Original: English/French/Spanish

Billfish Check Sheets received in accordance with Rec. 18-05

This document contains the Billfish Check Sheets listed below that were received from CPCs by **15 September 2026**. Submissions received after this date will be contained in **Addendum 1** in their original language. A Summary of Billfish Check Sheets contents are contained in **Annex 1**. The translations of these are available on the 2026 Commission meeting document website at: COM Meeting 2026.

CPC	*Received*
ALBANIA*	X
ALGÉRIE	
ANGOLA***	X
BARBADOS*,***	X
BELIZE,***	X
BRAZIL***	X
CABO VERDE*,***	X
CANADA***	X
CHINA, People's Rep. Of***	X
COSTA RICA***	X
CÔTE D'IVOIRE*,***	X
CUBA	
CURAÇAO*,***	X
EGYPT	X
EL SALVADOR	X
EUROPEAN UNION	X
FRANCE/St-Pierre et Miquelon	X
GABON	X
GAMBIA*,***	X
GHANA***	X
GRENADA*,**,***	X
GUATEMALA*,***	X
GUINEA ECUATORIAL	
GUINÉE-BISSAU	
HONDURAS	
ICELAND	X
JAPAN	X
KOREA, Rep. Of	X
LIBERIA*,***	X
LIBYA	
MAROC	X
MAURITANIA	
MEXICO***	X
MONTENEGRO	NEW
NAMIBIA*,**,***	X
NICARAGUA	X
NIGERIA	X

NORWAY	X
PANAMÁ	X
PHILIPPINES	
RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE	
RUSSIA	X
SÃO TOMÉ E PRINCIPE	
SÉNÉGAL	X
SIERRA LEONE	
SOUTH AFRICA***	X
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES***	X
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	
TOGO	NEW
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	
TUNISIE	X
TÜRKIYE	X
UK***	X
UNITED STATES	X
URUGUAY	X
VENEZUELA***	X
BOLIVIA	X
TAIPEI CHINO	X
GUYANA	
SURINAME	X

Billfish Check Sheets **have never been submitted** as stipulated by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=14).

* Billfish Check Sheets **received after the deadline** set by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=12).

**Billfish Check Sheets which may require revisions to some responses (n=2).

*** Billfish Check Sheets whose final versions were received or processed after 15 September and were therefore included in the Addendum without translation (n=21).

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: EGYPT (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No vessels are authorised to catch and retain on board, tranship, or land these species.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		No vessels are authorised to catch and retain on board, tranship, or land these species.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and	No		No vessels are authorised to catch and retain on board, tranship, or land these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		– the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		No records or local consumption of these species.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		No records for these species were reported.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		No records for these species were reported.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No have artisanal and small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		No artisanal and small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process"	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		No records for these species in the territorial water till now.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not Applicable		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: El SALVADOR (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec. 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 10 t, as established in the paragraph of Recommendation 19-05.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec. 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 2 t of catches, as established in the paragraph of Recommendation.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members,	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."			
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species. However, the lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught are not available as these mechanisms only apply to the longline fishery.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species. However, the lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught are not available as these mechanisms only apply to the longline fishery.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Purse seiners are authorized to retain on board and land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that cannot be released alive and are dead when taken on board, as long as landing limits are respected.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes		The purse seine fleet of El Salvador does not target blue marlin or white marlin. In the event of bycatch, these are released in accordance with the Good Practices. There is 100% observer coverage. The landing limit has not been reached.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		There are no small-scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		The purse seine fleet of El Salvador has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect this information, and it is provided to ICCAT on an annual basis.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No	Article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion states that "in addition to this law, the provisions of international law and conventions signed and ratified by El Salvador will also be fulfilled, in addition to the regulations of this law and complementary rules issued by CENDEPESCA to this effect, in the framework of fishing conservation, management and preservation provisions, as well as those related to aquaculture."	In accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion. This rule integrates into national law any binding provisions adopted by ICCAT.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		There are no artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process"	Yes		

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes		They have been implemented in accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion. Nonetheless, specific regulations are being developed for dissemination and agreement.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		The purse seine fleet of El Salvador has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect this information, and it is provided to ICCAT on an annual basis.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		No data is collected as we do not have an artisanal fleet in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Yes		The purse seine fleet of El Salvador does not target blue marlin or white marlin. In the event of bycatch, these are released in accordance with the Good Practices. There is 100% observer coverage. The landing limit has not been reached.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC EUROPEAN UNION (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Fishing opportunities applicable for EU fishing vessels are established on a yearly basis. Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2026/249 of 26 January 2026 fixing for 2026, 2027 and 2028 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2026.	The adjusted landing limit of BUM for EU in 2026 is 401,80 tons.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2026/249 of 26 January 2026 fixing for 2026, 2027 and 2028 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters established a landing limit for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2026.	The adjusted landing limit of WHM for EU in 2026 is 50,00 tons.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Paragraph 1 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).	Some EU-Member States request that the owner of their vessels provide in the context of the authorisation process with information on release mechanisms, such as dehookers, lifting devices, bolt cutters, etc.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Paragraph 3 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law.	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Paragraph 4 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT.	EU Member States and fleets have experimented the impact on catches of bycatch and target species of alternative fishing methods such as circle hooks, different gangion line materials and different types of bait.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2026/249 of 26 January 2026 fixing for 2026, 2027 and 2028 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin and white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2026. Paragraph 5 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT.	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	Once an EU Member State exhaust its quota as foreseen under EU Regulation 2026/249, its vessels shall discard all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Before the entry into force of Rec. 25-06, EU vessels were required to land catches following the exemption included in paragraph 9 of Rec. 19-05 and under Article 15(1) of EU Regulation 1380/2013.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	Yes	Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	While the EU prohibits dead discards under Article 15(1) of EU Regulation 1380/2013, the EU did not notify the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to allow EU vessels to retain and land dead discards beyond the landing limits. As such, ICCAT Rec 25-06 provides for an exemption under Article 15(2) of EU Regulation 1380/2013.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		The EU has non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadeloupe or Martinique. Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. See below.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Paragraph 5 of Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT.	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, provides the obligation to vessels of 10 meters' length overall or more to keep a fishing logbook of fishing operations and vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more to have an electronic logbook, indicating for each fishing trip, all quantities of each species caught including for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.	Vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more shall have a fully functioning device which allows that vessel to be automatically located and identified through the vessel monitoring system (VMS). This Regulation also provides the obligation to EU Member States to perform cross-checking, analysis and verifications of VMS, logbook, sales data, etc. According to Regulation 1224/2009, catches by recreational fisheries shall be monitored based on a sampling plan. Masters of vessels of 10 meters' length overall or more shall keep a fishing logbook of fishing operations, and Masters of vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more shall have an electronic logbook, indicating for each fishing trip, all quantities of each species caught including discards. Those data are crosschecked with other relevant sources (i.e. VMS positions, sales notes, transport documents, etc.) by the EU Member state administrations, reported to the European Commission and submitted to ICCAT. Scientific data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. See information on data collection below.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	Yes		The EU has recreational fisheries that may interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Yes	Paragraph 13 of Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT. Under Article 55 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, recreational fishers are required to report their catches electronically and daily when fishing for species that are subject to EU conservation measures specifically applicable to recreational fisheries. This applies to recreational fishing activities carried out in EU countries' territorial waters as well as in Union waters, regardless of the nationality of the fisher or fishing mode (from the shore, from a boat, under the water and from ice).	From 10 January 2026, new measures under the revised EU Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. These measures require marine recreational fishers to electronically report their catches daily for certain species. To implement this obligation, the RecFishing app, an EU-level digital system including a European central server and database to collect catch aggregated data gathered from coastal EU countries and a mobile app for recreational fishers to report their catches in 13 EU countries, was launched.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes	Paragraph 2 and 3 of Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT.	In recreational fisheries of blue marlin, a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply and of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Paragraph 4 of Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT.	
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Implementation of the provisions of the Rec. 18-04/19-05. Recommendation is communicated to ICCAT through this form – Check Sheet - and the Annual Report every year.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Catches of billfish are mainly bycatches of the industrial surface longline segment targeting swordfish and sharks. The EU has also non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadeloupe or Martinique.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019.	The Regulation 2017/1004 establishes rules on the collection, management and use of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries sector within the framework of multiannual Union programmes. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 requires collection of data for all types of fisheries to assess the

