NO - The list has not been submitted

**4. The list of designated ports has been updated/changed and we submit the updated information on the designated ports for:****4.1. NEW DESIGNATED PORTS**

- YES - CPC list of designated port(s) has been updated/changed in 2025- I declare NEW designated port information in the below table
- NO - The list of designated port(s) has NOT been updated/changed in 2025 - No NEW designated port

**4.2. UPDATE OF ALREADY DESIGNATED PORTS**

- YES - CPC list of designated port(s) has been updated/changed in 2025- I declare updated information on ALREADY designated ports in the below table
- NO - The list of designated port(s) has NOT been updated/changed in 2025 - NO designated ports to update

**4.3. PORTS NOT ANY MORE DESIGNATED**

- YES - CPC list of designated port(s) has been updated/changed in 2025- I declare PORTS NO ANY MORE DESIGNATED in the below table
- NO - The list of designated port(s) has NOT been updated/changed in 2025 - NO designated ports to remove



**Optional - Upload the NEW designated ports :**

**If not reported in 4.1 section above**

**5. CPC ports where foreign vessels can request entry are designated by national legislation ?**

- YES – CPC ports are designated by national legislation.
- NO – The port(s) are NOT designated by national legislation.



**Upload national legislation with provision for designation of port, designated competent authority, prior notification periods :**

[ZAF - LAW - 2007 - National Ports Regulations.pdf](#)  
[ZAF - Law - 2005 - No. 12 of 2005 National Ports Act, 2005.pdf](#)

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

National Ports Act of 2005, Section 80 (1)(d) read with section 10 of the act  
 National Port Regulation 17

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

80. (1) The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, make regulations in respect of (a) framework for the economic participation and empowerment of historically disadvantaged groups in port operations; (b) fitness standards for the safe use of the infrastructure and equipment in the provision of any port facility or port service; (c) rules of procedure for Port Consultative Committees; (d) port limits.

## **Requirement number: 11.3 - Information required: Port inspection reports AND Report of vessels engaged in IUU fishing following an inspection in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 06 February 2026 - 10:29 // Compliance assessment : P/C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has not designated port (Does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports).
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No port call in 2025, consequently no inspection conducted.
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. Number of calls made by foreign vessels ?**

Fishing vessels 378 378

Carrier vessels 15 15

Supply vessels 0 0

### **3. Number of foreign vessels denied entry into CPC port(s) ?**

Fishing vessels 6 6

Carrier vessels 0 0

Supply vessels 0 0

### **4. Number of foreign vessels denied use of CPC port(s) ?**

Fishing vessels 0

Carrier vessels 0

Supply vessels 0

### **5. Number of foreign vessels inspected ?**

Fishing vessels 122

9

Carrier  
vessels

Supply  
vessels 0

**6. Number of inspection reports of foreign vessels submitted by e-PSM to the Secretariat ?**

Fishing 122 122  
vessels

Carrier 9 9  
vessels

Supply 0 0  
vessels

**7. Number of inspection reports of foreign vessels submitted by e-mail to the Secretariat ?**

Fishing 0  
vessels

Carrier 0  
vessels

Supply 0  
vessels

**8. Number of cases brought against foreign vessels for undermining the coastal CPCs Fisheries Law and/or Fisheries Regulations ?**

Fishing 0  
vessels

Carrier 0  
vessels

Supply 0  
vessels

**9. Number of cases reported to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

Fishing 0  
vessels

Carrier 0  
vessels

Supply vessels 0



## Upload the Port Inspection Reports (PIRs) not submitted via the e-PSM application, if any:

[pir\\_IOTC & ICCAT- report on pirs details and outcomes \(ps & fs\) 2026\\_02\\_05\\_072082.csv](#) - 5/2/2026  
[pir\\_IOTC Vessels only - report on pirs details and outcomes \(ps & fs\) 2026\\_02\\_05\\_072082.csv](#) - 5/2/2026

### 10. There was clear grounds for believing that vessel(s) has engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities following an inspection in port ?

- YES - CLEAR GROUND for believing that vessels have engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities following an inspection in port
- NO - NO CLEAR GROUND for believing that vessels have engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities following an inspection in port

### 11. Following an inspection, we have communicated the findings to ?

- The IOTC Secretariat **Communication date:**

-

- The flag State(s) of the vessel(s) **Select flag CPC**

-

**Flag State NOT in the list below, specify :**

NONE

- Relevant coastal States **Select coastal CPC**

-

**Coastal State NOT in the list below, specify :**

NONE

- The RFMO(s) **Select RFMO(s)**

-

- Other relevant international organisations **Select ORG(s)**

-

- The State of which the vessel's master is a national **Select State**

-

**State NOT in the list below, specify :**

NONE

- Through the e-PSM application

- We provide the port inspection report / PIR in the e-MARIS APPLICATION in upload section above

**Provide the E-PSM vessel file number(s) :**

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## **Requirement number: 11.4 - Information required: at least 5% inspection of LAN or TRX in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 06 February 2026 - 13:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has not designated port (Does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports).
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No call in port for the purpose of landing/transshipment in 2025
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding obligation of monitoring/inspection of 5% of landings/transshipments of foreign vessels ?**

- NO - CPC has NO system / procedure to implement this binding measure
- 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 :**

Control & enforcement regime over vessels with monitoring tools, VMS, logbooks/documentation & compliance observers, MCS strategy, policy, plan implemented by enforcement Government agencies, National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation, In port inspection procedures (SOP) implemented by National MCS agencies include verification of IOTC obligations, Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port

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

Maintain compliance/infringement records, Implementation of responses to non-compliance & infringements to ensure prompt control and remediation

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

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

Criminal proceedings be initiated due to non-compliance with the denial entry decision

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

NONE

### **3. Number of foreign vessels callings in port(s) for the purpose of ?**

<b>Landing</b>	<u>Foreign vessels callings in port</u>	<b>From e-PSM</b>	<u>Foreign vessels callings in port</u>
	138	-	-
<b>Transshipment</b>	9	-	-
<b>Landings AND transshipments</b>	147	-	-

