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Acronyms

CDS	Catch Documentation Scheme
CMM	Conservation and Management Measure (of the IOTC; Resolutions and Recommendations)
CoC	Compliance Committee
CPCs	Contracting Parties (Members) and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties
EU	European Union
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
FAD	Fish Aggregating Device
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
LSTLV	Large-Scale Tuna Longline Vessel
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
PSM	Port State Measures
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
WP	Work Plan
WPICMM	Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ninth Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission's (IOTC) Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) was held by videoconference, from 11 to 13 February 2026. A total of 90 participants attended the Session. The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Mr Neil ANSELL (European Union), who welcomed participants to the Session.

The following is a subset of the recommendations from the WPICMM09, which are provided in full at [Appendix 5](#):

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

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

WPICMM09.03 ([Para. 24](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that CoC23 **REQUEST** the Commission (S30) to **ENCOURAGE** CPCs to participate in future meetings of the WPICMM, for the efficient operation of the Commission's compliance process.

WPICMM09.19 ([Para. 110](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) discuss the contingency protocol.

WPICMM09.20 ([Para. 117](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the proposal for a system of fishing gear marking as a way forward; however, the WPICMM09 **NOTED** that comments provided by some CPCs would need to be duly considered.

WPICMM09.21 ([Para. 122](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) consider recommending the Commission (S30) to amend the Resolution 25/03 *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence*, however there was consensus that the term "current catch" in Resolution 25/03 referred to the average catch for the period 2021-2023.

WPICMM09.22 ([Para. 123](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat use the average catch levels reported for the years 2021-2023 as the current catch levels together with the guidance in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Resolution 25/03 in order to calculate the necessary reduction to ensure that the catch limits for 2028 meet the revised TAC of 565,745 t with a corresponding reduction in 2027.

WPICMM09.23 ([Para. 129](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss a payback mechanism for the over-catch of yellowfin tuna made under Resolution 19/01, when a CPC had previously objected to Resolution 21/01.

WPICMM09.24 ([Para. 130](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make available in the IOTC website a table which documents the yellowfin tuna catch limits, over-catch and applicable payback across the years that yellowfin catch limits have been in force.

WPICMM09.30 ([Para. 159](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the implementation of paragraph 6 of Resolution [01/06](#).

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The Ninth Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission's (IOTC) Working Party on Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) was held by videoconference, from 11 to 13 February 2026. A total of 90 participants attended the Session. The list of participants is provided at [Appendix 1](#). The meeting was opened by the Chairperson of the WPICMM, Mr Neil ANSELL (European Union), who welcomed participants to the videoconference and thanked them for their presence at the Ninth Session of the WPICMM.
2. The Chairperson thanked participants for their continued support in progressing the work of the Working Party.
3. The Chairperson reminded participants in the WPICMM09, on the need to elect a Vice-Chairperson for the next biennium.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

4. The WPICMM09 **ADOPTED** the agenda provided in [Appendix 2](#), with no other agenda point proposed.
5. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** with the meeting arrangements.

3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

6. The WPICMM09 **ADMITTED** the observers in the list of participants in [Appendix 1](#).

4. THE WPICMM WORK PLAN 2025-2030

4.1 *Progress report on the recommendations of the WPICMM08*

7. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC–2026–WPICMM09–03](#) that describes the progress on the implementation of recommendations of the WPICMM08, which was endorsed by the Twenty-Second Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC22) and approved by the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Commission (S29).
8. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the eight recommendations of WPICMM08 have been fully implemented.
9. The WPICMM09 **RECALLED** the two recommendations of the Compliance Committee at its 22nd session:
 - The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission postpone the VMSWG until the Commission defines the scope of a regional VMS in the IOTC and adopts an updated resolution on VMS, and
 - The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission task the WPICMM to intersessionally define the scope of a regional VMS for the IOTC and its estimated cost and submit a proposal to amend the VMS resolution to the 2026 Commission meeting.
10. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to not resume the work of the IOTC VMS Working Group.
11. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** on the need for a way forward for the Commission to adopt a Regional VMS and **FURTHER AGREED** on the need for the Commission to define and agree on the scope of the Regional VMS.
12. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that tabling a proposal on a regional VMS would be a way forward to advance the work of the Commission towards a regional VMS.
13. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** for the Secretariat, with the support of interested CPCs, to identify potential VMS service providers and ascertain their costs for running the IOTC VMS pilot project, and **FURTHER AGREED** to consider the launch of the IOTC VMS pilot project with the objective of adopting an IOTC Regional VMS.
14. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) will need to allocate a budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

15. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the SCAF23 to discuss and consider the allocation of a budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project.

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

4.2 *Review of investigation and actions taken by the flag State under PSM (Resolution 25/11)*

17. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting documents [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-04](#) and [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-04 Add1](#) that provided a review of possible infractions detected under the implementation of port State measures (PSM) in 2025.
18. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that one flag State, China, did not respond to a communication by the port State, Mauritius. Consequently, no information or result of investigation or action taken flag State was available to assess whether a possible infraction existed and **AGREED** to defer the discussion of Case Number 2 to the Compliance Committee (CoC23).
19. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that, for the other PSM cases, either the port State and/or the flag State have taken appropriate actions and **FURTHER NOTED** that flag States present in the meeting (Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan Province of China) informed on the good cooperation that they maintain with port State authorities, to provide the result of investigation and, where required, actions taken.
20. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to task the Secretariat to develop a PSM case template to align the methodology with the Regional Observer Programme's (ROP) possible infraction cases and that the Secretariat work with CPCs during the intersessional period to agree on the template, which shall be used for future WPICMM meetings.
21. The WPICMM09 **REMINDED**, CPCs port States that notification or request for additional information, to flag States, coastal States and vessels' representatives can be conducted in the e-PSM application using the functionality (Request for Additional Information following an AREP; Request for Additional Information following a PIR), and **FURTHER REMINDED** CPC flag States, coastal States and vessels' representatives that response to notification or request for additional information can be conducted in the e-PSM application using the functionality respond to RAI.
22. The WPICMM09 **REMINDED**, flag State CPCs to respond in a timely manner to; (a) any port State notification, (b) request for additional information following a port call, submitted by port States' CPCs.
23. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that some CPCs were not present to answer questions on potential compliance issues raised during the meeting and **AGREED** that this presents a challenge for the work of the WPICMM and broader operation of the Commission's compliance process.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

24. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that CoC23 **REQUEST** the Commission (S30) to **ENCOURAGE** CPCs to participate in future meetings of the WPICMM, for the efficient operation of the Commission's compliance process.
25. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that China provide its response to the PSM Case number 2, detected in 2025, by submitting its response within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.

