

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION**

17^a MEETING

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED
DURING THE PREVIOUS MEETING (16TH) 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 Secretariat			
1.	To update the document “Possible infractions reported by governments as under investigation or unanswered (2019-2023)” with information from the Final Compliance Report from the corresponding year, the Secretariat comments and CPC updates on the follow up actions, to facilitate the COR review. The Final Compliance Reports should be listed in chronological order in one part of the password protected compliance webpage.	A comprehensive review of the cases under investigation was carried out, resulting in a significant reduction in their number. The corresponding information is available in document COR-17-06, published on the compliance website. The final compliance reports have been published on the website in chronological order.	
2.	To ensure that the Provisional Compliance Overview and the Draft Provisional Compliance Report are updated and comprehensively address the implementation of all conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission (e.g. Resolution 24-02 paragraph 3).	Both documents were updated following the thorough review and incorporate the provisions of paragraph 3 of Resolution C-24-02 concerning bluefin tuna recreational fishing.	
3.	To include in the “Secretariat’s comments” section of the Draft Provisional Compliance Report, information on instances when a CPCs response is insufficient for the Secretariat to assign the status of “Resolved”.	In the draft compliance report, a column was added to highlight the rating assigned by each CPC, as well as another column reflecting what is required under the recommendation, namely the Secretariat’s assessment of whether the case should be considered resolved.	
4.	To add a dropdown list that includes the different compliance statuses from Annex 2 in Resolution C-22-02, to the Draft Provisional Compliance Report worksheet to facilitate the COR review.	The list of compliance statuses was included in the provisional compliance report in accordance with Resolution C-22-02.	
5.	To include, as the first table in the Provisional Compliance Overview, an updated color-coded overview table of possible non-compliance cases like the one	The requested table was also included in the Compliance Synopsis (formerly the staff compliance report).	

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	included in the presentation of the Provisional Compliance Overview at the COR16.		
6.	To ensure that the presentation on the Provisional Compliance Overview is posted on the password protected COR webpage fifteen days prior to the meeting and follows the same order as the Provisional Compliance Overview document.	The presentation follows the same structure and was published within the established timelines.	
7.	To ensure strict adherence to the procedures and deadlines established in Resolutions adopted by the Commission to provide CPCs sufficient time for review of COR-related information and documentation. All data or reports submitted after the deadline shall be automatically reflected in the Provisional Compliance Overview and the Draft provisional Compliance Report as a “Not Resolved” and reviewed at the COR meeting.	Materials prepared by the Secretariat were submitted on time, and the draft compliance report includes a section identifying cases where CPCs did not provide information or responses within the required timeframe. The document has been finalized and is available for consultation on the restricted-access compliance website.	
8.	To develop and present at the COR17, a document on the review of infraction trends, identifying the thematic areas and Resolutions that require special attention as identified in the Priority elements of a draft Work Plan for the COR.[CAD].	The document COR-17-03 has been prepared and is available on the restricted-access compliance website for consultation.	
9.	When the Secretariat notifies the CPCs of a possible infraction, and it becomes necessary to clarify the observer’s report, this shall be executed through an additional document attached to the report explaining the reason for the changes made as a result of the normal review process.	Only observer reports without amendments or corrections were transmitted to CPCs.	
10.	To ensure that purse seine observers from the observer program receive appropriate training to record accurate information on FAD material design, specifically for deployed FADs, noting that the COR has dealt with a large number of FAD material possible non-compliance cases in recent years.	This recommendation originated from the regulation concerning the 7 cm mesh size of entangling FADs; however, this provision is no longer in force, as the use of netting in FADs is now prohibited. Regarding biodegradable FADs, the IATTC has not yet adopted specific determinations on certain materials, such as PVC tubes used as floats or plastic bait containers, which may affect the classification of bioFADs and were discussed at the FADWG-10 meeting. Furthermore, document FAD-10-03 proposed several recommendations which, although they do not directly resolve this issue, provide a more structured approach for collecting information on FAD materials, facilitating their classification. In particular, SAC-17 endorsed some of these recommendations, including strengthening data collection on different bioFAD prototypes with the participation of staff, CPCs, and industry. This would improve analyses of catch efficiency, durability, and operational performance, and support the development of a materials catalogue to assist	