### **4. Number of foreign vessels offloading monitored into your port(s) for ?**

<b>Landing</b>	<u>Offloading of foreign vessels monitored</u>	<b>From e-PSM</b>	<u>Offloading of foreign vessels monitored</u>
	32	-	-
<b>Transshipment</b>	3	-	-

## Landings AND transshipments 35

From  
e-PSM

### Have you monitored at least 5 % of the offloading?

- YES     NO  
 NO – No call in port for the purpose of landing / transshipment in 2025

#### c. Specify the coverage of offloadings inspected / monitored 2025

Formula: [Number of vessel landing/transshipment monitored DIVIDED BY Number of vessels calling in port for the purpose of landing/transshipment]

Example: 5.6 %

#### CPC declaration

Vessel Landings Monitored = 35/147x100=23%

PIR Submitted= 62/147x100d=42%

#### From e-PSM

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### Upload the landing/transshipment monitoring forms:

[2025](#)

[catch\\_-\\_report\\_on\\_resolution\\_05\\_03\\_catch\\_landed\\_\(verified\)\\_by\\_ves-](#)

[sel\\_and\\_species\\_\(kg\)\\_\\_\(only\\_for\\_ps\)\\_2026\\_02\\_04\\_143334.csv](#)

- 5/2/2026

[pir\\_-\\_report\\_on\\_pirs\\_details\\_and\\_out-](#)

[comes\\_\(ps\\_&\\_fs\)\\_2026\\_02\\_05\\_072082.csv](#) - 5/2/2026

#### 5. The monitoring of landing and transshipment is implemented/conducted by ?

- The designated competent authority of the Port State

Another national authority of the port State

Government accredited/approved private company

Government accredited/approved vessel agent

Personnel of the processing plant where the offloading occur

#### 6 . Legal obligation



[MLRA 18-98.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

[permitcondition\\_largepelagiclongline202425.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

[576535974847709668\\_53208rg11873gon6524.pdf](#) -

5/2/2026

**Upload the national legislation with provision of this binding obligation (5% inspection LAN/TRX) :** [Permit Conditions \(Gear\).pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

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

2024/2025 EEZ permit conditions of foreign vessels - paragraph 3,15, 16 and Annexure 9. Marine Living Resources Act 18 of 1998 and Regulation Relating to the Entry OF Foreign Fishing Vessels into South African Waters.

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

Regulation Relating to the Entry OF Foreign Fishing Vessels into South African Waters.

CHAPTER 2

PASSING THROUGH SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS AND ENTRY INTO AND USE OF PORTS

4. Notification of entry into South African waters

(1) The master of a foreign vessel which intends to traverse South African waters, but which does not intend to enter a port, must notify the Minister of the intention to enter and traverse South African waters at least 24 hours prior to entry and that notification must include the following:

- (a) an estimated date, time and GPS position of entry into South African waters;
- (b) an estimated date, time of and GPS position of exit from South African waters;
- (c) the reason for entry; and
- (d) a description of the path to be traversed.

(2) Notification in terms of subregulation (1) must be submitted by email to

VMSops@dffe.gov.za.

5. Entry into port

(1) The master of a foreign vessel may not enter a port without a permit issued in terms of regulation 6(3)(a).

(2) Once an application in terms of regulation 6(1) has been submitted, the foreign vessel may enter South African waters but may not enter a port until a permit has been issued in terms of regulation 6(3)(a).

6. Permit application procedure and criteria

(1) The master or a representative of the owner of a foreign vessel must apply to the Minister for a permit to enter a port, five days before intending to do so.

(2) The application must be made on the form obtainable from the Department and be accompanied by proof of payment of the application fee, if prescribed.

(3) The Minister must decide to

- (a) issue the permit, with or without conditions; or
- (b) refuse to issue the permit and provide reasons for the refusal, within four days of receipt of the application and communicate that decision to the master of the foreign vessel or the owner's representative immediately.

(4) The Minister must, when considering the application, in addition to any other relevant criteria, have regard to whether there is information to demonstrate that the foreign vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or associated activities in support of IUU fishing.

(5) The Minister—

(a) must refuse to issue a permit if the Minister on reasonable grounds believes that the foreign vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or associated activities in support of IUU fishing;

(b) may, despite paragraph (a), issue a permit only for the purpose of inspecting the foreign vessel and taking appropriate enforcement action; and

(c) must notify the flag state if the Minister refuses to issue a permit.

(6) Notwithstanding subregulations (1) and (3), the South African Maritime Safety Authority may authorise a foreign vessel to enter port for reasons of force majeure or distress, without a permit.

(7) The master of a foreign vessel that obtains authorisation in terms of subregulation (6) must—

- (a) notify the Minister in writing on the form obtainable from the Department;
- (b) comply with regulations 7, 8 and 9; and
- (c) comply with any other lawful direction which the Minister may impose.

CHAPTER 3

## GENERAL

### 7. Compliance

(1) A foreign vessel which enters South African waters or a port must comply with the Act and other applicable domestic legislation.

(2) A foreign vessel within South African waters or a port may be boarded and inspected at any time by an authorised official.

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(3) The master of a foreign vessel must

(a) accommodate the boarding and inspection of a foreign vessel by an authorised official at any time while in South African waters or a port; and

(b) comply with lawful instructions of an authorised official.

## CHAPTER 4

### OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

#### 10. Offences

In addition to any offence contained in section 58 of the Act, a person commits an offence if they contravene or fail to comply with

(a) regulations 4(1), 5, 6(1), 6(7), 7(1), 7(3), 8 or 9; or

(b) a lawful instruction of an authorised official.

#### 11. Penalties

A person found guilty of an offence in terms of regulation 10 is liable on conviction to—

(a) a maximum period of imprisonment of two years;

(b) a maximum fine of two million Rand; or

(c) both the fine and imprisonment.