4.3 *Review the list of Large-scale Tuna Longline Vessels (LSTLVs)/carrier vessels presumed to have committed infractions against IOTC CMMs under the at-sea transshipment programme and recommend actions*

Possible infraction in 2025

26. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-05](#) that provides a review of possible infractions detected under the Regional Observer Programme, in 2025.
27. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that responses were received from six fleets; China, Japan, Malaysia, Oman, Seychelles and Taiwan, Province of China, before the deadline of 15th January 2026.
28. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that one fleet, Korea, has not provided its response to the possible infraction.

29. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that, for the year 2025, a total of 72 possible infractions were reported under the Programme, and **FURTHER NOTED** that 71 (98%) responses were received prior to WPICMM09.
30. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the most common cases of possible infractions recorded were related to:
- vessel external markings, which were often obscured by rust, fouling by algae or not consistent with the information recorded in the e-RAV,
 - fishing logbook not securely bound or logbook pages not consecutively numbered, and
 - out of date Authorisation to Fish.
31. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that it is common for the same possible infractions to be reported multiple times through different observer reports and on various dates and **FURTHER NOTED** that despite that responses are often received shortly before the deadline for responses.
- Repeated possible infraction in 2025
32. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that five (5) fleets, China, Taiwan, Province of China, Malaysia, Oman and Seychelles have vessels with repeated possible infractions in 2025.
33. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that repeated possible infractions of the same category, may have been reported multiple times for a particular LSTLV during the same, overlapping or consecutive deployments, prior to their communication to the concerned fleet.
- Repeated possible infraction in 2025 with a record of possible infractions in 2024
34. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that four (4) fleets, China, Malaysia, Oman, and Seychelles have LSTLVs with a record of repeated possible infractions in 2025 that have one or more records of possible infractions in 2024.
35. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that LSTLVs with repeated possible infractions in 2025 and a record of possible infraction in 2024 had the same types of possible infractions, in the majority of cases, across both years.
36. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-05 Add1](#) on the results of investigations conducted by the fleets in response to the possible infractions reported under the Regional Observer Programme in 2025 and the pre-assessment by the Secretariat.
37. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that:
- From the responses received, 71 were pre-assessed as “*appropriate action taken by the fleet*” or “*Not considered as a possible infraction*” and no recommendation is required to be made to the Compliance Committee (CoC23).
 - No response was pre-assessed as “*Fleet requested to provide further evidence for discussion at the next CoC*”.
38. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that investigation results demonstrated that:
- the most frequently observed possible infractions relating to vessel markings were due to vessels staying at sea over a long period of time, and
 - possible infractions related to the authorisations to fish were primarily due to language barrier issues.
39. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that Taiwan, Province of China, prohibits their LSTLVs, for which a possible infraction has been notified, from undertaking further transshipments at sea until the issue is resolved.
40. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that at the time of the transshipment one vessel was authorised to fish, but that the authorisation was not correctly reflected. The WPICMM09 **FURTHER NOTED** a vessel is only fully authorised when it is included on the RAV and when the authorisation has been communicated to the IOTC, and if those conditions are not met, this could be considered as IUU fishing.
41. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that reports pertaining to the implementation of Indonesia’s pilot programme to monitor transshipments at sea, for the years 2024 and 2025, did not contain any record of possible infraction.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

42. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** CPCs to be present in the WPCIMM meeting and that the Compliance Committee (CoC23) encourage fleets to respond and take actions with regards to the possible infractions in

the shortest possible time to enable timely corrective actions and prevent the recurrence of possible infringements.

43. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that Korea provides its response to the possible infraction detected in 2025, within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.
44. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee address the issue of fishing authorisations reported late and not included in the RAV.

4.4 Information on capacity building activities that CPCs provide and that developing CPCs can benefit from

45. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting documents [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-06](#) and [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-06 Add1](#) that provides information on capacity building activities that CPCs can offer and that developing CPCs can benefit from.
46. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the Chair of the WPICMM reminded CPCs, via letter IOTC2025-307, to contribute to the implementation of Component 1 of the WPICMM Work Plan. He went on to thank those CPCs which had responded with information on capacity building activities.
47. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that four CPCs, Australia, European Union, Japan and Kenya, offer capacity building activities to beneficiaries of other States.
48. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the longstanding contributions of Japan's Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) to capacity building activities for developing States.
49. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that Thailand informed that it has no ongoing or planned capacity-building initiatives to offer currently but may offer some in the future and that it will submit its capacity building needs.
50. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the IOTC Compendium of capacity building activities is available for download on the [IOTC website](#).
51. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the information provided by two observers (The Pew Charitable Trusts and The Shark Trust) on their capacity building initiatives.
52. The WPICMM09 **THANKED** CPCs and observers for their capacity building offers.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

53. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) consider encouraging CPCs to contribute actively to the implementation of the WPICMM Work Plan and provide information on the capacity building activities they can offer, for the Secretariat to include them in the IOTC compendium of capacity building activities.
54. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) and Commission (S30) to endorse the IOTC Compendium of capacity building activities available on the IOTC website.