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.	impact of Union fishing activities on marine biological resources and on marine ecosystems in Union waters and outside Union waters. Those data consist of biological data on stocks caught by Union commercial fisheries in Union and outside Union waters and by recreational fisheries in Union waters; as well as data related to incidental by-catch including all birds, mammals and reptiles and fish species protected under Union legislation and international agreements.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019. Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.	Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. Blue marlin, white marlin and spearfish are included in table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 such as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority. The EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species and catches of sailfish are very low.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		The EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species, and opportunistic bycatches of sailfish are low.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019. Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167 of 27 April 2021 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022.	Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. *Istiophorus albicans* are included in Table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		An EU-wide framework for the collection of fisheries data (DCF) is in place since the early 2000s. Under this Framework, co-financed between the European Commission and the EU Member States and implemented by the relevant research

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					institutes and ministerial departments in each EU coastal Member State, a complete set of information pertaining to the fleets (catch, effort and economic indicators) is compiled. In the ICCAT Convention area, this information includes sailfish. In order to ensure a harmonized and coherent collection of the information, scientists of the different EU Member States concerned by ICCAT fisheries hold every year a coordination meeting during which sampling schemes are fine-tuned and, where possible, some tasks are shared. Such data is regularly made available to scientists in order to run their research and constitute the basis for the EU contribution to the stock assessment processes undertaken by the ICCAT SCRS. In the context of the new EU multiannual programme, applying as from 2017, concerned EU-Member states (France, Spain and Portugal) give high priority to the sampling of *Isopodous albicans* including the species relevant to Rec. 16-11.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not applicable		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: FRANCE IN RESPECT OF SAINT PIERRE ET MIQUELON (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – *Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits.* Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					No catches in 2025.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. Awareness is raised with practitioners at the start of the fishing season. No catches in 2024.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2024 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes		No catch or landing in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025. Prefectural Order No. 433 of 7 August 2025 on the methods for the protection of sharks within the ICCAT area of application and the NAFO area transposes the obligations set out in the ICCAT recommendations into local law.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	Yes		No catch. If there were catches, this regulations would apply as well as the provisions of the prefectoral order referred to above.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No catches in 2025 by recreational and sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Catch and landing data extracted from logbooks and the results of observations are used to analyse risks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that	N/A		Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Rural and Maritime Fishing Code.	No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. ICCAT recommendations are directly applicable in Saint Pierre and Miquelon. Data extracted from logbooks on catches and landings, as well as the results of observations, are used for scientific conservation

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					purposes. This is a requirement set out in the Rural and Maritime Fishing Code.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. No artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.	N/A		Information reported via logbooks / fishers' fishing records. France (SPM) does not operate artisanal or small-scale fisheries that catch blue marlin, white marlin and/or roundscale spearfish (BIL04).
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as bycatch or caught incidentally. 0 implementation as reported in BIL01 (IOMS) for 2025.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2025 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. Hypothetical catches or dead and live discards of sailfish must be reported in the practitioners fishing records. Strengthening of collection efforts has not taken place in 2025. In 2025, a decree on shark protection procedures in the ICCAT area of application was enacted to strengthen shark conservation regulations.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	Rural and maritime fisheries code applicable in Saint Pierre and Miquelon (Article R954-12 and R913-1) Ministerial Decision of 20 March 1987 in accordance with Article 6 of Decree No. 87-182 of 19 March 1987.	Data is collected through: - Reporting obligations applicable to fishers - On-board observer programmes - Landing and marketing controls by the different control services (maritime affairs, national gendarmerie and national navy).
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not applicable		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: GABON (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – *Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits.* Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Order 12/MAEPA/SG/ DGPA on classification of aquatic animal species of 8 October 2019.	Controls of the logbooks and landings are carried out to ensure compliance with this measure. No catches recorded in 2025.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Order 12/MAEPA/SG/ DGPA on classification of aquatic animal species of 8 October 2019.	This text allocates quotas on the basis of fishing methods, and given that billfish are classified as partially protected species, no catches of these species recorded in 2025.
19-05	4	To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.	N/A (not applica ble)		No pelagic longliners or purse seiners flying the Gabonese flag.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		For tuna fisheries, the release of live specimens is strongly encouraged in fishing licences in accordance with the provisions of Rec. 19-05. Furthermore, fishers are aware of this issue.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		We do not have a national tuna fishery. For foreign vessels, it is the responsibility of the flag CPC.
19-05	7	CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.	Yes		No national tuna fishery. However, this is strongly recommended for foreign vessels operating in Gabonese waters.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		No pelagic longliners or purse seiners flying the Gabonese flag.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		No fisheries targeting this species. Regulation on this point is being developed.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.			Classification of species and no prohibition on discards.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		The information relating to Task 1 collected under this provision is communicated to ICCAT in the case of artisanal fisheries.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		Awareness raising campaign with fishers