Permit Conditions Foreign Vessels Entering South African Waters EEZ and Designated Ports paragraph 3,8,10,11,13 and 15 references to adhering to IOTC CMMs by Vessel Owner, Captain and Vessel Agent. South Africa has implemented monitoring of landing scheme.

## **Requirement number: 11.5 - Information required: Report on denial of entry into port in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 February 2026 - 19:47 // Compliance assessment : C

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has not designated port (Does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports).
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No port call in 2025, consequently no denial of entry in port.
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding obligation - to deny entry in port for foreign vessels ?**

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

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

IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by government fisheries administration with institutional procedures implemented, Procedures defined under the fisheries MCS scheme implemented by Government Agencies, National monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) & enforcement system in place with adequate assets, human resources & budget for implementation, Control & enforcement regime over vessels include flag State inspection regimes at sea & in port, MCS strategy, policy, plan implemented by enforcement Government agencies, Implemented according to FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance to effectively exercise jurisdiction and control over vessels flying my flag, Registration/licensing procedures - Prior assessment of vessel's history of compliance & ability to comply with national & IOTC obligations, Registration/licensing procedures - Mandatory information on owners/operators which identifies beneficial owners & operators, System & procedures to ensure that persons subject to CPC jurisdiction, including beneficial owners/owners/operators comply with IOTC obligations, IOTC binding measures, for vessels/persons, monitored and controlled by another government administration (eg. Customs, Maritime authority, Police) with institutional procedures implemented

Instruction to port control to deny access due to non-compliance with AREP Procedures as per PSMA.

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

Established in national law implemented by Government

Criminal proceedings be initiated due to non-compliance with the denial entry decision.

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

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

Criminal proceedings be initiated due to non-compliance with the denial entry decision.

### **Large Pelagic Longline Fishery Fishing Season 2023-2024 - 14. Violations**

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

**14.2** A breach referred in paragraph 14.1 includes, but is not limited to: (a) failure to provide information to which the Department is entitled to or to submit information which is not true or complete; or (b) failure to effectively utilise the permit. (c) being convicted of an offence in terms of this MLRA. (d) contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed or with the provisions of the MLRA. (e) landing, selling, receiving or processing of any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.

### **MLRA - PART 4: GENERAL LOCAL MATTERS - 28. Cancellation and suspension of rights, licences and permits**

**28. (1)** If a holder of any right, licence or permit in terms of this Act— (a) has furnished information in the application for that right, licence or permit, or has submitted any other information required in terms of this Act, which is not true or complete; (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a condition imposed in the right, licence or permit; (c) contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act; (d) is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act; or (e) fails to effectively utilise that right, licence or permit, the

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

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

**(3)** When a matter is referred to the Minister in terms of subsection (2), the Minister may— (a) revoke the right, licence or permit; (b) suspend the right, licence or permit for a period determined by the Minister; (c) cancel the right, licence or permit from a date determined by the Minister; (d) alter the terms or conditions of the right, licence or permit; or (e) decide not to revoke, suspend, cancel, alter or reduce the right, licence or permit.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may, whenever he or she is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the promotion, protection or utilisation on a sustainable basis of a particular marine living resource, at any time by written notice to the holder of a right, licence or permit, revoke, suspend, cancel or reduce that right, licence or permit.

#### **MLRA - CHAPTER 6 LAW ENFORCEMENT Seizure of vessels - Articles 53**

**53. (1)** Where any vessel is seized in terms of section 51, the master and crew thereof shall take the vessel to such place, port or harbour in the territory of the Republic as the fishery control officer shall require and the vessel may be detained pending the outcome of any proceedings in terms of this Act until it is released on payment or lodging of security in terms of section 62.

**(2)** If a master fails or refuses to take a vessel contemplated in subsection (1) to the designated place, port or harbour, a fishery control officer may take charge of the vessel for the purpose of taking it to the designated place, port or harbour.

#### **MLRA - CHAPTER 7 JUDICIAL MATTERS - Articles 58, 68**

##### **Offences and penalties**

**58. (1)** Any person who, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) or (3)—(a) undertakes fishing or related activities in contravention of— (i) a provision of section 13; (ii) the conditions of any right of access, other right, licence or permit granted or issued in terms of Part 1, 2 or 3 of Chapter 3; or (iii) an authorisation to undertake fishing or related activities in terms of Part 6 or 7 of Chapter 3, but excluding section 39(5); or (b) contravenes any other provision of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million rand, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.

**(2)** Any person who contravenes— (a) a provision of an international conservation and management measure inside or outside South African waters, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of Part 7 of Chapter 3, by means of a vessel registered in the Republic; or (b) the conditions imposed in a high seas fishing permit or high seas fishing vessel licence, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million rand.

**(3)** Any person who contravenes a provision of section 39(5), 45, 47, 48 or 49 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five million rand.

**(4)** A regulation made under this Act may provide that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.

##### **Forfeiture orders by court**

**68. (1)** If any person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act, the court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that any fishing vessel, together with its gear, equipment, any fish caught unlawfully or the proceeds of sale of such fish or any perishables, and any vehicle or aircraft used or involved in the commission of that offence be forfeited to the State.

**(2)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing seized in terms of this Act, or any security or net proceeds of sale in respect thereof is not forfeited or applied in the discharge of any fine, order for costs or penalty imposed in terms of this Act, it shall be made available to the registered owner or his or her nominee or, in the absence of such persons, a person who appears to be entitled to it.

**(3)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, an order for forfeiture shall, unless the court for special reasons fixes a smaller sum, operate as an order for forfeiture of the security.

**(4)** If any vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing has been released upon the lodging of security, the court may order any person convicted of an offence in connection therewith and the owner of the vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other thing concerned, whether or not he or she is an accused, to pay the difference between the amount lodged in respect of security and the aggregate value of the forfeited property.