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		observers during deployment and better guide industry on acceptable materials under Resolution C-23-04.	
11.	To redact the vessel names in documents and reports that are displayed on screen and to virtual attendees during the COR meeting.	Done.	
12.	To ensure that the Draft Provisional Compliance Overview and the Draft Provisional Compliance Report provides information on the implementation by CPCs of obligations in relation to paragraph 3 of Resolution C-24-02 for sport catch of PBF by all CPCs.	The relevant information is presented in both documents. This recommendation is very similar to Recommendation 2.	
Recommendations to the Committee:			
13	Following the conclusion of the next COR meeting, to make public a summary of the Final Compliance Report, excluding confidential information, after ensuring sufficient time for review by the CPCs.	It will be developed following the 17th meeting of the Compliance Review Committee (COR).	
14	To conduct intersessional work to further develop the Categorization of Non-Compliance Status and the Follow up Actions document, using document COR16-INF-A as a basis. The Chair will lead this process, with the support of the Secretariat and seek input from all interested CPCs, to produce a document for discussion during the next special biennial meeting of the COR in 2026.	Consultations have been held intersessionally, and a working document prepared by the Chair of the COR is available for consideration at the 2nd Special Biennial Meeting of the COR.	
15	To ensure sufficient time is allocated for the specific point in the COR agenda in future years to review pending cases from previous years.	A specific agenda item has been assigned for this purpose, and the work will be carried out during the present meeting.	
16.	To review Resolutions and paragraphs provisionally marked “Resolved” in the Provisional Draft Compliance Report by the relevant CPC to ensure the status reflects COR consideration.	This work should be done during the present COR 17th meeting.	
Recomendaciones a los CPC			
17.	To ensure strict adherence to the procedures and deadlines established in Resolutions adopted by the Commission, in particular data submission, recalling that the delay submission of this information compromises the capacity of the Secretariat to prepare the relevant compliance reports and documents.	There were late reports and responses regarding possible infractions from at least three CPCs.	
18.	To provide the Secretariat with updates and information on the status or progress of outstanding possible non-compliance cases from the previous years where the CPC has stated that an investigation has started or for which the possible case of non-compliance is otherwise not marked	A review of pending cases has been conducted, and a working document is available for consideration at the 17th COR meeting.	

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	as “resolved”.		
19.	To include in the Standard questionnaire on compliance with IATTC resolutions an explanation when assigning a “Non-Applicable (N/A)” or “Compliant” status to a given obligation. The online/automated version of the questionnaire, when available, should not allow submission unless such explanation is provided.	The compliance questionnaire was designed considering that if a CPC indicated that a measure was not applicable, a red box would appear prompting them to provide the corresponding explanation. A brief justification was also requested for cases classified as resolved.	
Recommendations to the Commission:			
20.	To consider the Cooperating Non-Member status renewal request of Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia, properly considering the absence of Honduras and Chile from the COR16 meeting and outstanding possible non-compliance cases for Honduras and Chile for the 2024 period.	Cooperating non-member status was granted by the Commission to Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia.	
21.	To review and amend as appropriate, paragraph 4 of Resolution C-19-02 to extend the period of the application of this provision, as well as to improve and clarify the process of elaboration of the IUU vessel list.	Discussions on this matter were initiated, but no agreement was reached.	
22	To amend Annex 2 of Resolution C-22-02 to: a. Refine the definitions and criteria for all Possible Non-Compliance Issues Statuses to ensure objective and consistent application. b. Introduce a distinct status of “non-compliant” to be assigned in instances where a possible non-compliance issue has been substantiated and confirmed.	The amendment remains pending.	
23	To consider it a possible very serious non-compliance case if a vessel has exceeded its Active FAD Limit by a significant number or if a vessel is over its Active FAD limit for more than 10 days.	In the working documents for COR meetings, this issue is already identified as a serious case of non-compliance and remains pending.	