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Daily data collection form as part of the national observer programme.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations. Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Yes		The data collection programme started in August 2026.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No retention of specimens in the recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries. Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes		

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	23	Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet. Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		Catches taken within the artisanal fishery are reported as Task 1. Furthermore, inspections are carried out at ports and at artisanal fishery landing sites with a view to compliance with Recommendation 19-05. This recommendation is currently being transposed into national legislation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.	Yes		Landings from artisanal fisheries are monitored on a daily basis, and information on billfish is collected as part of this process.
19-05	14	CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process. Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to	No		Direct application of the recommendation. And its transcription is currently in progress.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.			
16-11	2	CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process. Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Measures are still being strengthened (training, equipment and collection system).
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		We have specific collection sheets for billfish at landing points of the artisanal fishery.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not applic-able		Gabon is not a Caribbean coastal developing CPC.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: ICELAND (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		No catches. No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fisheries. There were no ICCAT pelagic longline vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Icelandic flag in 2025 or 2026. Will be included in annual regulation for ICCAT fisheries when relevant.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches / landings of billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	Yes		All discards of dead fish that has commercial value is banned on all Icelandic fishing vessels. No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery and no quota is set for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Not applicable to Iceland. No quota for billfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreation or sports fisheries for any ICCAT billfish species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		All catches of Icelandic fishing vessels are to be recorded in electronic logbooks and weighed and recorded at landing. Dead discards not allowed. No catches of blue marlin, white marlin or roundscale spearfish have ever been recorded by Icelandic fishing vessels.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Description of MSC and legislation for fishing by Icelandic vessels submitted with annual report. No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: JAPAN (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Fishery Act article 15	Japan sets the domestic catch limit according to the Rec.19-05.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within	Yes	Fishery Act article 15	Japan sets the domestic catch limit according to the Rec.19-05.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?			
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	The Fisheries Agency of Japan (FAJ) instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs all fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, FAJ sends a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation,	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT.	FAJ instructs all fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter,

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.			dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, FAJ sends a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area. Fishery Act article 15	FAJ instructs fishermen to retain blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish on board only when fish is dead or extremely weakened at haul-back. In addition, Japan sets the domestic catch limit in accordance with Rec. 19-05. Japan prohibits all fishermen to catch and retain onboard blue marlin and/or white marlin/roundscale spearfish when the total amount of landing is approaching the catch limit for each species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Fishery Act article 15 and 33	Japan has set the domestic catch limit according to the catch limit provided in Rec 25-06. In case the total catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish is at risk of exceeding the domestic catch limit, FAJ instructs fishermen to refrain from catching these species, relocate fishing ground and release lively in order not to exceed the catch limit under the relevant domestic laws and regulations.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides	No		Japan does not apply this derogation clause since FAJ does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (Not applicable)		
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	The Ministerial Order 14 and 26.	The Ministerial Order 14 and 26 require all tuna vessels operating in the ICCAT Convention area to submit catch report to FAJ, which includes the number and weight of the catch by species, the numbers of hooks etc. Biological data, such as length of fish caught, is collected by scientific observers. FAJ submitted Task 1 Nominal catch data including estimates of total dead and live discards on 28/06/2026.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."	Yes		Japan provides, in its national report, the information on how to comply with the catch limit established by the Recommendation.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Japan does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		The data for 2025 was submitted on 13/07/2026.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention Area.	FAJ instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Japan collects data on catches of sailfish by observers and reports the data annually through Task 1 and Task 2.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Japan has reported its data collection programs such as national observer programmes including through its national report.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not Applicable		N/A

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: KOREA (REP.) (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: … 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO; In 2025, Korea monitored and ensured Korean fishing vessels' compliance with this obligation by having observers on longline vessels and/or through analyses of catch/release/ discard reports and transhipment/ landing reports. In addition, National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) provides regular education, training and awareness programs to Captains and vessel operators on behalf of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. If potential infringements or non-compliances are identified, Korean FMC and/or Korea Coast Guard investigate the case and sanctions are imposed if required and depending on the results in

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					accordance with the Distant Water Fisheries Development Act. No incidents of non-compliance were identified. Korea's total landings for this species was 15 tons, which was within the landing limit.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: … 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO; In 2025, Korea monitored and ensured Korean fishing vessels' compliance with this obligation by having observers on longline vessels and/or through analyses of catch/release/ discard reports and transhipment/ landing reports. In addition, National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) provides regular education, training and awareness programs to Captains and vessel operators on behalf of Ministry of

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					Oceans and Fisheries. If potential infringements or non-compliances are identified, Korean FMC and/or Korea Coast Guard investigate the case and sanctions are imposed if required and depending on the results in accordance with the Distant Water Fisheries Development Act. No incidents of non-compliance were identified. No white marlin or roundscale spearfish was retained or landed by Korean vessels in 2025.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: … 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: …

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO; The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries holds stakeholders meeting from time to time to provide updates on measures adopted in ICCAT. In addition, National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) provides regular education, training and awareness programs to Captains and vessel operators on behalf of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. The availability of the release equipment is checked by the observer onboard as well as the inspectors of Korean FMC when the vessel enters Korean ports.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: … 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.			The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries holds stakeholders meeting from time to time to provide updates on measures adopted in ICCAT. In addition, National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) provides regular education, training and awareness programs to Captains and vessel operators on behalf of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. The availability of the release equipment is checked by the observer onboard as well as the inspectors of Korean FMC when the vessel enters Korean ports.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Korea is collecting and analyzing relevant data and information including historical release/discard statistics, fishing gears used and handling practices onboard. Korean fishing vessels use line-cutters to minimize the post-release mortality.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Korean longline vessels may catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead provided that daily catch reports and transhipment/ landing reports are submitted to the relevant authority of Korea in a timely manner.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: … 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise	No		Korea's national legislation does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Korea is not a developing coastal CPC.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational or sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		We submitted the data on 15 July 2026. Korea collected all information related to catch data, including dead and live discards of marlins through electronic reporting system with 100% coverage.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels make mandatory daily catch reports, including discard/release data, through electronic reporting system. FMC of Korea receives transhipment/