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

NONE



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

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[Foreign Vessel Permit Conditions EEZ 2023.pdf](#)

[Letter to National Ports Authority 24122024.pdf](#)

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[MLRA 18-98.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

[Denial of Port Access Letter - Vanuatu Vessels by South](#)

[Africa.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

[251208 - REPORT Vanuatu AIS overview for South Africa](#)

[MCSCC 08 DEC 2025.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

**3. Foreign vessels were denied entry into CPC port(s) ?**

YES - Foreign vessels were denied entry into port.

NO - NIL report - Foreign vessels were NOT denied entry into ports.

**4. Number of foreign vessels denied entry into CPC port(s) ?**

**CPC**

**e-PSM**

**CPC**

**CPC**

**Number**

**Number**

**Vessel(s) name**

<b>Fishing vessels</b>	6	<b>From e-PSM</b>	-	Jia Fu, Jia Yun, Jia Hong, Jia Xing, Bao Feng, Bao Chuan	<b>Flags of vessels denied entry</b> Non Contracting Party (NCP) flag
<b>Carrier vessels</b>	-	<b>From e-PSM</b>	-		-
<b>Supply vessels</b>	-	<b>From e-PSM</b>	-		-

### 5. Reason(s) for denial of entry in port(s) ?

#### a. Reasons for denials of entry in port

Vessel engaged in IUU fishing / fishing related activities in support of such fishing, The vessel did not have valid & applicable authorisation to engage in fishing (ATF) / fishing related activities required by its flag State

#### b. Specify

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### 6. The denial of entry was communicated to ?

The flag State(s) of the vessel(s) **Communication to Flag State(s) :**  
Non Contracting Party (NCP) flag

Relevant coastal States **Communication to Coastal State(s):**

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The IOTC Secretariat **Communication date:**

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### 7. Legal obligation

**Denial of entry in port for foreign vessels, requesting entry in ports, is established/required by national legislation**

YES - Denial of entry in port is established/required by national legislation.

NO - Denial of entry in port is NOT established/required by national legislation.



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[MLRA 18-98.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

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

Marine Living Resource Act 18/98.

Permit Condition Foreign Vessel Entering South African Exclusive Economic Zone and Designated Ports.

Regulations Relating to the Entry of Foreign Fishing Vessels into South African Waters.

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

CHAPTER 2

PASSING THROUGH SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS AND ENTRY INTO AND USE OF PORTS

4. Notification of entry into South African waters

(1) The master of a foreign vessel which intends to traverse South African waters, but which does not intend to enter a port, must notify the Minister of the intention to enter and traverse South African waters at least 24 hours prior to entry and that notification must include the following:

- (a) an estimated date, time and GPS position of entry into South African waters;
- (b) an estimated date, time of and GPS position of exit from South African waters;
- (c) the reason for entry; and
- (d) a description of the path to be traversed.

(2) Notification in terms of subregulation (1) must be submitted by email to VMSops@dffe.gov.za.

#### 5. Entry into port

(1) The master of a foreign vessel may not enter a port without a permit issued in terms of regulation 6(3)(a).

(2) Once an application in terms of regulation 6(1) has been submitted, the foreign vessel may enter South African waters but may not enter a port until a permit has been issued in terms of regulation 6(3)(a).

#### 6. Permit application procedure and criteria

(1) The master or a representative of the owner of a foreign vessel must apply to the Minister for a permit to enter a port, five days before intending to do so.

(2) The application must be made on the form obtainable from the Department and be accompanied by proof of payment of the application fee, if prescribed.

(3) The Minister must decide to

- (a) issue the permit, with or without conditions; or
- (b) refuse to issue the permit and provide reasons for the refusal, within four days of receipt of the application and communicate that decision to the master of the foreign vessel or the owner's representative immediately.

(4) The Minister must, when considering the application, in addition to any other relevant criteria, have regard to whether there is information to demonstrate that the foreign vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or associated activities in support of IUU fishing.

(5) The Minister—

(a) must refuse to issue a permit if the Minister on reasonable grounds believes that the foreign vessel has engaged in IUU fishing or associated activities in support of IUU fishing;

(b) may, despite paragraph (a), issue a permit only for the purpose of inspecting the foreign vessel and taking appropriate enforcement action; and

(c) must notify the flag state if the Minister refuses to issue a permit.

(6) Notwithstanding subregulations (1) and (3), the South African Maritime Safety Authority may authorise a foreign vessel to enter port for reasons of force majeure or distress, without a permit.

(7) The master of a foreign vessel that obtains authorisation in terms of subregulation (6) must—

(a) notify the Minister in writing on the form obtainable from the Department;

(b) comply with regulations 7, 8 and 9; and

(c) comply with any other lawful direction which the Minister may impose.

### CHAPTER 3

#### GENERAL

#### 7. Compliance

(1) A foreign vessel which enters South African waters or a port must comply with the Act and other applicable domestic legislation.

(2) A foreign vessel within South African waters or a port may be boarded and inspected at any time by an authorised official.

(3) The master of a foreign vessel must

(a) accommodate the boarding and inspection of a foreign vessel by an authorised official at any time while in South African waters or a port; and

(b) comply with lawful instructions of an authorised official.

#### 8. Stowage of fishing gear and transshipment

(1) The master of a foreign vessel must stow fishing gear in accordance with subregulation (2) before entering and when traversing South African waters, and within a port.