4.5 2025 Compliance Action Plan – Reporting on compliance issues N/C2 identified in 2025 at the Twenty-ninth Session of the Commission (S29)

55. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-07](#) which present the results of the Secretariat's preliminary assessments of Compliance Action Plans submitted by CPCs.
56. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that:
 - three CPCs, Comoros, Sudan and Yemen, have not provided their Compliance Action Plan,
57. five CPCs, Bangladesh, Iran, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Somalia, have provided their Compliance Action Plan with some corrective actions and/or timeline missing, and
 - four CPCs, Korea, Maldives, Pakistan and Seychelles, have provided their Compliance Action Plan after the deadline.

58. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that from a qualitative point of view, in many instances the corrective actions provided do not respond to the elements assessed and, therefore, the corrective actions provided are either irrelevant, not addressing the technical issues or not serving appropriately the objective of the IOTC Compliance process and **FURTHER NOTED** that in many instances the timeline for implementation are not provided. More detailed and exchange of views were encouraged in future WPICMM meetings on this subject.
59. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that in the future, the Compliance Action Plan of CPCs should be more descriptive and more detailed in term of corrective actions and implementation timelines. Furthermore, **AGREED** that more exchange of views of CPCs plans would be foreseen in the WPICMM meetings. Finally, **AGREED** that future meetings of the WPICMM would be presential to facilitate and encourage such interactions and more detailed discussions including on the content of CPC Compliance Action Plans.
60. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that:
- Kenya, will update its Compliance Action Plan and submit it in e-MARIS, by providing the missing elements and be more detailed and descriptive, for the N/C2 identified in the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-07](#).
 - Some CPCs expressed concerns on Indonesia's non-implementation of the *Prohibition to retain on board, tranship, land, any Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Indo-pacific Sailfish smaller than 60 cm Lower Jaw Fork Length* – Resolution 18/05 (requirement 6.10.) despite the measure having been adopted in 2018. Indonesia indicated that it is conducting research on billfish prior to implement.
 - India provided additional information on the N/C2 for requirements 7.1 and 7.2, in a letter submitted to the Secretariat on 12 February 2026. One CPC indicated that India did not provide any answer to the questions raised by some CPCs in a letter during the COC22.
 - Sri Lanka is making progress in the collection of size frequencies data for billfish species.
61. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the N/C2 requirement 5.7 - Drifting floating objects (DFOB) related activities (FADs set by type) - for the European Union has been provided in the EU Compliance Action Plan and **AGREED** to change the preliminary assessments of the European Union from Partially Compliant to Compliant.
62. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that the description of the requirement be added to the table of the Compliance Action Plan in the e-MARIS application, from the campaign CoC24-2027.
63. The WPICMM09 **PROPOSED** that the Secretariat change the approach for conducting the preliminary assessments of Compliance Action Plans, by taking into account the following criteria:
- the proposed corrective actions are not addressing the compliance element(s) assessed (System/procedure, standard, legislation),
 - the proposed timeline/period of implementation is inadequate to ensure the implementation of the proposed corrective action, and
 - the inadequacy of the response in terms of the corrective action and/or timeline.
64. The WPICMM09 **REMINDED** CPCs having difficulties to complete the Compliance Action Plan in e-MARIS to request capacity building assistance from the Secretariat.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

65. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to encourage CPCs, when providing their Compliance Action Plans, to fully address the compliance issues identified (N/C2), the compliance elements leading to the N/C2 assessment (System/procedure, standard, legislation), and to be more descriptive and detailed in terms of the corrective actions and its implementation schedule. WPICMM **ALSO RECOMMENDED** that the WPICMM undertake thorough discussions on Compliance Action Plans in future meetings and encouraged participation for all concerned CPCs. A presential meeting of the WPICMM would facilitate further engagement in this regard.

4.6 *Review compliance with data reporting obligations*

66. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-08](#) that reviewed the level of compliance with data reporting obligations by CPCs and the submission of mandatory statistics, in 2025.
67. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the following general compliance trends for the reporting of mandatory statistics:
- High compliance rate for basic catch reporting (nominal/retained catches, discarded catch, effort data).
 - Weak compliance rate of geo-referenced size frequency data, with only 3 CPCs fully compliant while 21 CPCs are not compliant. This reflects a long-standing issue in achieving required data standards.
 - FAD-related measures show narrow compliance because many CPCs are not subject to these requirements (no purse seiners/FAD use).
68. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the problematic areas of the reporting of mandatory statistics:
- Size frequency data: a major bottleneck across CPCs. Many fail to meet the “1 fish per metric tonne” sampling requirement.
 - Timeliness: several coastal States are consistently late with their submissions.
 - Standards: several CPCs fail to meet the required standards when submitting mandatory data.
 - No submissions: a recurring problem for a minority of CPCs who have been consistent in their general lack of reporting over several years.
69. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the capacity building missions conducted by the Secretariat:
- Missions to Madagascar, Kenya, India, and Indonesia.
 - Two data-focused regional workshops to provide CPCs with updated guidance on IOTC data-reporting requirements.
 - Two regional workshops on species identification and data collection.
70. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the availability of data sets reported in 2024 (2023 catch data):
- 7% of retained catches not reported for 2023.
 - 19% of geo-referenced catch and effort data not reported for 2023.
 - 37% of geo-referenced size-frequency data not reported for 2023.
 - Three CPCs (Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) did not submit any datasets to the IOTC Secretariat in 2024.
71. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the need to improve data-related Resolutions in the following areas:
- Species: Some species aggregate codes provided in Annex II of Resolution 15/01 (e.g., MZZ, TTX, MAK) are inconsistent with some Resolutions, e.g. Resolution 25/09 On the conservation of shortfin and longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries.
 - Spatial: Inconsistency between catch-effort and size-frequencies in Resolution 15/02 (paras. 4-5) and operational versus aggregated data in Resolution 25/06 (para. 19).
 - Technical: Apparent inconsistency in para. 11 of Resolution 23/01, which explicitly refers to operational data collected, while mentioning the “IOTC standards for the provision of catch and effort data”, which refer to aggregated data. Furthermore, Annex 2 of the Resolution does not include the recording of vessel information or the time of the activity being recorded, noting that multiple activities may be undertaken in one day.
 - Monitoring of artisanal/coastal landings: Resolution 25/06 requires that landings from artisanal fishing vessels are monitored at the landing place by field samplers, and it sets the level of coverage for artisanal fishing vessels at 5% of the total level of vessel activity (i.e. total number of vessel trips or total number of active vessels). However, no standard has been developed for coastal fisheries, and the evaluation of coverage is based on country reports without the means of an independent verification procedure. The reporting for active coastal fishing vessels remains voluntary (Form 2FC), thus impeding the estimation of coverage.