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			landing reports prior to and after completion of such activities. Korea analyzes all available information including catch reports, transhipment reports and landing reports.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Korea does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)	We submitted the data on 15 July 2026.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels must release Atlantic sailfish that are alive by the time of boarding in a manner that maximizes their survival. Korean longline vessels use circle hooks and all of the vessels are using circle hooks. The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries holds stakeholders meeting from time to time to provide updates on measures adopted in ICCAT. In addition, National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS) provides regular education, training and awareness programs to Captains and vessel operators on behalf of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. The availability of the release equipment is checked by the observer onboard as well as the inspectors of Korean FMC when the vessel enters Korean ports.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		We submitted the data on 15 July 2026. Korea collected data on catches of sailfish, including dead and live discards of sailfish through electronic reporting system with 100% coverage.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		We submitted the data on September 2026.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not Applicable		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: MOROCCO (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – *Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits.* Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Royal Decree regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Official Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented. Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	Landing limits for blue marlin are applicable for Morocco. However, following an overharvest of blue marlin recorded in 2018, Morocco prohibited fishing for blue marlin for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport,	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements	Total landings of white marlin /*Tetrapturus* spp (combined) for Morocco (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal,

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?		Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	subsistence) are within the applicable limit contained in paragraph 1. However, Morocco has prohibited fishing for the white marlin/roundscale spearfish for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco takes all the measures necessary to ensure that all blue marlin and white marlin/*Tetrapturus* spp that are alive at the time of boarding are released into the water in a manner that maximizes their chances of survival.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco encourages fishing vessel captains to promptly and safely released into the water any live marlin caught accidentally, in accordance with the guides on best practice for handling and releasing accidental catches (equipment on board: a hoist, bolt cutters, a gutting knife and a line cutter, etc.).

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	These practices are based on the FAO guides (https://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/I8951EN).
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		The Department of Maritime Fisheries, through its Directorate of Maritime Training for Seafarers and Rescuers, provides training and outreach sessions for masters and fishers on identification of marlin species and techniques for their release into the water.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The Department encourages operators to promptly release individuals of live marlin taken as bycatch so as to maximise their chances of survival.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973)	Morocco has prohibited catching, retaining onboard, transhipping and landing of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery by the entire fleet as from November 2022.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has prohibited any catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption as from November 2020.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin	Morocco has prohibited any catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish as from November 2020.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				(*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has prohibited any catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption as from November 2020.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published. Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for recreational and sport fisheries as from November 2020.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Any bycatch taken by artisanal fisheries will be recorded by means of fisher surveys at the time of landing. In 2023, Morocco developed a statistical methodology validated by the SCRS that makes it possible to estimate the total discards of all tuna and related species, including marlin species (SCRS/2023/132) SCRS/2024/169). The estimated data on marlin discards are communicated annually to the Secretariat through the Task 1 form.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco has not yet developed the recreational fishery.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published. Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for recreational and sport fisheries as from November 2020.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published. Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for recreational and sport fisheries as from November 2020.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Royal Decree regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Official Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented. Royal Decree No. 1-14-95 of 12 rejeb 1435 (12 May 2014) on enactment of Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	*Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures* Morocco is introducing a control infrastructure at seas, in ports and on landing. Therefore, the marlin species fishery has a control infrastructure, in particular: - Control at landing ports, fishing sites and fish markets. - Vessel control by satellite (positioning and tracking device "VMS"). - At sea control of vessels is carried out by the control authorities. - A system of reporting of catches on landing and monitoring of trade flow through the catch certification procedure. To ensure effective catch monitoring, including for marlin species, the Fisheries Department has also

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					invested since 2011 in a wholly computerised catch certification process, which ensures full traceability from landing to export. Computerisation of the process enables information on catch flow to be made available and better exploitation for more effective and efficient control and verification, with the overall objective of deterring illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Order No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) and white marlin (*Tetrapturus* spp) in Moroccan maritime waters.	Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for artisanal fisheries as from November 2020. In the event of bycatch of these species, these will be recorded, discarded at sea and communicated to the Secretariat.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated	Annual submission of Task 1 and 2 data in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures. Data on

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	any live or dead bycaught discards will be recorded through a survey programme and reported to ICCAT as part of the alternative approach (SCRS/2023/132).
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Annual submission of Task 1 and 2 data. An estimate of any releases of these species will be made as part of the alternative approach developed by Morocco and validated by the SCRS (SCRS/2023/132).
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Artisanal fisheries do not fish for sailfish in national waters. No bycatch has been reported or observed for these species. If sailfish are taken as bycatch, Task 1 and Task 2 statistics will be submitted annually with Task 1 and Task 2 data, in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures, within the framework of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco since 2024.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process."	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements	Artisanal fisheries do not fish for sailfish in national waters. No bycatch has been reported or observed. If sailfish are taken as bycatch, Task 1 and Task 2 statistics

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of imple-ment-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?		Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	including any discards will be submitted annually, in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures, within the framework of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco since 2024.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	N/A	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Royal Decree No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	No sailfish bycatch has been recorded since 2023. A survey programme aimed at the artisanal fleet is implemented in landing ports for recording any live discards of these species and estimating their total quantities within the framework of the alternative approach (SCRS/2023/132).
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		Morocco is not a Caribbean developing coastal CPC.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: NICARAGUA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish. Therefore, no national laws or regulations for billfish species have been implemented to date.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	No		Nicaragua does not yet have an active fleet, so catches are 0. There are no catches of billfish.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: NIGERIA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	No pelagic longline vessels in the country because all our vessels are shrimping vessels.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: NORWAY (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Blue marlin is not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits of Atlantic blue marlin.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		White marlin and roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of white marlin or roundscale spearfish in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits for Atlantic white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian pelagic longline and purse seine vessels therefore do not encounter these species at haul-back, and the release obligation in Rec. 19-05 paragraph 4 has not been engaged.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not encountered in Norwegian waters. Vessels subject to DCA reporting must report the total catch from each fishing operation by species and round weight in ERS. If a marlin interaction is recorded, Norway will consider appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 5.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not normally encountered in Norwegian waters. Vessels subject to DCA reporting must report the total catch from each fishing operation by species and round weight in ERS. If a marlin interaction is recorded, Norway will consider appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 6.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery takes place only in Norwegian waters, and there are therefore no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Marine Resources Act (Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37), Section 15. Harvesting Regulations (Regulations of 23 December 2021 No. 3910), Section 51.	No. Norway has not specifically authorized its pelagic longline or purse seine vessels to retain blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish under paragraph 8. Section 15 of the Marine Resources Act establishes a general duty to land catches, while Section 51 of the Harvesting Regulations permits dead or dying catches of species not listed there to be discarded. Blue marlin and white