(2) Fishing gear must be stowed in the following manner:

(a) in the case of line fishing, all hooks, lures, sinkers and weights must be disconnected from the line, all the lines must be reeled onto the reel or rolled up, and that rolled up line, hooks, lures, bait and weights on the vessel must be packed away in a cabin, locker, hatch, wheel house or console of the vessel, or where that is not possible, placed on the deck of the vessel;

(b) in the case of purse-seine fishing, no gear may be in the water;

(c) in the case of trawl fishing, all nets, trawl boards and weights must be stowed

below deck or securely lashed to some part of the superstructure of the fishing vessel;

(d) in the case of rock lobster fishing, all traps, nets and ropes must be on board and tied down, and all dinghies must be on board and lashed to the fishing vessel;

(e) in the case of fishing with traps, other than rock lobster traps, all traps must be on board and tied down;

(f) in the case of any other nets including gillnets, cast nets and throw nets, nets must be on board and packed away in a console, locker or any other suitable container;

(g) in the case of pole fishing, all poles will be secured above deck;

(h) in the case of longline fishing, no branchline may be attached to the mainline and the entire mainline must remain on the spool; and

(i) in respect of all types of fishing where bait is used, that bait must remain packed away or placed into a bait well, where available.

(3) No person may transship at sea unless authorised by a permit issued in terms of section 13 of the Act.

## **Requirement number: 11.6 - Information required: Report on denial of use of port AND report on withdrawal of a denial of use of port in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 05 February 2026 - 20:18 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC Area of Competence.
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has not designated port (Does not allow foreign vessels enter any of its ports).
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - No port call in 2025, consequently no denial of use of port and no withdrawal
- NO - Not implemented
- YES - Implemented

### **2. A system or procedures exist to implement this binding reporting obligation - to deny use of port ?**

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

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

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

South Africa is using IOTC e-PSM system to issue notifications to the vessel owner, agent and Master whether the vessel is allowed entry or denied entry. The notification feedback will be sent to the Agent, flag state, Master and Owner.

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

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

Any non-compliance with the denial entry decision, South Africa can take legal action against non-compliance. The Fishery Control Inspector boards the vessel and examine the non-compliance and a decision will take whether a to impose a fine or a criminal case be open against the Master or Owner. The vessel and cargo onboard will be seized until a court decision is made. The department can apply for forfeiture of the vessel and fish on board, the department may dispose the exhibit by selling of fish and vessel or donate to shelters or dump fish.

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

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

The department can take criminal actions against the Master, Owner, Agent. The Fishery Control Inspector boards the vessel and examine the non-compliance and a decision will take whether a to impose a fine or a criminal case be open against the Master or Owner. The vessel and cargo onboard will be seized until a court decision is made. The department can apply for forfeiture of the vessel and fish on board, the department may dispose the exhibit by selling of fish and vessel or donate to shelters or dump fish.

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

NONE



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

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[ZAF - Law - 1998 - MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\)\\_EN.pdf](#)

[ZAF - Law - 1998 - Regulation MarineLivingResourcesAct \(No. 18 of 1998\)\\_EN.pdf](#)

[Foreign Vessel Permit Conditions EEZ\\_2023 \(2\).pdf](#)

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### **3. Foreign vessels were denied use of port(s) ?**

- YES - Foreign vessels were denied use of port.
- NO - NIL report - Foreign vessels were NOT denied use of port.

#### **If YES, the denials of use were withdrawn ?**

- YES - Denial of use of port was withdrawn.  NO - Denial of use of port was NOT withdrawn.

### **4. Number of foreign vessels denied use of ports ?**

	Number	Vessel(s) name	Vessel flags denied use	Reasons denials use port	Withdraw	Reason withdrawal denial use of ports
<b>Fishing vessels</b>	-	-	-	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	-
<b>Carrier vessels</b>	-	-	-	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	-
<b>Supply vessels</b>	-	-	-	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	-

**5. The denial of use and/or the withdrawal was communicated to ?**

The flag State(s) of the vessel(s) **Communication to Flag State(s) :**

-

Relevant coastal States **Communication to Coastal State(s) :**

-

The IOTC Secretariat **Communication date:**

-

Other RFMOs **Communication to RFMOs :**

-

Other relevant international organisations **Communication to organisation :**

-

**6. Legal obligation**

**The denial of use of port and withdrawal for foreign vessels requesting entry in ports are established/required by national legislation ?**

YES – Denial of use in port AND withdrawal are established/required by national legislation.

NO – Denial of use of port AND withdrawal are NOT established/required by national legislation.



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[Permit Condition for Foreign Vessel EEZ 01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023.pdf](#)

[Marine Living Resources Act of 1998.pdf](#)

[Letter to National Ports Authority 24122024.pdf](#) - 5/2/2026

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

Foreign Vessels Entering South Africa’s Exclusive Economic Zone and Designated Ports

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

18. Failure to meet any of these conditions shall be considered as a material breach of permit conditions and may lead to the cancellation or withdrawal of the permit, but may also lead to criminal prosecution. Furthermore, the Department may institute section 28 proceedings in terms of the MLRA against the Permit Holder for failing to comply with the permit conditions.

## 3.2 Foreign vessels licensed

### 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: 3.7 - Information required: list of foreign vessels licensed in EEZ in 2025 - Deadline: 15/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 02 February 2026 - 12:28 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not license foreign flag vessels to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

##### 2. Foreign vessels were licensed ?

- YES - Foreign flag vessels licensed to fish in EEZ.
- NO – NIL report - Not applicable - No foreign flag vessels licensed to fish for species managed by the IOTC in EEZ

##### 3. The list of licensed foreign fishing vessels has been reported to the IOTC Secretariat

Reported ? 4 options availables

Select at least one option

Report- Number of foreign ves-  
sels licensed issued ?

when? (e.g. 25)

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Additional information ?

if not reported specify the reasons & the actions taken.

If none, by default NONE is written.

- - - NONE

Specify to which foreign vessels flag country you have issued license?



**Upload the list of foreign vessels licensed using the template report:**

4. All the mandatory information is provided to the IOTC Secretariat for all foreign fishing vessels licensed by South Africa ?

