

[Resolution C-25-01] Korea's National Report

In accordance with paragraph 35 of Resolution C-25-01, the Republic of Korea hereby submits to the Director a national report on its updated national compliance scheme and actions taken to implement these measures. As Korea does not have any purse seine vessels operating in the IATTC Convention Area, measures for the longline fishery (paragraph 30 to 33 of the same Resolution) and some other general provisions are applied to the Korean longline vessels.

Paragraph	Measures taken and national compliance scheme
Para. 30 and 31	<p>The Korean government ensures that Korean-flagged fishing vessels are fully complied with all applicable provision of Resolution C-25-01 and the Distant Water Fisheries Development (DWFD) Act requires all Korean vessels operating in waters outside Korea's jurisdiction to comply with relevant measures adopted by RFMOs and the national laws and regulations of coastal States.</p> <p>In 2015, daily e-reporting system was introduced in order to improve data collection system. Under this system, the Captains of Korean longline vessels report their catch data to the Korean FMC and National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) on a daily basis. In addition, all Korean-flagged fishing vessels operating in distant waters are equipped with vessel monitoring system (VMS) as required by DFWD Act. The Fisheries Monitoring Center which was established in 2014 collects VMS data and monitors the movements of all Korean distant water fishing vessels on real time 24/7. Korean FMC and the NIFS also ensure that the accumulated bigeye tuna catch of each vessel does not exceed the catch limit of the vessel.</p> <p>Korea's 2025 bigeye tuna catch by its longline vessels was 7,628 tons.</p> <p>Under the DWFD Act, those who violate legally binding measures of any Regional Fisheries Management Organizations are subject to revocation or suspension of their fisheries license. In addition, those responsible are subject to imprisonment and criminal fine.</p>
Para. 32	<p>Korea received a single transfer of a portion of bigeye tuna catch limit for 2026 from Japan. In its letter dated 24 April, 2026 and addressed to the Director, Korea indicated that it would receive 2,000 tons of BET catch limits from Japan on 6 May, 2026.</p>
Para. 33	<p>Korea managed the transferred catch limit in accordance with the relevant domestic laws and regulations including the DWFD Act and provided monthly catch reports of bigeye tuna to the Director.</p> <p>Korea has not retransferred and will not retransfer the catch limit it received to another CPC in 2026.</p>

Any other provisions of Resolution C-25-01 that may be applicable to Korea are also fully complied with by Korean vessels as the DWFD Act requires vessel owners/operators to comply with the measures adopted by RFMOs. The Korean FMC has not found any possible infringements by Korean longline vessels for 2025 or 2026, in relation to this Resolution.