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12.	marlin/roundscale spearfish are not listed. Any such catch must nevertheless be included in the DCA report when the vessel is subject to DCA reporting.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No	Marine Resources Act (Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37), Section 15. Harvesting Regulations (Regulations of 23 December 2021 No. 3910), Section 51.	No. Norway has not adopted a legally binding, species-specific requirement to discard all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish once the applicable landing limit is reached. Norway has recorded no catches of these species in its ICCAT fishery, and the landing limits have therefore not been approached. Any such catch would nevertheless be subject to the applicable ERS reporting requirements. Given the absence of recorded catches, no specific implementation measure has been adopted.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No	Marine Resources Act (Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37), Section 15. Harvesting Regulations (Regulations of 23 December 2021 No. 3910), Section 51. Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12.	No. Norway does not exercise the exception in paragraph 9 and has not notified the ICCAT Secretariat of an intent to do so. Section 15 of the Marine Resources Act establishes a general duty to land catches. However, Section 51 of the Harvesting Regulations exempts dead or dying catches of species not listed in that provision. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not listed, so Norway does not currently have a prohibition on dead discards covering these species. The exception from the landing obligation does not remove the reporting obligation. Under Section 12 of the ERS Regulations, vessels subject to DCA reporting must report the total catch from each fishing operation by species and round

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					weight, including catch subsequently discarded. Norway has not adopted the specific prohibition on sale or other entry into commerce required to use the exception. No implementation steps are planned because Norway does not intend to exercise this optional exception.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery takes place only in Norwegian waters, and there are therefore no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters. Norway therefore has no recreational or sport fisheries targeting these species.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	Yes. No catches or discards of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish have been recorded in Norway's ICCAT fishery. Under Section 12 of the ERS Regulations, vessels subject to DCA reporting must report the total catch from each fishing operation by FAO species code and kilograms round weight. This includes billfish that are subsequently discarded. The DCA message does not contain a dedicated field distinguishing retained catch, live releases and dead discards. Observers deployed in the Norwegian bluefin tuna fishery

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					record bycatch, including live releases, and any available disposition information would be used in Norway's ICCAT data submissions.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish from the recreational fisheries.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational fisheries.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		N/A. Norway has no recreational or sport fishery interacting with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish. If such a fishery develops, Norway will adopt minimum retention sizes consistent with paragraph 11(b).
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational and sport fishery. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a no sale provision in the recreational and sport fisheries consistent with Rec. 19-05 para 11c).

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Marine Resources Act (Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37), Section 15. Harvesting Regulations (Regulations of 23 December 2021 No. 3910), Section 51. Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	Yes. Norway provides the requested implementation and compliance information in this check sheet. Norway has recorded no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in its ICCAT fishery and has not adopted species-specific measures for these species. Any billfish catch by a vessel subject to DCA reporting must be reported through ERS. Observers deployed in the Norwegian bluefin tuna fishery also record bycatch and releases. If interactions occur, Norway will assess whether additional legally binding measures are required and report them to ICCAT.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters, and Norway's small-scale coastal fisheries do not interact with these species.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	Yes. Norway submitted its Task 1 and Task 2 data to ICCAT on 2 July 2026. No catches, live releases or dead discards of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish were recorded in the Norwegian fishery. Any future billfish catch recorded through ERS and the observer programme would be included in the relevant ICCAT data submissions.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		a) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area. b) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area. Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of this species in Norwegian waters.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	No species-specific enhancement has been introduced because Atlantic sailfish has not been recorded in Norwegian fisheries. Nevertheless, any sailfish catch by a vessel subject to DCA reporting must be reported in ERS by species and round weight. Observers deployed in the Norwegian bluefin tuna fishery also record bycatch and releases.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No	Norwegian ERS Regulations (Regulations of 21 December 2009 No. 1743), Sections 10 and 12. Regulations on the Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna in 2026 (Regulations of 5 March 2026 No. 356), Sections 16 and 17.	No species-specific sailfish data collection programme has been established because no Atlantic sailfish have been recorded in Norwegian fisheries. Norway's general ERS and observer arrangements would, however, record any occurrence as described above.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		N/A. Norway is not a Caribbean coastal developing CPC.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: PANAMA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	Retained and landed products, if any, will be counted within the maximum limit established for Panama and reported in the compliance tables. Panama complies with the 10 t limit for dead blue marlin specimens. Panamanian-flagged vessels are encouraged to release live specimens, into account their safety and the minimum standards for safe handling and release procedures. These must also be reported in fishing logbooks as from 2024.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	Retained and landed products, if any, will be counted within the maximum limit established for Panama and reported in the compliance tables.

		with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?			
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	

		as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.			
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	The guidelines arising from the Commission's recommendations are disseminated, as are any instructions provided in accordance with the Commission's work.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 2 of 16 February 2012. Digital Official Gazette No. 27045 of Wednesday 30 May 2012 Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	Panama has established the procedures and requirements that must be complied with in order to authorise longline or purse seine vessels to retain and land dead specimens of these bycatch species, within the established limits.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/	
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish	No		Panama does not prohibit discards in its legislation.

		shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is subsistence-based and artisanal, and is not capable of catching these species, as the fishing gear used is rudimentary and employed primarily for catching lobsters. Similarly, a decree prohibits all commercial fishing vessels from retaining these species in national waters.

19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	Panama maintains measures restricting fishing activities for these species. Work is currently underway on a draft proposal to update the current regulations.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 015 of 21 May 2019	Captains and on-board observer programmes on vessels operating in the convention area are obliged to collect information related to these species either in their logbooks or observer reports. Adjustments have progressively been made to the logbook format for collecting data on live and dead discards, the use of which is mandatory for the entire longline fleet.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	There is only one non-commercial sport fishery in Panama's exclusive economic zone and the only interaction with this species is catch-and-release fishing. It is not permitted to retain this species.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	No	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	There is currently no observer programme for sport fishing; however, since this activity is only carried out occasionally and as catch-and-release, work is still under way to improve data collection by recording videos of releases and updating the current regulations in order to cover this section.

		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	Sport and recreational fisheries are prohibited from retaining these species; only catch-and-release fishing is allowed.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes.	Sport and recreational fisheries are prohibited from retaining these species; only catch-and-release fishing is allowed.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."	Yes		Panama provides a detailed explanation of the implementation of the measures in the Billfish Implementation Check Sheet.