- NO  YES – Partially  YES – Complete

5. Mandatory information are not fully provided or missing

Specify the reasons for each missing requirement ticked above:

6. Number of licenses issued to foreign fishing vessels ?

Foreign fishing vessels ≥ 24m

Number of licenses is-  
sued to foreign fishing  
vessels ≥ 24m :

Number  
of

Foreign fishing vessels < 24m

foreign  
fishing  
vessels  
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issued  
licenses :

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Number of licenses is-  
sued to foreign fishing  
vessels < 24m :

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Number  
of  
foreign  
fishing  
vessels  
< 24m  
issued  
licenses :

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## **Requirement number: 3.8 - Information required: foreign vessels denied a license in 2025 - Deadline: 15/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 02 February 2026 - 12:31 // Compliance assessment : N/A

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not license foreign flag vessels to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence in 2025
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. Foreign vessels were denied a license ?**

- YES - Foreign vessels were denied license following application for license to fish in the EEZ.
- NO - Foreign vessels were NOT denied license following application for license to fish in EEZ.
- NO - NIL report - Not applicable - CPC does not license foreign flag vessels to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence

### **3. Number of licenses denied to foreign fishing vessels**

**For foreign fishing vessels  $\geq$  24m**

**Number  
of  
license  
denied  
for  
foreign  
fishing  
vessels  
 $\geq$  24m:**

**0**

**Number  
of  
license  
denied  
for  
foreign  
fishing  
vessels  
< 24m:**

**For foreign fishing vessels < 24m**

**0**

## **Requirement number: 3.10 - Information required: Official coastal State fishing License in 2025 - Deadline: 20/2/2026**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:36 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

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

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not license foreign flag vessels to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

### **2. The template of the official coastal State fishing License with information required concerning these licenses submitted to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- Yes – Complete       Yes – Partially
- No- NIL report - no foreign flag vessels licensed to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC

**If No or Partially, please specify the reasons; if Yes or Partially, specify the date of last declaration:**

South Africa does not have any access agreements and does not permit foreign fishing vessels to fish in their EEZ through access agreements

### **3. The information concerning the official coastal State fishing License has been updated/changed and we submit the updated information to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

#### **3.1 REPORTING ON NEW TEMPLATE AND NEW TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC does not license foreign flag vessels to fish in the EEZ for species managed by the IOTC in the IOTC area of competence
- NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC is not a coastal State located in the IOTC area of competence
- NO - Not submitted
- YES - Submitted

#### **3.2 REPORTING ON NEW INSTITUTIONS (Competent Authority) AND/OR NEW OFFICERS**

- YES - The UPDATE for 2025 is provided in the table below for new institution(s) and / or officer(s).
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for new institution(s) and officer(s).

#### **3.3 REPORTING ON INSTITUTION AND/OR OFFICER NOT ANYMORE AUTHORISED**

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for institution(s) and / or officer(s) that are not anymore autorised.

#### **3.4 REPORTING ON CHANGE OF OFFICIAL STAMP/SEAL OF THE INSTITUTION / COMPETENT AUTHORITY**

- YES - The update for 2025 is provided in the table below for change of stamp/seal of the institution.
- NO - No update to report in 2025 for for change of stamp/seal institution.

### **4. All the mandatory information on official coastal State fishing License have been provided to the IOTC Secretariat ?**

- NO - ALL information missing       NO - Partially (Some information missing)
- YES - Complete - ALL Information provided

### **Any additional information(s) / remark(s) on the completion of Section 3 of the Compliance Questionnaire ?**

None

# Section 4 – Responsibility of all CPCs

## 4.1 Control of nationals

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



**Requirement number: 7.2 - Information required: Compliance by nationals at previous session in 2025**

Requirement submitted ? true the 19 February 2026 - 15:25 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1 - Vessels have been listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list at the previous session of the Commission with natural or legal persons under my jurisdiction?**

YES - Vessels have been listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list at previous sessions of the Commission with natural or legal persons under my jurisdiction.

NO - No vessels have been listed on the IOTC IUU vessels list at previous sessions of the Commission.

Vessel name	Natural/legal persons names	Investigation results	Action Taken
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**Any additional information(s) / remark(s) on the completion of Section 4 of the Compliance Questionnaire ?**

None

## Section 5 – Flag State Controls (Data)

### **Mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC CPCs - All Mandatory statistical requirements - Flag State CPCs in 2024 - Deadline: 30/6/2025**

#### **[Resolution 18/07 on Measures Applicable in Case of Non-Fulfilment of Reporting Obligations in the IOTC.](#)**

#### **Requirement number: 5.1 - Information required: Zero Catch Matrix (Species presence in the catch)**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:01 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) the 2025 zero catches matrix data for the following species ?**

##### **IOTC SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for all IOTC fisheries for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for IOTC fisheries for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

##### **SHARKS SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for IOTC fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES.
- YES - Partially for IOTC fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**Data forms submitted ?** Yes the 27 June 2025 - 16:01

**Comments/remarks about submission zero catches matrix data - ALL FISHERIES, and the implementation of this requirement ?**

NONE

## Resolution [12/04](#) [13/05](#) [23/06](#) [23/07](#) – Interactions with Endangered, Threatened and Protected species (ETP) – Surface & Longline fisheries



### Requirement number: 5.2 - Information required: Interactions with Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) species – Surface & Longline Fisheries

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

#### 1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) Interactions with ETP species for the following species ?

##### 1.1 For interactions ETP species - Surface fisheries

- YES - Complete for all fisheries and all fishing gears.
- YES - Partially for fisheries and fishing gears.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with marine turtles reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with seabirds reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with whale sharks reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with cetaceans reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interaction with marine turtles reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interaction with seabirds, reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interaction with whale sharks, reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interaction with cetaceans reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

##### 1.2 For interactions ETP species - Longline fisheries

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries.
- YES - Partially for longline fisheries.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with seabirds reported by longline flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with marine turtles reported by longline flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with whale sharks reported by longline flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with cetaceans reported by longline flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interactions with marine turtles reported by longline flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interactions with seabirds reported by longline flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interactions with whale sharks reported by longline flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- Nil Report for observers - No interactions with cetaceans reported by longline flag vessels through observers in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### Data forms submitted ?