72. **The WPICMM09 RECALLED** the request for the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) to provide advice on the impact of lowering the requirement of 1 fish per metric ton, in cases where the quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for particular species (paragraph 77, [IOTC-2025-COC22-R](#)), and **NOTED** that when quantities of catches are less than one metric ton for a particular species, it is not assessed by the Secretariat. Only when the quantities of catches are equal or more than one metric ton for reported species that it is assessed by the Secretariat.
73. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that, in some cases, the root cause of non-compliance with the requirements of reporting on catch and size frequency may not be related to reporting issues per se, but rather to the structure and design of data-collection programmes and limited capacity at the national level. Furthermore, in some instances, size-frequency data may be collected by national scientific institutes and used in analyses presented at IOTC meetings, but are not reported to the Secretariat due to a lack of coordination and communication between relevant ministries.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

74. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to encourage CPCs to address inconsistencies regarding catch data in the IOTC Resolutions by submitting proposals to amend the inconsistencies.

4.7 *Review and recommendation on IOTC IT reporting applications (e.g. e-PSM, e-MARIS, e-RAV, e-FADs, ROS, etc...)*

75. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-09](#) that provides feedback from CPCs using these tools/applications to support uptake of the technology.
76. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the Chair of the WPICMM reminded CPCs, via letter IOTC2025-307, to contribute to the implementation of Component 10 of the WPICMM Work Plan.
77. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that three CPCs, Kenya, Thailand and United Kingdom, have provided feedback on IOTC applications.
78. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to task the Secretariat to work inter-sessionally with the concerned CPCs and the developers of the concerned application(s) to address the feedback received.
79. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to provide feedback in the e-MARIS application, within each requirement, in fulfilment of Component 10 of the WPICMM's Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

80. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to work inter-sessionally with the concerned CPCs and the developers of the concerned application(s) to address the feedback received and improve the IOTC applications where technically feasible and funds are available.
81. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to provide feedback in the e-MARIS application, within each reporting requirement.

4.8 *WPICMM work plan 2025-2030 - Review and streamlining of the existing items in the current WPICMM Work Plan*

82. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-10](#) which calls for the implementation of the Component 7 and CPCs to propose the necessary update to streamline existing items of the WPICMM Work Plan.
83. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that no update to streamline the existing items of the WPICMM Work Plan was proposed and **ENDORSED** the WPICMM Work Plan presented during the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

84. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to endorse the [WPICMM Work Plan presented during the meeting of the WPICMM09](#) (IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-19_Rev1).

5. ON IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES (CMMs)

5.1 *Conservation and Management Measures that Include a Reference to the Year 2026*

85. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-14](#), which references the year 2026 within the existing CMMs.
86. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the Commission has the following seven CMMs which make reference to the year 2026:
- Resolution 25/01 *On climate change as it relates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission* – Paragraph 11,
 - Resolution 25/03 *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence* – Paragraph 19,
 - Resolution 25/04 *On establishing catch limits for bigeye tuna in the IOTC area of competence* – Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 20,
 - Resolution 25/05 *On establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels* – Paragraph 29, Annex VI paragraph 1,
 - Resolution 25/08 *On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC* – Paragraphs 8, 14, 19, 24, 26, 29, 33, 38, 45.
 - Resolution 24/02 *On management of drifting fish aggregating devices (FADs) in the IOTC area of competence* – Paragraphs 3, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 31, 40, 44,
 - Resolution 24/07 *On a management procedure for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence* – Paragraphs 13, 15.
87. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the comments provided by the Secretariat against each of the CMMs, without any further discussions on them.

5.2 *On Outdated Conservation and Management Measures and CMMs that could be merged*

88. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-15 Rev1](#), which identifies obsolete or outdated Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and creates a mechanism of systematic review of CMMs as part of the implementation of the Work Plan of the WPICMM.
89. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that during the intersessional period, information was received from one CPC regarding obsolete/outdated Conservation and Management Measures, regarding the amendments of Resolution 25/11 and Resolution 25/12.
90. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that during the intersessional period, no information was received from CPCs regarding Conservation and Management Measures that could be merged.
91. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that recommendations were made by the Scientific Committee to amend certain provisions of the following Resolutions:
- [Resolution 15/01](#) – review the list of species that are mandatory for reporting,
 - [Resolution 25/08](#) – review and replace the Annex III, following the recommendation of the WPEB,
 - [Resolution 19/03](#) – update the Annex I - Live release handling procedures, following the recommendation of the WPEB
92. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that contribution from one CPCs, on component 8 sub-component 8.1 and 8.2 of the Work Plan of the WPICMM, was received by the Secretariat for the WPICMM09 and **REMINDED** CPCs to propose amendments and drafting suggestion of IOTC Resolutions for the WPICMM meeting intersessionally for discussion at future WPICMM meetings.
93. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to work on the amendments of the Resolutions 15/01, 19/03, 25/08, 25/11 and 25/12, based on the recommendations of the Scientific Committee (SC28) and the recommendation of a previous Compliance Committee (CoC19).

94. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that some members may table a proposal amending those Resolutions and **FURTHER NOTED** that in such case the Compliance Committee would not submit a proposal to the Commission.
95. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that, in 2022, CoC19 and S26 mandated the use of e-PSM but this obligation was never transposed into a CMM and **CONSIDERED** amending Resolution 25/11.
96. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the Secretariat has liaised with the FAO PSMA Secretariat team to implement the request of the Compliance Committee 22 ([IOTC–2025–CoC22–R\[E\] - Paragraph 76](#)) and confirmed the IOTC e-PSM application is already connected to the FAO PSMA’s GIES and that information exchange between the two systems is unidirectional and that it only accepts information from the regional systems to the global system and **FURTHER NOTED** that the technical nature of the two systems prevent downstream data flow; i.e. from the FAO PSMA’s GIES to IOTC e-PSM.
97. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that Indonesia is the only active port State still not using the IOTC e-PSM application and **FURTHER NOTED** that Indonesia has requested the Secretariat to provide training on the e-PSM application in 2026.
98. The WPICMM09 **ACKNOWLEDGED** the difficulties of some Members with the obligation to use e-PSM and **AGREED** to not recommend any amendment of Resolution 25/11 to CoC23.
99. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that necessary changes to Resolution 15/01 proposed by SC28 were too substantial and **FURTHER AGREED** to not recommend any amendment to CoC23;
100. The WPICMM09 **ENDORSED** the amendments of the Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 ([Appendix 4](#)), for discussion at the next Compliance Committee meeting (CoC23).
101. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that future meetings of the WPICMM shall start with the agenda item “*On Outdated Conservation and Management Measures and CMMs that could be merged*” to allow participating CPCs to consider proposals for discussion at the WPICMM meetings.
102. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to report to the WPICMM “*On Outdated Conservation and Management Measures and CMMs that could be merged*” - component 8, sub-component 8.1 and 8.2 of the Work Plan of the WPICMM, using the e-MARIS application.
103. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that there was a request that if a draft resolution was available, it should be shared with participants well in advance, rather than being presented during the meeting, for the future WPICMMs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

104. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat prepares a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23), based on its amendments to Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12.
105. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to remind CPCs to propose amendments and drafting suggestions of IOTC Resolutions for the WPICMM meeting intersessionally for discussion at future WPICMM meetings.
106. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the suggestions of IOTC Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 (Appendix 4), as drafted by WPICMM09 and, if appropriate, to table the proposed revisions of Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 to the Commission.
107. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to report proposals for amending existing CMMs in the e-MARIS application.

5.3 On a contingency protocol for the drifting fish aggregating devices (dFAD) REGISTER

108. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-16](#), which serve as the basis of discussion of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) for the establishment of a contingency protocol to cover instances of when timely reporting cannot be achieved due technical or communications failures with the dFAD Register.
109. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that some CPCs expressed concerns with the proposal for the contingency protocol, since the dFAD application is not yet operational and **AGREED** the discussions on the proposal should be deferred to the Compliance Committee (CoC23).

RECOMMENDATION(S):

110. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) discuss the contingency protocol.

5.4 On a draft Resolution for a system of fishing gear marking in the IOTC area of competence

111. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-17](#), *On a draft Resolution for a system of fishing gear marking in the IOTC area of competence*, facilitated by the European Union and in line with the approach agreed by the COC in 2025.
112. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the European Union did not receive any contribution from CPCs.
113. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the proposal is exclusively for fishing gears, since the marking of fish aggregating devices (FADs) are addressed under specific CMMs for FADs.
114. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that some CPCs expressed concerns with the proposal for a system of fishing gear marking and that the proposal will place considerable burden on developing coastal States if the implementation is for all fishing gears.
115. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that a phased approach in implementation would be required, taking into consideration the nature of the fisheries and the fishing gears' characteristics.
116. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the relevant discussion was ongoing at the IMO subcommittee parallelly in the same week of the WPICMM09.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

117. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the proposal for a system of fishing gear marking as a way forward; however, the WPICMM09 **NOTED** that comments provided by some CPCs would need to be duly considered.

5.5 On the interpretation of Resolution 25/03 On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence

118. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-18](#), that request the WPICMM09 to provide guidance on the use of a common methodology to be used for deriving skipjack catch limits for CPCs subject to an IOTC skipjack catch limit.
119. The WPICMM09 **ENCOURAGED** that the Commission revise Resolution 25/03 to further define "current catch".
120. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that the term "current catch" in Resolution 25/03 referred to the average catch for the period 2021-2023 and the catch limits for 2026 be calculated on that basis.
121. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that for the period 2027 and 2028, the TAC recommended by the SC in 2025 should be automatically applied without need for further Commission approval and that, consequently, the catch tables for 2027 and 2028 should reflect this reduction applying the guidance in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Resolution 25/03 (i.e. the new catch limits for 2028 should meet the revised TAC of 565,745 t with a corresponding reduction in 2027).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

122. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) consider recommending the Commission (S30) to amend the Resolution 25/03 *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence*, however, there was consensus that the term "current catch" in Resolution 25/03 referred to the average catch for the period 2021-2023.
123. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat use the average catch levels reported for the years 2021-2023 as the current catch levels together with the guidance in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Resolution 25/03 in order to calculate the necessary reduction to ensure that the catch limits for 2028 meet the revised TAC of 565,745 t with a corresponding reduction in 2027.

