PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WPICMM09

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PURPOSE

To provide participants at the WPICMM10 with an update on the progress made during the 2026/2027 intersessional period on the 31 recommendations of the WPICMM09.

BACKGROUND

The WPICMM09 made thirty-one recommendations (IOTC-2026-WPICMM09) for the consideration of the Compliance Committee (CoC23).

Of the 31 recommendations made by the WPICMM09:

- 28 have been fully implemented and do not require additional actions,
- 3 have started implementation, they are still ongoing.

The CoC23 and the S30 endorsed the recommendations of the WPICMM09, they are reproduced below:

> IOTC-2026-COC23-R Report of the 23rd session of the IOTC Compliance Committee), Paragraph 21 - The CoC23 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission endorse the recommendations of the WPICMM09.
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> IOTC-2026-S30-R Report of the 30th session of the Commission), Paragraph 146 - The Commission **NOTED** that the CoC23 **ENDORSED** the consolidated set of recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM09).
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> IOTC-2026-S30-R Report of the 30th session of the Commission), Paragraph 152 - The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.

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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The last column, of the below table, present the status of implementation of each recommendation.

IMPLEMENTED	ONGOING	PENDING

	Recommendations of WPICMM09 approved by the Commission (S30)	Progress of implementation
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.01 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the SCAF23 to discuss and consider the allocation of a budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project.	Source: IOTC-2026-SCAF23-R 69 The SCAF **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission **APPROVE** the use of savings from the 2026 budget to support the launch of a voluntary VMS Pilot project, or use any extrabudgetary funding available, such as through the SWIOP. The SCAF **ALSO NOTED** Australia's offer to work with the Secretariat and interested CPCs to advance the development and launch of the pilot project.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.02 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).	Source: IOTC-2026-CoC23-R **10** The CoC23 **NOTED** support from some CPCs to launch the voluntary IOTC VMS pilot project. The CoC23 **FURTHER NOTED** concerns expressed by some CPCs on how the IOTC VMS pilot project would be funded wanting to avoid an impact on the 2027 budget. **11** The CoC23 **REFERRED** the discussion on the budget for the IOTC VMS pilot project and the proposal to adopt a budget to the SCAF23. **23** On the work to improve the IOTC MCS scheme, the CoC23 **RECOMMENDED** the Commission consider to endorse the launch of a voluntary IOTC VMS pilot project for interested CPCs, subject to the discussion on funding by the SCAF23. The CoC23 **REQUESTED** the SCAF23 to discuss the funding of the IOTC VMS pilot project and associated budget.
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.03 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.04 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.	Source:IOTC-2026-COC23-R 13 The CoC23 **NOTED** that China had provided its response to the possible infraction under PSM on 10 January 2026, by e-mail, to the Port State Control Unit Mauritius.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.05 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDEDED** 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.

IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.06 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDEDED** 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.	Source:IOTC-2026-COC23-R 12 The CoC23 **NOTED** that Korea had provided its response to the possible infraction under the ROP on 23 March 2026 in the e-MARIS application.
ON GOING	WPICMM09.07 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee address the issue of fishing authorisations reported late and not included in the RAV.	Source:IOTC-2026-COC23-R APPENDIX 4 - RECOMMENDATION ON VESSELS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RAV The CoC23 **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission **AGREE**, in relations to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Resolution 19/04, that for vessels authorised to operate beyond areas under national jurisdiction of the flag State, the authorisation period shall commence only when the vessel is included in the RAV by the flag State. For vessel authorised only to operate within areas under national jurisdiction of the flag State, the vessel shall be included in the RAV within 5 days of the issuance of the fishing license by the flag State. Any delay in processing the inclusion by the IOTC Secretariat shall not be treated as noncompliance by the CPC. In cases of technical difficulties with the e-RAV portal, an immediate notification and transmission of vessel details to the IOTC Secretariat by alternative means shall be accepted as valid evidence of compliance until the vessel is formally included in the RAV.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.08 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.09 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) and Commission (S30) to endorse the IOTC Compendium of capacity building activities available on the IOTC website.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.10 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.

IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.11 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own. Resolution 26/06 *Mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)* came into force on 18 November 2026 (IOTC CIRCULAR 2026-53)
ONGOING	WPICMM09.12 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.	Thailand on e-DFAD: Contacted 19/11/2026 on e-DFAD training. Thailand do not have DFAD fisheries. Thailand on ROS – Contacted 19 & 20/11/2026 and Secretariat following up with Thailand. Thailand on e-RAV - System does not block a volume higher than 1,000 m^3. This was a warning to notify users the volume is above the threshold, not a blocking error. New thresholds have been set for fishing vessels (4,000 m^3) and for carrier vessels (20,000 m^3). Kenya contacted 23/11/2026 for additional information.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.13 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.	Campaign WPICMM10 designed in e-MARIS in June 2026. Audience: ALL CPCs. 10 requirements corresponding to the 10 components of the work plan of the WPICMM. 
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.14 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).	The WPICMM Work Plan is available on the meeting page of the WPICMM09: IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-19_Rev1 WPICMM Work Plan (2025-2030) ENDORSED BY WPICMM
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.15 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.	The meeting document is available on the meeting page of the CoC23: IOTC-2026-CoC23-14_Rev2 Amendments to Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 by the WPICMM09
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.16 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own. Amendments/drafting suggestions of IOTC Resolutions for the WPICMM meeting can be submitted intersessionally for discussion via the Campaign WPICMM, Requirements 08. WPICMM-WORK PLAN-C-8
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.17 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.	The meeting document is available on the meeting page of the CoC23: IOTC-2026-CoC23-14_Rev2 Amendments to Resolutions 19/03, 25/08 and 25/12 by the WPICMM09 Alternative proposals for the amending these three Resolutions were submitted by CPCs to the Commission (S30).
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.18 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.	Amendments/drafting suggestions of IOTC Resolutions for the WPICMM meeting can be submitted intersessionally for discussion via the Campaign WPICMM, Requirements 08. WPICMM-WORK PLAN-C-8

IMPLEMEN	WPICMM09.19 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) discuss the contingency protocol.	IOTC-2026-S30–12 Rev1 Discussion paper on the implementation of the DFAD Register. DFAD register was discussed at S30.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.20 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 38 The CoC23 **RECOMMENDED** that CPCs continue to engage with the European Union in the intersessional period, leading up to the next annual session of the CoC, to provide feedback on a framework for IOTC fishing gear marking.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.21 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 35 The Commission **NOTED** that the TAC recommendation taken from the adopted MP for skipjack tuna should continue to be applied until further advice is provided by the SC. The Commission further **NOTED** that the SC had confirmed that no exceptional circumstances had been triggered, that 2024 catches remained below the current MSY estimate, and that there was therefore no scientific basis at this stage to pause implementation of the current MP.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.22 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.	Catch limits are published on the IOTC web site: https://iotc.org/fishery-management
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.23 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.	Source: IOTC-2026-CoC23-R 56 The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that Indonesia continue to work with the IOTC Secretariat over the coming days to resolve the uncertainties over applicable catch limits and **RECOMMENDED** that the Commission consider a payback mechanism for the over catch, if an over catch is confirmed. Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 151 The Commission […] **NOTED** that the dataset (IOTC-2026-S30-DATA02), which estimated the catch limit using catches reported in the Indonesian Annual National Reports shows that no payback of yellowfin tuna was due from Indonesia under Resolution 19/01.
IMPLEMENTED	WPICMM09.24 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.	Catch limits are published on the IOTC web site: https://iotc.org/fishery-management Table will be made available in December 2026.
ON GOING	WPICMM09.25 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to provide further clarifications and guidance to implement paragraph 11 of Resolution 19/01.	Source: IOTC-2026-CoC23-R 52. The CoC23 **AGREED** to discuss the interpretation of paragraph 11 on the applicable reduction to the threshold limits in paragraphs 5 to 10 of Resolution 19/01, at the next meeting of the WPICMM.
IMPLEMENT	WPICMM09.26 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*.	Source: IOTC-2026-S30-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.

IMPLEMEN	WPICMM09.27 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.	Table modified in section 3 of Requirement 2.27 and present in campaign CoC24 onwards.
IMPLEMENTE	WPICMM09.28 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.	New reporting requirements are systematically included in CoC e-MARIS Campaign.
IMPLEMEN	WPICMM09.29 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the CoC23 to note the changes to the assessment criteria, for the *CoC24 – 2027 Assessment campaign*.	The assessment criteria table is available on the meeting page of the WPICMM09: IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-13_Add1_Rev1 Assessment criteria table ENDORSED BY WPICMM09
IMPLEMENT	WPICMM09.30 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** the Compliance Committee (CoC23) to discuss the implementation of paragraph 6 of Resolution 01/06.	Source: IOTC-2026-CoC23-R 25 On the Resolution 01/06, paragraph 6, the CoC23 **REFERRED** the discussion to the WPICMM10 and **RECOMMENDED** the Commission task the Secretariat to prepare a meeting document on compliance with Resolution 01/06, paragraph 6, for the next WPICMM meeting.
IMPLEMENT	WPICMM09.31 The WPICMM09 **RECOMMENDED** that the Compliance Committee consider the consolidated set of recommendations arising from WPICMM09, provided at Appendix 5.	Source: IOTC-2026-CoC23-R 152 The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 23rd Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee (CoC23) and **ENDORSED** the Compliance Committee's lists of agreed actions and recommendations as its own.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WPICMM10 **NOTE** the progress made in implementing the actions and Recommendations of WPICMM09.