Yes the 27 June 2025 - 16:02

#### Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?

**NONE**

**Resolution 15/02 – Nominal catches / Retained catches – All Fisheries****Requirement number: 5.3 - Information required: Annual retained catches on board – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) annual retained catches for the following species ?****1.1 For annual retained catches onboard - Coastal fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**1.2 For annual retained catches onboard - Surface fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) and all fishing gears (PS/PoL/GN/HL&TL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for purse seine surface fisheries (PS) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for handline & troll line surface fisheries (HL &TL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for surface fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No purse seine, bait boat, gillnet, handline & troll line fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARK SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) and all fishing gears (PS/PoL/GN/HL&TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for purse seine surface fisheries (PS) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for handline & troll line surface fisheries (HL &TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Partially for surface fisheries and fishing gears for SHARK SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No purse seine, bait boat, gillnet, handline & troll line fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

### 1.3 For Retained catches onboard - Longline fisheries

#### IOTC SPECIES (CQ)

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries (LL) and all fishing gears (LL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Longline fisheries for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries (LL) and all fishing gears (LL) for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Longline fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

Data forms submitted ? [Yes the 27 June 2025 - 16:02](#)

Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?

NONE

**Resolution 15/02 – Nominal catches / Discarded catches – All Fisheries****Requirement number: 5.4 - Information required: Catch discarded – IOTC species, sharks, turtles, seabirds, cetaceans, whale sharks, mobulids - All fisheries**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) discarded catches data for the following species ?****IOTC SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for all IOTC fisheries and all fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for IOTC fisheries for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for IOTC fisheries and all fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for IOTC fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**MARINE TURTLES SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for IOTC fisheries and all fishing gears.
- YES - Partially for fisheries and fishing gears
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with marine turtles reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024
- Nil Report for observers - No interactions with marine turtles reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SEABIRDS SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for all LL fisheries and all interactions reported from fishing logbook and from observer on board in 2024.
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by fishing logbook in 2024 .
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by onboard observers in 2024 .
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for observers - No interactions with seabirds reported by flag vessels through onboard observers in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with seabirds reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**CETACEANS SPECIES**

- YES - Complete for all fisheries and all interactions reported from fishing logbook and from observer on board in 2024.
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by fishing logbook in 2024 .
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by onboard observers in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024 .
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for observers - No interactions with cetaceans reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with cetaceans reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024
- HAS national and state legislation for protecting cetaceans we have provided the information for the IOTC Scientific Committee, Compliance Committee and Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures consideration.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**WHALE SHARK**

- YES - Complete for all fisheries and all interactions reported from fishing logbook and from observer on board in 2024.
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by fishing logbook in 2024 .
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by onboard observers in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024 .
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for observers - No interactions with whale sharks reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with whale sharks reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Exempted from reporting to IOTC, I have national / state legislation for protecting whale sharks.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Data of 2024 on interactions with whale sharks are were provided to the IOTC Scientific Committee consideration.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**MOBULID**

- YES - Complete for all fisheries and all interactions reported from fishing logbook and from observer on board in 2024.
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by fishing logbook in 2024 .
- YES - Partially - ONLY interactions reported by onboard observers in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024 .
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for observers - No interactions with mobulid rays reported by flag vessels through observers in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Nil Report for fishing logbook - No interactions with mobulid rays reported by flag vessels through fishing logbooks in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**Data forms submitted ?**

Yes the **27 June 2025 - 16:02**

**Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

**NONE**

**Resolution 15/02 – Catch and Effort Geo-referenced – All Fisheries****Requirement number: 5.5 - Information required: Catch and effort – Coastal/surface/long-line Fisheries**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) Catch and Effort data for the following species/fisheries ?****1.1 Catch and Effort Geo-referenced - Coastal fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**1.2 Catch and Effort Geo-referenced - Surface fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) and all fishing gears (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Purse Seine surface fisheries (PS) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Handline & Troll line surface fisheries (HL&TL) for IOTC SPECIES.
- YES - Partially for Surface fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No Purse Seine, Bait boat, Gillnet fishing, handline & troll ligne vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) and all fishing gears (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Purse Seine surface fisheries (PS) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Handline & Troll line surface fisheries (HL&TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Surface fisheries and fishing gears for SHARK SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No Purse Seine, Bait boat, Gillnet fishing, handline & troll ligne vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

### 1.3 Catch and Effort Geo-referenced - Longline fisheries

#### **IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries (LL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Longline fisheries for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### **SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries (LL) for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Longline fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**Resolution 15/02 – Size frequencies Geo-referenced – All Fisheries****Requirement number: 5.6 - Information required: Size Frequencies Geo-referenced – Coastal/surface/longline fisheries**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:02 // Compliance assessment : Not Assessed

**1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) Size Frequencies data for the following species/fisheries ?****1.1 Size Frequency Geo-referenced - Coastal fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**1.2 Size frequency Geo-referenced - Surface fisheries****IOTC SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Purse Seine surface fisheries (PS) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Handline & Troll line surface fisheries (HL&TL) for IOTC SPECIES.
- YES - Partially for Surface fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No Purse Seine, Bait boat, Gillnet fishing, handline & troll ligne vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)**

- YES - Complete for all surface fisheries (PS/PL/GN/HL&TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Purse Seine surface fisheries (PS) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Pole & Line surface fisheries (PL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Gillnet surface fisheries (GN) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Complete for Handline & Troll line surface fisheries (HL&TL) for SHARK SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Surface fisheries for SHARK SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No Purse Seine, Bait boat, Gillnet fishing, handline & troll ligne vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessel in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

### 1.3 Size frequency geo-referenced - Longline fisheries

#### IOTC SPECIES (CQ)

- YES - Complete for all coastal fisheries and all fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- YES - Partially for coastal fisheries and fishing gears for IOTC SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Not a coastal State of the IOTC Area of Competence – CPC located outside the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No coastal fisheries active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### SHARKS SPECIES (CQ)

- YES - Complete for all longline fisheries (LL) for SHARKS SPECIES
- YES - Partially for Longline fisheries for SHARKS SPECIES
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No longline fishing vessels active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - Only engaged in transshipment activities involving carrier vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### Data forms submitted ?

