

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
15TH MEETING

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DOCUMENT COR-15-01 REV
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED
DURING THE PREVIOUS MEETING (14TH) OF THE REVIEW
COMMITTEE: PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES

At its annual meetings, the Review Committee (COR) makes recommendations to the Commission, many of which involve action by the staff. This document lists the recommendations currently requiring action by the staff and/or the Commission, and their current status: **green**: completed; **yellow**: in progress, incomplete; **orange**: pending of discussion in the Commission; **red**: no action.

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Recommendations to the staff			
1.	To ensure that the initial Report on Compliance prepared by the Secretariat is presented as 'Provisional Compliance Overview' and the Compliance Compendium as 'Draft Provisional Compliance Report', respectively, until they have been endorsed by the Committee.	These documents have been presented as indicated in the recommendation.	
2.	To generalize in the Report on Compliance the inclusion of background information covering compliance over the previous five years and the use of color-coded tables, including on missing reporting obligations.	Done (see <i>Provisional Compliance Overview</i>).	
3.	To replace any reference to 'verified infractions' with 'possible non-compliance issues' in the compliance documents prepared by the Secretariat.	Done.	
4.	(a) To circulate quarterly information to CPCs on changes to the IATTC Final IUU Vessel List related to the cross-listing procedure of Resolution C-19-02.	Done. In 2023, four reports were circulated and in 2024, quarterly reports have been sent.	
	(b) Ensure CPCs are given 30 days to object or comment before including cross-listed vessels to be added to the IATTC List.	Done.	
5.	To ensure that the most recent titles of the IATTC Resolutions are referenced in the documents prepared by the Secretariat.	Done.	
6.	To include in the Provisional Compliance Overview and the Draft Provisional Compliance Report a review of compliance by CPCs with the Resolution on financing.	Done.	
7.	To ensure that the Draft Compliance Report includes for each resolution a list of those CPCs who did not provide	Done.	

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	the relevant reports or failed to meet the reporting obligations necessary to assess compliance.	
8.	To task the Secretariat to produce a document for discussion at the 47 th Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP on the applicable rules to transit waivers, specifically the possible elimination of the requirement for waivers for transits between neighboring ports of the same CPC.	The document was prepared for review by the Parties to the AIDCP at its 47 th meeting. The review of the document was initiated but was not completed; it is expected to be completed at the 48 th meeting.
9.	To align the structure and order of the presentation of the Draft Compliance Overview with the Draft Provisional Compliance Report to facilitate cross references and consultations, including the introduction of numbered sections.	Done.
10.	The data provided in the Compliance Report must be from the last 5 years.	In general, 5-year compliance reporting periods are included.
11.	To strengthen information provided to CPCs of the deadlines applicable to the reporting obligations including by posting on the IATTC webpage, and circulated to CPCs, a document listing all reporting deadlines for the upcoming year and with a system of notifications.	A document with such requirements has been posted on the IATTC website and CPCs were notified about this posting. The document can be accessed through the following link: Reports and provision of data as required by the current resolutions.
12.	The Secretariat shall distribute the written reports received from the CPCs related to unresolved cases before the next meeting of the Committee.	The reports received from those CPCs that submitted them (not all) were circulated on 30 July 2024.
Recommendations to the Committee		
13	To continue to include a permanent item on the agenda of the Committee on possible improvements to the compliance process, including on possible actions to reduce reporting burden for both CPCs and the Secretariat.	The 1st Special Biennial Meeting of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission will be held on 31 August in Panama and will discuss this matter.
14	To ensure the timely drafting and distribution of the reports of the meetings of the Committee.	The timing should be improved still, although progress has been made in this respect.
15	To consider as possible very serious non-compliance cases, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Harassment and safety of observers; b. Fishing during a closure period; c. Failure to provide catch and effort data; d. Observer coverage and the related reporting obligations; e. The systematic and repeated failure to provide the Compliance questionnaire. <p>The list is non-exhaustive nor indicative and it will</p>	Done (see the document <i>Provisional Compliance Overview</i>)