		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	This activity for the inland service fleet is reserved for sport fishing only, for non-commercial recreational purposes.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997.Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. Good practice guide for sport fishing	Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is subsistence-based and artisanal, and is not capable of catching these species, as the fishing gear used is rudimentary and employed primarily for catching lobsters.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		There is only one non-commercial sport fishery in Panama's exclusive economic zone and the only interaction with this species is catch-and-release fishing. It is not permitted to retain this species. If a tournament of this kind is held, the information will be provided in compliance with the established procedures.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).	As of September 2023, Panamanian-flagged vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transhipping and landing, in whole or in part, sailfish.

		species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Technical Circular No. 50-2023 Compliance with reporting for target, non-target and by-catch species to IATTC and ICCAT. Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).	Efforts have been made to improve the fishing logbook format to report discards and releases of billfish in the longline fleet, in addition to compliance with the onboard observer coverage in this fleet.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Panama has a catch monitoring programme for tropical tunas and associated species, which establishes the mechanism for data collection and catch estimates. Generally speaking, the following mechanisms are in place and mandatory for all international fishing vessels: - Have a satellite monitoring system in place.

					- Keep a fishing logbook. - Landing declaration. - Note of sale or receipt at the plant for each landing. These provide data on retained and landed catches and fishing effort. The above information and data obtained from independent programmes such as on-board observers and port sampling provide data on size composition, interactions, discards and releases.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Yes	Executive Decree No. 13 of 01 November 2023. Article 32 Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021.	**Article 32 Measures adopted by a Regional Fisheries Management Organization** In the case of conservation, administration, management and fish handling measures adopted within an RFMO, in which Panama participates, as a Contracting Party or Cooperation Non-Contracting Party, the authority, from the time of their adoption by the respective organization, shall apply them and monitor for their proper and timely compliance, being enforceable from such time for all natural and legal persons whether vessel owners, owners, operators and/or final beneficiaries of vessels in areas and for species within the remit of those RFMOs.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: RUSSIA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin. Therefore, no landing was carried out. Blue marlins are not found in bycatches.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Therefore, no landing was carried out. White marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in bycatches.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized longline and purse seine fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler by-catches.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatches.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins. Marlins are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins/roundscale spearfish. Marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not have pelagic longline and purse seine vessels. Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler by-catches.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins are not found in trawler bycatch.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*). Atlantic sailfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There is no specialized fishery of sailfish. Sailfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 289 of 20 May 2026.	There are no ICCAT fisheries of Billfish. Russian observers annually collect data on by-catch during trawl fishing. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		Russia is not a Caribbean coastal developing CPC. Russia does not carry out fishery of Atlantic blue marlin and white marlin /roundscale spearfish in 2025 and 2026.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: SENEGAL (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	*Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits.* Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference. An in-port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the sport fishery action is being taken.
19-05	2	*White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits*. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference. An in-port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the recreational fishery action is being taken.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Senegal was not near its landing limit.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	This decision provides for some handling and release obligations adequate for marlins but does not specify detailed procedures on this subject.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Training courses on best practices are not yet operative.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Good practices remain to be promoted and disseminated among the crews.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is prohibited for longliners and purse seiners to target marlins. Vessels are required to land accidental catches of dead marlin.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		There are plans to amend Decision No. 17451 on transposition of ICCAT Rec. 19-05 prohibiting dead discards.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		No exceptions are provided for; catches are counted against the limit.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		The Senegalese artisanal fishery does not catch marlin.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	The guidelines are set out in Decision No. 17451 of 26 April 2021 transposing Rec. 19-05.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is an obligation under the Decision on transposition of ICCAT Rec. 19-05. The provisions of the Decision concern the logbook, establish the information to be included in the logbooks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	For blue marlin, yes. For white marlin, no.		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		No, no minimum scientific coverage is specified in Decision No. 17451 of 26 April 2021.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes		Decision No. 17451 of 26 April 2021 establishes minimum size requirements.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes		Decision No. 17451 of 26 April 2021 prohibits the sale or offering for sale of marlin caught in sport/recreational fishing.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No	Law 2015-18 of 13 July 2015 and Decree 2016-1804.	Decision No. 17451 of 26 April 2021 transposing Rec. 19-05.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		A data collection programme for the artisanal fishery exists and covers these species. In addition, within the framework of EPBR, collection on size data of billfish landed has been strengthened at the main landing sites. See Annual Report transmitted on 15 September 2026.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		Sailfish are caught by some artisanal fishers. Internal management measures are being considered.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Ongoing.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Data are provided through statistical forms, reports as well as collection programmes.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: TUNISIA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landing limits - *Blue marlin landings limits.* Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	2	Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group. No specific data collection programme for these species.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries for these species.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		Tunisia does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries for these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: .... (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group. No specific data collection programme for these species.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: TÜRKIYE (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin / roundscale spearfish.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin / roundscale spearfish.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin / roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not Applicable		Türkiye is not a Caribbean coastal state and has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)). U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit of 250 fish.	
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable	Yes	U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?		U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit of 250 fish.	
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. This rule applies in both recreational and commercial fisheries. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2); 635.71(a)(19)).	NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes, as well as safe handling, in education and outreach efforts, including brochures and compliance guides provided to tournament operators, at sport fishing expos, and to law enforcement. The United States prohibits retention of billfish in its commercial fisheries for ICCAT species.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter,	Yes	Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case	NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes, as well as safe handling, in education and outreach efforts, including brochures and compliance guides provided to tournament operators, at sport fishing expos, and to law enforcement.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2); 635.71(a)(19))	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2); 635.71(a)(19))	These requirements are described in a compliance guide that is circulated to all permit holders in Atlantic highly migratory species fisheries. In addition, NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes, as well as safe handling, in education and outreach efforts, including brochures and compliance guides provided to tournament operators, at sport fishing expos, and to law enforcement.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	As noted above, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, without removing the fish from the water. Circle hook requirements and other gear restrictions are in	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				place to minimize post-release mortality of billfish. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2), (e)(1); 635.71(a)(19) and (c)(7)).	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	The United States does not authorize longline vessels to retain Atlantic billfish. The United States also does not authorize the use of purse seine gear in ICCAT fisheries (see 50 CFR 635.19 and 50 CFR 600.725(v) table heading IX). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).	
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). When the annual marlin landings limit is reached or projected to be reached, U.S. regulations require restricting fishing for Atlantic blue marlin, white marlin, and roundscale spearfish to catch-and-release fishing only (50 CFR 635.27(d)(3)).	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit of 250 fish.	
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		This derogation does not apply as the United States does not prohibit dead discards in its domestic laws.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		This paragraph only applies to developing coastal CPCs, which excludes the United States.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait or natural/artificial bait combination (50 CFR 635.21(e)(1); 635.71(c)(7)). In addition, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a	Circle hooks have been shown to minimize at-haulback mortality and maximize post-release survival of billfish. (See 2024 SCRS Report to Commission, Sections 9.9 and 9.10)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2); 635.71(a)(19)).	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	In addition to observer coverage described in association with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 13, below, U.S. anglers must report all recreational billfish landings. All tournament catch, including any billfish catch, must be reported. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(2)-(3) and (d); 635.7; 635.71(c)(6)). In addition, retention in commercial fisheries is prohibited (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(1) and (4)).	Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs in both recreational and commercial fisheries as well as recreational tournament reporting. Data are reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches	Yes	In addition to observer coverage, U.S. recreational anglers must report all non-tournament landings of Atlantic blue marlin, Atlantic white marlin, roundscale spearfish, and Atlantic sailfish, to NOAA within 24 hours of that landing.	The United States has regularly met or exceeded the 5% requirement each year. Due to extenuating circumstances, the United States did not meet the 5% requirement in 2025; however, operational adjustments are underway to continue to meet the requirement in future years.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?		Landings information is also collected from catch card reports from North Carolina and Maryland; and individual billfish intercepted by the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS) and Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Tournament operators are required to register tournaments with NOAA and report Atlantic billfish landings within a week of the tournament (50 CFR 635.5(c) and (d); 635.71(c)(6)).	
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes	In 1999, the United States implemented minimum size requirements that are consistent with the requirements in Rec. 19-05 (50 CFR 635.20(d); 635.71(c)(5)).	Blue marlin: 99 inches (251 cm), LJFL White marlin/roundscale spearfish: 66 inches (168 cm), LJFL
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."	Yes	In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)). The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012,	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?		amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific).	
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Beyond completion of this check sheet, which includes citations to relevant U.S. laws and regulations, the United States has consistently provided information on the steps we have taken to implement this and previous billfish recommendations through our Annual Report, which are available on the ICCAT website (https://www.iccat.int/en/pubs_biennial.html) Specific monitoring and enforcement efforts include at-sea boarding, dockside monitoring, observer programs, and, where appropriate, penalties for infractions.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		While some parts of the U.S. recreational fleet may be considered small-scale under some definitions, that is not how we understand the term to be used in this recommendation. Nevertheless, information on data collection programs for non-tournament marlin/spearfish fishing is provided below.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A (but for clarification of the situation, see "Notes/explanation" section in row just above)	All U.S. recreational vessels catching blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. All tournament operators are required to report all blue marlin or white marlin/ roundscale spearfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. See U.S. regulations at 50 CFR 635.5(c) and (d); 635.71(c)(6).	The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports. For information on the MRIP: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program For information on the LPS: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey For information on Tournament registration and reporting: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments For reporting by recreational anglers: https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/ Note: Paragraph 16 also requires CPCs to present to the SCRS their statistical methodology used to estimate dead and live discards for their fleets by 2020. The United States has submitted documents to the SCRS describing its methodology to estimate