5.6 On the interpretation of Resolutions 19/01 and 21/01 on applicable reductions to the threshold limits of YFT in the IOTC area of competence and associated discussions on a mechanism to address payback of over-catches

124. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the divergent views on implementing the payback mechanisms between Resolution 19/01 and Resolution 21/01, when a CPC had previously objected to the latter.
125. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the yellowfin tuna catch limits, over-catch and paybacks are documented in various documents; IOTC Circulars and meeting reports.
126. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that some other CPCs had implemented a payback from Resolution 19/01 on their catch limit under Resolution. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that the difficulty in the case of an objecting CPC withdrawing its objection was the absence of a mechanism to implement the payback.
127. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to defer to the Compliance Committee the identification of a mechanism to address payback of over-catches yellowfin tuna incurred under Resolution 19/01 and the payback to be applied under Resolution 21/01.
128. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the divergent views on how to interpret paragraph 11 of Resolution 19/01 and on the applicable catch limits to a CPC whose purse seine fleet exceeds 5000 tons in one year and **AGREED** to defer discussions to CoC23.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

129. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss a payback mechanism for the over-catch of yellowfin tuna made under Resolution 19/01, when a CPC had previously objected to Resolution 21/01.
130. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make available in the IOTC website a table which documents the yellowfin tuna catch limits, over-catch and applicable payback across the years that yellowfin catch limits have been in force.
131. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to provide further clarifications and guidance to implement paragraph 11 of Resolution 19/01.

6. THE COMPLIANCE PROCESS AND THE E-MARIS APPLICATION

6.1 The 2026 Compliance reports workflow (CoC23) - From the Draft CR to the Final CR (e-MARIS CoC23 – 2026 assessment campaign)

132. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the meeting document [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-11](#), which describes:
- the content and structure of the 2026 Compliance report; and,
 - the Compliance Report (CR) workflow during the Compliance Committee meeting (CoC23) - from the Draft CR (dCR) to the Final CR (fCR), the timelines and the decision-making process of the Compliance Committee (CoC) during its meeting (CoC23) and of the Commission (S30).
133. On the 2026 Compliance Reports' content and structure, the WPICMM09 **NOTED** the CoC23 campaign description and the four-page structure of the Compliance Report.
134. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the workflow, timelines and decision-making process for the Compliance Report as outlined below:
- The Draft Compliance Report (dCR) would be available and open for 20 days in e-MARIS for CPCs to input any remarks, from 22 March 2026 to 10 April 2026.
 - The deadline to submit the dCR would be on 10 April 2026.
 - The dCR will be closed during 5 days from 11 April 2026 to 15 April 2026.
 - The Summary Compliance Report (sCR) will be available and open for 15 days in e-MARIS for CPCs to input follow-up/remedial actions, from 16 April 2026 to 30 April 2026.
 - The deadline to submit the sCR will be on 30 April 2026.

- The sCR will be closed 3 days from *01 May 2026 to 03 May 2026*.
- The Provisional Compliance Report (pCR) will be closed from *07 May 2026 until the end of the Commission meeting*.
- The Final Compliance Report (fCR) will be made available once the pCR is closed, or at the latest, on the final day of the Commission meeting (S30).

135. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** that the compliance assessment will be carried out in the e-MARIS application.
136. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** on the proposed workflow, timelines and decision-making process.

6.2 *The e-MARIS CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign, new requirements and new functionalities*

137. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting documents [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-12](#), [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-12 Add1](#), [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-12 Add2](#), [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-12 Add3](#), [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-12 Add4](#), which describes:
- the e-MARIS campaign of *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*;
 - the new requirements of *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*, and
 - the new functionalities available in *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.
138. The WPICMM09 **REVIEWED** and **NOTED** the CoC24 campaign and its description.
139. The WPICMM09 **REVIEWED** and **NOTED** the three new requirements (2.27, 5.13 and 8.7) of *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign* and **FURTHER NOTED** that additional requirements may be introduced following the Commission's meeting (S30) with the adoption of new IOTC Resolutions.
140. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that a new requirement related to the dFAD application might be added and integrated with the dFAD application when it becomes operational for CPCs' reporting.
141. On new requirement 2.27, the WPICMM09 **NOTED** that CPCs may have different internal processes for compiling and reporting their Compliance Action Plan and **FURTHER NOTED** that Compliance Action Plans can be completed within e-MARIS or uploaded as a separate document by CPCs.
142. The WPICMM09 **REQUESTED** the modification of the table in Section 3 of Requirement 2.27 to align it with the structure of the table in Requirement 2.26, so that CPCs can check whether they have achieved their catch limits.
143. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the benefits of integrating information from the Catch Statistical Working System into e-MARIS and **FURTHER NOTED** that this development is ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

144. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to **ENDORSE** the inclusion of requirements 2.27, 5.13 and 8.7 in the *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.
145. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to modify the table in Section 3 of Requirement 2.27 to align it with the structure of the table in Requirement 2.26.
146. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make the necessary provision to include new reporting requirements in e-MARIS that may arise from new Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its next annual meeting.

6.3 *Assessment criteria for the 2027 CPCs' compliance report (Appendix V of the IOTC rules of procedure 2023)*

147. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** meeting documents [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-13](#), [IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-13 Add1](#), which describes the three new requirements and their assessment criteria, which have been added to the e-MARIS *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.
148. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the assessment criteria are also available in the e-MARIS application for each individual requirement.

149. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** that the assessment criteria for requirement 2.27 required revising and **AGREED** that if a CPC exceeded its catch limit for skipjack tuna, it should be assessed as Non-Compliant 1 instead of Partially Compliant.
150. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the request for clarification on whether being Partially Compliant to a requirement in two consecutive years can lead to a Non-Compliant 2 assessment in the second consecutive year. In the absence of guidance on this issue, the WPICMM09 **AGREED** to reflect further on it and return to it at a later meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

151. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC23 to note the changes to the assessment criteria, for the *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.

7. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM

152. No nomination was received for the post of Vice-Chairperson of the WPICMM for the next biennium.

8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE TENTH SESSIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CMMS

153. The WPICMM09 **AGREED** to conduct the next meeting between the 10 – 12 February 2027 ideally in presential format. The format of the next WPICMM meeting will be announced in due course.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

154. The WPICMM09 **RECALLED** the two recommendations of the Compliance Committee at its 22nd Session, related to the IOTC CDS Working Group:
- The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the work of the CDSWG be paused awaiting to the outcome of the work within ICCAT and the TCAC.
 - The CoC22 **RECOMMENDED** that the Chair of the WPICMM provides updates on progress being made by ICCAT to implement a CDS.
155. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the update provided by the Chair of the WPICMM on the progress of the ICCAT to potentially extends its CDS to cover the two species that have been subject to a Statistical Document Programme for many years (Bigeye tuna and Swordfish) and **FURTHER NOTED** that additional decisions may be taken at the next CDS Working Group and next ICCAT Commission meeting in November 2026.
156. The WPICMM09 **RECALLED** paragraph 86 of the report of the 22nd Session of the Compliance Committee:
- The CoC22 **NOTED** the concerns raised by one CPC concerning the interpretation of Requirement 10.3 (Resolution 01/06 on bigeye tuna statistical document programme) and **AGREED** to discuss its implementation at the next WPICMM meeting.
157. The WPICMM09 **NOTED** the difficulties expressed by the European Union to implement the measure related to the submission of an annual report for the bigeye tuna statistical document programme and **AGREED** that more detailed discussions should be held on this subject at the upcoming Compliance Committee meeting.
158. WPICMM09 **NOTED** the concern raised by one CPC regarding a CPC's vessel not registered in e-RAV that were sighted within another CPC's EEZ.

RECOMMENDATION

159. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the implementation of paragraph 6 of Resolution [01/06](#).

10. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE WPICMM

160. The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from WPICMM09, provided at [Appendix 5](#).

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161. The report of the Ninth Session of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-R) was **ADOPTED** on 18 April 2026.

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APPENDIX 2**AGENDA: NINTH MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

11 February 2026

Date: 11–13 February 2026**Location:** Virtual (Platform: Zoom)**Time:** 1100–1500 hrs daily (Seychelles time)**Chair:** Mr. Neil ANSELL (EU)**Vice chair:** Vacant

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS** (Chair)
4. **THE WPICMM WORKPLAN 2025-2030** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.1 **Progress report on the recommendations of the WPICMM08** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.2 **Review of investigation and actions taken by the flag State under PSM (Resolution 25/11)** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.3 **Review the list of Large-Scale Tuna Longline Vessels (LSTLVs)/carrier vessels presumed to have committed infractions against IOTC CMMs under the at-sea transshipment programme and recommend actions** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.4 **Information on capacity building activities that CPCs provide and that developing CPCs can utilize** (Secretariat/CPCs/Plenary)
 - 4.5 **2025 Compliance Action Plan – Reporting on compliance issues N/C2 identified in 2025 at the Twenty-ninth Session of the Commission (S29)** (Secretariat/CPCs/Plenary)
 - 4.6 **Review compliance with data reporting obligations** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.7 **Review and recommendation on IOTC IT reporting applications (e.g. e-PSM, e-Maris, e-RAV, e-FADs, ROS, etc...)** (Secretariat/Plenary)
 - 4.8 **WPICMM work plan 2025-2030 - Review and streamlining of the existing items in the current WPICMM Work Plan** (Secretariat/Plenary)
5. **ON IOTC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES (CMMs)**
 - 5.1 **Conservation and Management Measures that Include a Reference to the Year 2026** (Chair/Plenary)
 - 5.2 **On Outdated Conservation and Management Measures and CMMs that could be merged** (Chair/Plenary)
 - 5.3 **On a contingency protocol for the drifting fish aggregating devices (D-FAD) REGISTER** (EU/Plenary)
 - 5.4 **On a draft Resolution for a system of fishing gear marking in the IOTC area of competence** (EU/Plenary)
 - 5.5 **On the interpretation of Resolution 25/03 On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence** (Chair/Plenary)

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- 5.6 **On the interpretation of Resolutions 19/01 and 21/01 on applicable reductions to the threshold limits of YFT in the IOTC area of competence and associated discussions on a mechanism to address payback of over-catches** (Chair/Plenary)
6. **THE COMPLIANCE PROCESS AND THE e-MARIS APPLICATION** (Secretariat/Plenary)
- 6.1 **The 2026 Compliance reports workflow (CoC23) - From the Draft CR to the Final CR (e-MARIS CoC23 – 2026 assessment campaign)** (Secretariat/Plenary)
- 6.2 **The e-MARIS CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign, new requirements and new functionalities** (Secretariat/Plenary)
- 6.3 **Assessment criteria for the 2027 CPCs' compliance report (Appendix V of the IOTC rules of procedure 2023)** (Secretariat/Plenary)
7. **DATE OF THE 10TH SESSION OF THE WPICMM** (Chair/CPCs),
8. **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE WPICMM** (Chair/Plenary)
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (Chair).

APPENDIX 3
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND COMPLIANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

The assessment criteria endorsed by the WPICMM09 are available [HERE](#).

