

Assessment criteria for the Compliance Report for CoC17

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PURPOSE

To encourage participants at the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) to review the assessment criteria to be used to compile the Compliance Report of CPCs, for CoC17.

BACKGROUND

At the 12th Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee, the following recommendation was made:

The CoC **RECOMMENDED** that the IOTC Secretariat provide CPCs with the assessment criteria to understand the process of how the Compliance Reports are compiled, including information on the year being assessed for each requirement (*Paragraph 47, IOTC-2015-CoC12-R[E], 62 pp*).

DISCUSSION

Following the recommendation of the Compliance Committee, the IOTC Secretariat is pleased to provide document IOTC-2020-WPICMM03-11 Add1 [English], the assessment criteria to be used for the compilation of the Compliance Reports for the 2020 meeting. We would like to invite the WPCIMM03 to provide comments/observations on the assessment criteria.

We wish to bring to the attention of WPICMM03 that, (i) four new reporting requirements have been introduced in the Compliance Report which relates to new Resolutions adopted in 2019, and (ii) nine reporting requirements have been introduced in the Compliance Report which relates to resolutions adopted in previous years, but were not being assessed previously, as indicated to the IOTC Secretariat.

The 13 reporting requirements are highlighted in yellow for ease of reference in document IOTC-2020-WPICMM03-11 Add1 [English], and they are related to the following Resolutions:

- Res. 19/02 & 19/04 - Marking of FADs
- Res. 11/02 - Reports of observations of damaged data buoys
- Res. 11/02 - Prohibition from intentionally fishing within 1 nautical mile of or interacting with data buoy
- Res. 11/02 - Prohibition from taking on board a data buoy
- Res. 13/04 - Prohibition of setting purse seine net around a cetacean
- Res. 13/05 - Prohibition of setting purse seine net around a whale shark
- Res. 19/03 - Prohibition of setting any gear type on mobulid rays
- Res 18/07 - Report on zero catches matrix
- Res. 19/03 - Prohibition to retain onboard, tranship, land, store mobulid rays
- Res. 19/03 - 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
- Res. 18/02 - Information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches of Blue Shark
- Res 18/05 - Information on actions taken domestically to monitor catches & manage fisheries of Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin and Indo-pacific Sailfish /
- Res 18/05 - 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

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the WPICMM:

- 1) **NOTE** documents IOTC-2020-WPICMM03-11, IOTC-2020-WPICMM03-11 Add1, which describes the new assessment criteria added to the 2020 Compliance Report, and IOTC-2020-WPICMM03-11 Add2, template of the Compliance Report.
- 2) **FINALISE AND ENDORSE** the assessment criteria and the template of the Compliance Report, for the Compliance process of 2020.
- 3) **AGREE** that the IOTC Secretariat compile the Compliance Reports with the assessment criteria endorsed by the WPICMM03.