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					longline discards and Large Pelagic Survey methods and estimation methodology.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	In addition to observer coverage described in association with para 19-05 paragraph 13, above, U.S. anglers must report all recreational billfish landings. All billfish tournaments are selected for reporting. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(2)-(3) and (d); 635.7; 635.71(c)(6))	Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and recreational tournament reporting. It is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other	Yes	Only persons who have been issued a valid permit, or as required under the issued permit are participating in a tournament, may possess or take a sailfish shoreward of the outer boundary of the Atlantic EEZ. Sailfish may only be harvested by rod and reel. No person shall take, retain or possess shoreward of the outer boundary of the EEZ a sailfish taken from its management unit that is less than 63 inches (160 cm), LJFL. (50 CFR 635.19(c)(2); 635.20(d)(3); 635.21(e)(1); 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(1), (4), (5), and (7)).	In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish, including sailfish. The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products, including sailfish, throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific). Sailfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear. In 1999, the United States implemented a minimum size for sailfish of 63 inches (160 cm) LJFL. Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits or natural/artificial combination baits, to

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			minimize sailfish and other billfish post-release mortality. U.S. recreational anglers voluntarily release almost all billfish catches alive. NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes in education and outreach efforts.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of released billfishes, including sailfish, is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements. (50 CFR 635.5(a), (c), and (d); 635.7; 635.71(c)(6))	
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week	The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-ation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of all released billfishes (including blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish) collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements. (50 CFR 635.5(a), (c), and (d); 635.7; 635.71(c)(6))	For information on the MRIP: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program For information on the LPS: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey For information on Tournament registration and reporting: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments For reporting by recreational anglers: https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Not Applicable		This paragraph only applies to Caribbean coastal developing CPCs, which excludes the United States.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: URUGUAY (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: - the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and - the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Uruguay has no sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Uruguay has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Uruguay has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Uruguay has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Uruguay has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish. All Recommendations have been transposed into Uruguayan national legislation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Uruguay has no artisanal or small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/*Tetrapturus* spp.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*).
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*).
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2025, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*).
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: BOLIVIA (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	No		Bolivia is a developing landlocked country and therefore has no coastline within the Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		Bolivia is a developing landlocked country and therefore has no coastline within the Convention area.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia is not a developing coastal State and does not have small-scale coastal fisheries, nor does it currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels engaged in in the sport or recreational fisheries in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels participating in the recreational fishery in the Convention area that interact with marlin and roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish operating in the Convention area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish operating in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by CICAA recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish operating in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by CICAA recommendations, the appropriate