Yes the **27 June 2025 - 16:02**

#### Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?

**NONE**

## [Resolution 24/02](#) – FAD – Set on DFAD by type - Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities



## [Resolution 19/02](#) – FAD – Set on DFAD by type - Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (**Binding on OMAN**)

### **Requirement number: 5.7 - Information required: Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type)**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:03 // Compliance assessment : N/A

#### **1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) FAD – Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type) ?**

- YES - Complete for all support vessels.
- YES - Partially for support vessels.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 . Not fishing on DFADs.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No purse seiner / support vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 . Not fishing on DFADs.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

**Number of support vessel(s) registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels ?**

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**Data forms submitted ?** No the –

**Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

NONE

## [Resolution 15/02](#) – FAD – Number & characteristics of supply vessels



### **Requirement number: 5.8 - Information required: Number & characteristics of support vessel**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:03 // Compliance assessment : N/A

#### **1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) Number & characteristics of support vessels data ?**

- YES - Complete for all support vessels - Submitted as part of the list of active vessels, Resolution 10/08, in 2024
- YES - Complete for all support vessels - We provide an update of the list of active vessels, Resolution 10/08, in 2024 and we upload the update in the section UPLOAD below
- YES - Partially for support vessels.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 . Not fishing on DFADs.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No purse seiner / support vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 . Not fishing on DFADs.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No support vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### **Number of support vessels registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels ?**

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Data forms submitted ? No the -

#### **Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

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## **Resolution 23-01 - Anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (AFADs) - AFAD related activities**



### **Requirement number: 5.9 - Information required: Data collection for AFADs**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:03 // Compliance assessment : N/A

#### **1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) AFAD related activities data ?**

- YES - Complete for all vessels.
- YES - Partially for some vessels.
- NO - NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel registered on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 . Not fishing on AFADs.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel on the IOTC Record of Authorised Vessels in 2024 .
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has NO AFADs fishery fishing for tuna and tuna like species under the IOTC mandate in 2024.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - CPC has ONLY AFADs fishery for the recreational fisheries in 2024.
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

#### **Data forms submitted ?**

No the -

#### **Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

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[Resolution 24/02](#) – FAD – Number of actif DFAD

[Resolution 19/02](#) – FAD – Number of actif DFAD (**Binding on OMAN**)



## VOLUNTARY

### UN Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA) - Fishing Craft Statistics

#### **Requirement number: 5.11 - Information required: Fishing Craft Statistics**

Requirement submitted ? true the 27 June 2025 - 16:01 // Compliance assessment : -/-

##### **1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) the fishing craft statistics ?**

- YES - Complete for all vessels.
- YES - Partially for some vessels.
- NO – NIL Report / Not Applicable - No vessel active in the IOTC Area of Competence in 2024
- NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

##### **Data forms submitted ?**

Yes the 27 June 2025 - 16:01

##### **Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?**

NONE

## VOLUNTARY

### Articles V of the IOTC Agreement - Fish prices

#### **Requirement number: 5.12 - Information required: Fish prices**

Requirement submitted ? true the 10 July 2025 - 16:24 // Compliance assessment : -/-

##### **1. Submit in e-MARIS (IOTC statistical data management system) the fish prices ?**

YES - Complete for all fisheries.  YES - Partially for some fisheries.

NO (Explain the reasons in the free text box comments/remarks, below)

Data forms submitted ? Yes the **10 July 2025 - 16:24**

Comments/remarks about data submission and the implementation of this requirement ?

##### **Any additional information(s) / remark(s) on the completion of Section 5 of the Compliance Questionnaire ?**

None

# Assessment Criteria

## [New Appendix V - The Compliance Committee – Terms 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

#### Assessment Score: Compliant - C

<p><u>LEG:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>STD:</u> The CPC has provided the Compliance Questionnaires, 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 - Compliance questionnaire 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>LEG:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>STD:</u> The CPC has provided the Compliance Questionnaire, NOT in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, Some mandatory sections and/or sub-sections/questions applicable NOT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received [DATE] - XX days after the deadline.</li> <li>• <u>STD:</u> NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided in the agreed format/at IOTC Standard, Missing sections</li> </ul>
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completed/responded. Missing sections on [RXX/YY] and/or sub-sections/questions on [RXX/YY].

SP: N/A

in [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY] and/or sub-sections/questions in [Part A, B, C, D][RXX/YY][RXX/YY].

Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :

- Information or data for the obligation has been submitted or reported, but in a way that is incomplete or incorrect;
- CPC has failed to meet reporting or submission deadlines by less than 15 days.

**Assessment Score: Non-Compliant category 1 - N/C1**

LEG: N/A

STD: The CPC has NOT provided the Compliance Questionnaire. All mandatory sections/sub-sections/questions applicable NOT completed/responded

SP: N/A

- Received [DATE] - XX days after the deadline.
- STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided.

Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :

- The CPC has not submitted or reported information or data for the obligation;
- The CPC has failed to meet a reporting or submission deadline by more than 15 days;
- Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with an obligation.

**Assessment Score: Non-Compliant Category 2 - N/C2**

LEG: N/A

STD: The CPC has NOT provided the Compliance Questionnaire. All mandatory sections/sub-sections/questions applicable NOT completed/responded, in two or more consecutive years.

SP: N/A

- STD: NO - Compliance questionnaire NOT provided, in two or more consecutive years.

Corresponding to the below criteria in APPENDIX V – ANNEX A COMPLIANCE STATUS CATEGORIES :

- Failure to implement, monitor or ensure compliance with the same obligation for two or more consecutive years.

**Assessment Score: Not Applicable - N/A**

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