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	continue to be developed by the Committee.	
Recommendations to the CPCs		
16	To further highlight the importance that the minimum percentage of observer coverage in longliners is met and recall the need to ensure data collection to promote the long-term sustainability of the stocks.	There are still CPCs that did not reach the level of 5% coverage or did not have an observer program in 2023.
17.	To ensure that observers on-board are provided with the same status as the crew as a standard practice.	Done. In the case of the observer program for transshipments at sea, a specific reminder was also sent to participating CPCs on 22 July 2024.
18.	To invite CPCs to provide more information in their replies regarding the circumstances surrounding possible lack of compliance (e.g., lack of time, capacity issues, lack of understanding of the obligations, etc.).	Done. Responses provided by the CPCs to the cases reported as possible infractions have been generally more explicit in this respect than before.
19	To invite CPCs to provide a list of the investigations undertaken to address possible non-compliance of the IATTC Resolutions, no matter the source of the information that initiated the investigation.	Done, including a reminder sent on 29 July 2024. Not all CPCs have provided such a list yet.
20	To recall CPCs of the importance to timely submit the compliance questionnaires and provide the necessary feedback to the possible compliance issues identified by the Secretariat to ensure the task of the Committee.	Done. In addition, in the case of CPCs that were late in submitting their filled questionnaire and/or responses to possible infractions calls were made and reminders sent, in some instances meetings were held via videoconference to help clarifying the issues.
Recommendations to the Commission		
21.	To review Resolution C-22-03 to include the use of methodologies and equipment that could increase the accuracy of the estimated weight calculated by observers.	<p>A review of all trips made by carrier vessels in 2023 was conducted to determine how many transshipments had differences greater than 10%. (See document <i>Provisional Compliance Overview</i> The results of this review are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from 23 carrier vessel trips with transshipments in 2023 are included. • There were 483 transshipments on these 23 trips. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For 390 of these transshipments (81%), there was no difference of more than 10% between the fish reported on the transshipment declaration and the fish calculated by the observer. - For 86 of these transshipments (18%), the difference exceeded 10% and these cases were referred to the flag authorities of the carrier vessel for investigation.

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22.	<p>(a) To send a letter by the Director to Vanuatu, Kiribati and Honduras recalling the need to provide the compliance questionnaire, meet the reporting obligations and attend the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies pursuant to the Antigua Convention and the relevant IATTC resolutions.</p> <p>(b) Task the Secretariat to contact those three CPCs directly to better understand the causes of this situation.</p>	<p>Done. Vanuatu filled questionnaire was received and IATTC staff met with Vanuatu authorities during a meeting in Japan to consider further the matter.</p> <p>In spite of reiterated messages and communications to Honduras and Kiribati, no filled questionnaire was submitted by these CPCs.</p>
23	In the future, where CPCs are unable to meet the minimum percentage of observer coverage in longliners due to sanitary reasons, for example pandemics, they should at a minimum notify the other CPCs and the Secretariat beforehand of the specific circumstances applicable.	. The referred situation did not arise during the period covered by this document.
24	To establish a mechanism to address pending compliance issues during the annual meeting or intersessionally for those CPCs who did not participate in or fulfill their obligations to engage properly with the Committee and the Commission on compliance matters.	The practice of not closing the meeting of the Review Committee has been maintained in order to wait for CPCs not present at the COR meetings to present their information on compliance with IATTC resolutions. Countries that did not attend the previous meeting of the COR were reminded of their obligation to attend.
25	To adopt the IATTC IUU Vessel List as established in document COR-14-04.	The IUU List was adopted by the IATTC and communicated to other RFMOs.
26	<p>a. To renew the Cooperating Non-Member status to Liberia, Chile and Bolivia.</p> <p>b. To grant Indonesia and Honduras renewal of their status as Cooperating Non-Members, noting that they meet the necessary requirements, but requesting their attendance at future meetings of the IATTC and its subsidiary bodies.</p>	The Cooperating Non-Member status of Liberia, Chile, Bolivia, Honduras and Indonesia was renewed.