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					regulations will be issued.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with billfish in the Convention area.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with marlins or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.
19-05	16	CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have artisanal or small-scale fishing vessels that interact with marlins or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with marlins or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish,	Yes		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implement-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
		CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by CICAA recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	No		Bolivia is a developing landlocked country and therefore has no coastline within the Convention area.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: CHINESE TAIPEI (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Article 42-1 of the *Regulations for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation* (the Atlantic Regulations): "Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system."	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have encouraged our fishermen to implement, to the extent possible, the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, if the marlin/spearfish are alive at haul-back. The safety of crew is the top priority when releasing marlins/spearfish. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have informed our fishermen of the proper handling and releasing techniques, and that the safety of crew is the top priority when conducting those procedures. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Article 19-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: "For any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean with hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters, one of the following mitigations measures shall be used: (1) Large circle hooks; or	We have required the use of circle hooks in shallow-set fishing operations and the release of live marlins/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				(2) Fishes except for Cephalopods species used as baits." Article 42-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: "Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system."	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Article 42-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: "Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system. Retention is allowed, provided that the fish species as referred to in the preceding paragraph are dead."	
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes	Article 21 of the Atlantic Regulations: "For the purpose of these Regulations, the species with catch limit … means bigeye tuna…, blue marlin,…, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
				Article 22 of the Atlantic Regulations: "In the event that the total catch amount of the species with catch limit has reached 95% of the annual total catch quota…, the competent authority may order the whole tuna longline fishing fleet to stop catching the concerned species by a deadline." Article 40 of the Atlantic Regulations: "In the event that the allowed individual vessel quota of the fish species with catch limit is exhausted, any tuna longline fishing vessel shall immediately discard any subsequent catch of such species and shall record the discard amount on the logbooks and the E-logbook system."	
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		We do not have national legislation that prohibits dead discards. Instead, we require that any tuna longline fishing vessel shall immediately discard any subsequent catch, if the quota is exhausted.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		We are not a developing CPC, and did not apply for the exemption, either.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		1. We implement paper and electronic catch logbook, national observer program, as well as transshipment and landing declaration scheme to collect and compile, data required by ICCAT. 2. The data submission is in accordance with the requirements of ICCAT.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		1. To ensure the catch amount of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish do not exceed the respective limit, we have promulgated regulations to allocate each vessel an individual catch quota. As per the regulations, once the individual catch quota is exhausted, fishermen must live release or discard dead the concerned catch. 2. Compliance with individual vessel quota is monitored through the electronic logbook system, our national observer program, transhipment and landing measures, and port inspection scheme. 3. We further analyze observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards. 4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		We do not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implementation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes	Article 19-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: "For any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean with hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters, one of the following mitigations measures shall be used: (1) Large circle hooks; or (2) Fishes except for Cephalopods species used as baits."	
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Article 38 of the *Atlantic Regulations:* "In the event that any tuna longline fishing vessel leaves a port, its captain shall daily report catch data through the E-logbook system designated by the competent authority and shall also fill in the logbooks designated by the competent authority. Catch reports shall be filled in completely and accurately, and where the catch amount is zero, catch reports shall be filled in as well."	1. We have separated a column of "sailfish" from "other billfishes" in the logbook system since 2009, for improving data collection on sailfish. 2. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information. 3. We deploy observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data. 4. We further analyze the observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
					5. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		1. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information. 2. We deployed observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data. 3. We further analyze the observer data and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards. 4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	N/A		We are not a Caribbean coastal developing CPC.

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: SURINAME (2026)

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing Blue marlin in 2025. However, a total amount of 768 species of Blue marlin were discarded live in 2025 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels which is also been reported in the annual report.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing White marlin in 2025.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing Blue or White marlin in 2025. Minimum Standards for the Safe Handling and Release Procedures of Live Marlins/Roundscale Spearfish (Family Istiophoridae) and other Large Fish are set out in our national fishing license Decree. These requirements are also checked physically by our inspectors.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		The minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 is addressed in the National fishing license condition Decree and need to be implemented by the fishing vessels. These requirements are also checked physically by our inspectors.
9-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		The captains and crew members are aware of the use of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing marlin in 2025. However, a total amount of 768 species of Blue Marlin were discarded live in 2025 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels according to the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, which is also been reported in the annual report to ICCAT.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		The longline fleet of Suriname are catching Blue Marlin as by-catch but they are not landing these species. Even though the generally applicable landing limit applies to Suriname.
19-05 (as modified by Rec. 25-06)	8bis (as added by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.a))	Once a CPC reaches its landing limit, all catches of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish shall be discarded.	Yes		This is set out in our national fishing license Decree.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05 (as modified by 25-06)	9 (as modified by Rec. 25-06 Para 3.b))	In derogation to paragraph 8bis, for CPCs with national legislation that prohibits dead discards, blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained, and landings of such fish shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, provided that: – the CPC prohibits such fish from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce, and – the CPC notifies the ICCAT Secretariat of its intent to exercise this exception and provides information to the Commission in the questionnaire portion of its Annual Report information on its retention requirement and measures in place to prohibit sale and entry into commerce.	No		Suriname has no national legislation that prohibits dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Blue marlin or White marlin/spearfish are not caught for local consumption.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Suriname doesn't have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with Blue marlin or White marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		The catch and discard data are collected through logbooks. This is reported in the annual report to ICCAT. Unfortunately, no scientific observer program has been implemented in 2025. However, Suriname started with a national observer program plan in 2026, which has been submitted to the secretariat on 20 January 2026.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname doesn't have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with Blue marlin or White marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Suriname doesn't have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with Blue marlin or White marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Suriname doesn't have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with Blue marlin or White marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Suriname doesn't have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with Blue marlin or White marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Suriname is in the process of updating their National fishing legislation in which monitoring, control and surveillance measures will be addressed. In the meantime some measures are addressed in the national fishing license condition Decree. This is also reported in the annual report to ICCAT.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname doesn't have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname doesn't have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

Rec. #	*Para #*	*Requirement*	*Status of implemen-tation*	*Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)*	*Notes/explanations*
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		A total amount of 768 species of Blue marlin were discarded live in 2025 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels. This is reported in the Annual report submitted to ICCAT.
16-11	1	"CPCs whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: …. (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		As our tuna fishery only commenced in July 2023 which includes Atlantic sailfish as by-catch, we do not yet have a reliable baseline to determine the current catch level. Consequently, there are no historical catch data available that could be used as a reference point for monitoring our catches. The catches have been reported to ICCAT in the Task 1 and Task 2 data.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		National regulations are in place for the collection of catch data and catch reporting requirements (logbooks). And the catches have been reported to ICCAT in the Task 1 and Task 2 data.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		With the support of FAO, a system developed by the FAO (called CALIPSEO) to modernize the fisheries data collection system is implemented at the Fisheries Department. This has been addressed in the annual report sent to the secretariat on 13 September 2024.
25-06	1	Caribbean coastal developing CPCs not included in the allocation table shall limit their landings of Atlantic blue marlin to 20 t and white marlin/roundscale spearfish to 10 t for 2025 and 2026.	Yes		This is set out in our national fishing license Decree. However, Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing Atlantic blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2025.