APPENDIX 4
REVISED RESOLUTIONS ENDORSED BY THE WPICMM09

IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-PROP3	IOTC cmm 19-03 - Proposal WPICMM09 ENDORSED
IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-PROP4	IOTC cmm 25-08 - Proposal WPICMM09 ENDORSED
IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-PROP5	IOTC cmm 25-12 - Proposal WPICMM09 ENDORSED

REVISED RESOLUTIONS NOT ENDORSED BY THE WPICMM09

IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-PROP1	IOTC cmm 15-01 - Proposal WPICMM09 NOT ENDORSED
IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-PROP2	IOTC cmm 25-11 - Proposal WPICMM09 NOT ENDORSED

APPENDIX 5

CONSOLIDATED SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM WPICMM09

- WPICMM09.01 ([Para. 15](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the SCAF23 to discuss and consider the allocation of a budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project.
- WPICMM09.02 ([Para. 16](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC23 to discuss and consider the launch of the IOTC VMS pilot project, and to recommend endorsement by the Commission (S30).
- WPICMM09.03 ([Para. 24](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that CoC23 **REQUEST** the Commission (S30) to **ENCOURAGE** CPCs to participate in future meetings of the WPICMM, for the efficient operation of the Commission’s compliance process.
- WPICMM09.04 ([Para. 25](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that China provide its response to the PSM Case number 2, detected in 2025, by submitting its response within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.
- WPICMM09.05 ([Para. 42](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** CPCs to be present in the WPCIMM meeting and that the Compliance Committee (CoC23) encourage fleets to respond and take actions with regards to the possible infractions in the shortest possible time to enable timely corrective actions and prevent the recurrence of possible infringements.
- WPICMM09.06 ([Para. 43](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that Korea provides its response to the possible infraction detected in 2025, within 15 days after the WPICMM09 to the Secretariat, which shall be tasked to prepare a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23) for discussion. In the absence of any response the case would be deferred to CoC23.
- WPICMM09.07 ([Para. 44](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee address the issue of fishing authorisations reported late and not included in the RAV.
- WPICMM09.08 ([Para. 53](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) consider encouraging CPCs to contribute actively to the implementation of the WPICMM Work Plan and provide information on the capacity building activities they can offer, for the Secretariat to include them in the IOTC compendium of capacity building activities.
- WPICMM09.09 ([Para. 54](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) and Commission (S30) to endorse the IOTC Compendium of capacity building activities available on the IOTC website.
- WPICMM09.10 ([Para. 65](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to encourage CPCs, when providing their Compliance Action Plans, to fully address the compliance issues identified (N/C2), the compliance elements leading to the N/C2 assessment (System/procedure, standard, legislation), and to be more descriptive and detailed in terms of the corrective actions and its implementation schedule. WPICMM **ALSO RECOMMENDED** that the WPICMM undertake thorough discussions on Compliance Action Plans in future meetings and encouraged participation for all concerned CPCs. A presential meeting of the WPICMM would facilitate further engagement in this regard.
- WPICMM09.11 ([Para. 74](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to encourage CPCs to address inconsistencies regarding catch data in the IOTC Resolutions by submitting proposals to amend the inconsistencies.
- WPICMM09.12 ([Para. 80](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to work inter-sessionally with the concerned CPCs and the developers of the concerned application(s) to address the feedback received and improve the IOTC applications where technically feasible and funds are available.
- WPICMM09.13 ([Para. 81](#)) WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to provide feedback in the e-MARIS application, within each reporting requirement.

- WPICMM09.14 ([Para. 84](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to endorse the [WPICMM Work Plan presented during the meeting of the WPICMM09](#) (IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-19_Rev1).
- WPICMM09.15 ([Para. 104](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat prepares a meeting document for the next Compliance Committee (CoC23), based on its amendments to Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12.
- WPICMM09.16 ([Para. 105](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to remind CPCs to propose amendments and drafting suggestions of IOTC Resolutions for the WPICMM meeting intersessionally for discussion at future WPICMM meetings.
- WPICMM09.17 ([Para. 106](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the suggestions of IOTC Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 (Appendix 4), as drafted by WPICMM09 and, if appropriate, to table the proposed revisions of Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 to the Commission.
- WPICMM09.18 ([Para. 107](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to task the Secretariat to assess the feasibility for CPCs to report proposals for amending existing CMMs in the e-MARIS application.
- WPICMM09.19 ([Para. 110](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) discuss the contingency protocol.
- WPICMM09.20 ([Para. 117](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the proposal for a system of fishing gear marking as a way forward; however, the WPICMM09 **NOTED** that comments provided by some CPCs would need to be duly considered.
- WPICMM09.21 ([Para. 122](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) consider recommending the Commission (S30) to amend the Resolution 25/03 *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence*, however, there was consensus that the term “current catch” in Resolution 25/03 referred to the average catch for the period 2021-2023.
- WPICMM09.22 ([Para. 123](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat use the average catch levels reported for the years 2021-2023 as the current catch levels together with the guidance in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Resolution 25/03 in order to calculate the necessary reduction to ensure that the catch limits for 2028 meet the revised TAC of 565,745 t with a corresponding reduction in 2027.
- WPICMM09.23 ([Para. 129](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss a payback mechanism for the over-catch of yellowfin tuna made under Resolution 19/01, when a CPC had previously objected to Resolution 21/01.
- WPICMM09.24 ([Para. 130](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make available in the IOTC website a table which documents the yellowfin tuna catch limits, over-catch and applicable payback across the years that yellowfin catch limits have been in force.
- WPICMM09.25 ([Para. 131](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to provide further clarifications and guidance to implement paragraph 11 of Resolution 19/01.
- WPICMM09.26 ([Para. 144](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to **ENDORSE** the inclusion of requirements 2.27, 5.13 and 8.7 in the *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.
- WPICMM09.27 ([Para. 145](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to modify the table in Section 3 of Requirement 2.27 to align it with the structure of the table in Requirement 2.26.
- WPICMM09.28 ([Para. 146](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Secretariat to make the necessary provision to include new reporting requirements in e-MARIS that may arise from new Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its next annual meeting.
- WPICMM09.29 ([Para. 151](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC23 to note the changes to the assessment criteria, for the *CoC24 – 2027 assessment campaign*.
- WPICMM09.30 ([Para. 159](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the implementation of paragraph 6 of Resolution [01/06](#).

WPICMM09.31 ([Para. 160](#)) The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from WPICMM09, provided at [Appendix 5](#).