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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 **17 October 2025**. 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 [2025 Commission meeting document website](#).

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Received</i>
ALBANIA***	
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
CURAÇAO***	
EGYPT***	
EL SALVADOR***	
GUINEA ECUATORIAL***	
UNION EUROPÉENNE***	X
FRANCE/St-Pierre et Miquelon	X
GABON**	X
THE GAMBIA*	
GHANA***	
GRENADA*	
GUATEMALA***	
RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE***	
GUINÉE-BISSAU*	
HONDURAS***	
ICELAND***	X
JAPAN	X
KOREA, Rep. Of	X
LIBERIA***	X
LIBYA***	
MAURITANIA*	
MEXICO***	X
MAROC	X
NAMIBIA	X
NICARAGUA**/***	

NIGERIA***	X
NORWAY***	X
PANAMÁ***	X
PHILIPPINES***	
RUSSIA	X
SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE***	
SÉNÉGAL***	X
SIERRA LEONE***	
SOUTH AFRICA	X
St Vincent and the Grenadines***	X
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC***	
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO***	
TUNISIE***	X
TÜRKIYE***	X
UK	X
UNITED STATES	X
URUGUAY	X
VENEZUELA	X
BOLIVIA***	X
TAIPEI CHINO***	
GUYANA***	
SURINAME	X
CUBA*	

* Billfish Check Sheets **have never been submitted** as stipulated by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=5).

** Billfish Check Sheets **received after the deadline** set by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=4).

***No Billfish Check Sheets submitted (n=13) in 2025, either confirmed to be the same as those of last year (2024) (n=14) or the 2023 versions re-used (n=5).

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: ANGOLA (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels. As far as sport fishing is concerned, during sporting events the blue marlin species is always released alive and is never landed.
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. This Recommendation will be incorporated into the next management measures, athletes have already been informed about the new procedures.
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, to safely free the animal during the fishing activity, they use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners, for our fishing vessel aimed at tuna fishing.

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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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, to safely free the animal during the fishing activity, they use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners to perform tasks in the best way. The owner of the vessel was instructed to follow all recommendations on conservation and protection of species. These recommendations are part of our Aquatic Biological Resources Law, which regulates the exercise of fishing activities in our country https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ang50971pdf
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		Annually, as safety measures, the ship's sailors have fire simulation and evacuation training. The captain has the first aid course to perform in case of emergency. The crew use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners, for our fishing vessels aimed at tuna fishing. The owner of the vessel was instructed to follow all recommendations on conservation and protection of species. These recommendations are part of our Aquatic Biological Resources Law, which regulates the exercise of fishing activities in our country https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ang50971pdf

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale. Our tuna fishing boat has all the equipment specified in this Recommendation. Furthermore, we distribute the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners to release animals with greater safety and life.
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels. The owner of the vessel was instructed to follow all recommendations on conservation and protection of species. These recommendations are part of our Aquatic Biological Resources Law, which regulates the exercise of fishing activities in our country https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ang50971pdf
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.

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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		Yes, during sport fishing activity, the fishes are released alive without any damage. For example, athletes use biodegradable hooks, which are released from the fish in a few days. During the competitions, the fights are quick to avoid stress. In the case of common hooks, the hooks are removed. These are the practices used in the competition. This is a consulate at international level.
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		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Sport fishing in Angola takes place within 20 miles, and the species with which it interacts the most are the sea bream and wahoo. In sports activity, athletes sometimes interact with blue marlin.
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		The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources will make a statement in which it will emphasize the obligation to include a scientific observer to be part of the sports activities. Failure to comply with this requirement by federations will result in penalties in accordance with the law and applicable regulations of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Copies of the reports on the activities of the scientific observers shall be submitted together with the diaries of the activities of sport fishing to the National Directorate of Fisheries. This year the sport fishing federation received the new fishing diary, which must be delivered to the National Directorate of Marine Resources at the end of each activity.

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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		We do not currently have a minimum size limit established of technical measure, for the tuna species. However, in the upcoming advice council (November and December of 2025), we will consider incorporating this technical measure in management measures, the legal instrument for the management of fishing activities. This Recommendation will be incorporated into the next management measures, athletes have already been informed about the new procedures.
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		Article 12 of Presidential Decree Nº 146/13 of September 30, which approves the Recreational and Sport Fishing Regulation, on the prohibition of the sale of fish. It establishes that it is strictly prohibited for practitioners of recreational and sport fishing to sell or expose for sale directly or indirectly, through an intermediary, the fishing product as well as its parts or derivative products. https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ang50971pdf.
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		The control and surveillance system for fishing activities is based on the following tasks: Patrolling by the inspection service to check whether vessels are fishing in authorized areas and capturing correctly without breaking the law. Fish unloading requires a request for authorization from the National Fisheries Directorate and must be monitored by the Inspection Service, At the end of each fishing trip, the shipowner must deliver the fishing diaries to the National Fisheries Directorate for catch control. https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ang50971pdf.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		There is a technical staff under the National institute of artisanal fishery, that goes to the fishing communities to collect the data of fishing activities. After that, the data is processed and sent to the National Directorate of Fisheries.
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		Previously we did not receive statistical data on sport fishing, we received these months and the way the information is presented does not include what this recommendation requests. in the meantime, we have printed the ICCAT manuals on data collection and provided them with the sports federations so that from now on the information is collected in the correct way. However, technicians from the Marine Fisheries Research Institute were appointed, who will now monitor sporting activities.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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		Limiting fishing effort through licensing a defined number of vessels. Limited access to the fishery based on the available resources/TAC. Limitation on the number/size of the gears, e.g. number of hooks used in longline fishery. Set up limits on by-catch. Improve the enforcement of and compliance with other relevant international (ICCAT) and regional measures.
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		Yes, the fishing diary for tuna fishing has been improved; we have included information contained in the ICCAT statistical tables. This fishing diary will also be used for artisanal fishing.

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			Arrangements have been made for observers on board to begin operating this year and from next year we will be able to provide the live and dead discards data to ICCAT.
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		Yes, the fishing diary for tuna fishing has been improved; we have included information contained in the ICCAT statistical tables. This fishing diary will also be used for artisanal fishing. The fishing diaries are delivered to the National Directorate of Fisheries, at the end of each fishing vessel's work, arrangements were made for a supervision observer to be incorporated into the crew to make records of the fishing activity of the vessel directed to tuna high sea fisheries, so that they can be delivered to the secretary in accordance with the recommendation.

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Name of CPC: BARBADOS (2025)

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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	As above	As above.

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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	As above	The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations mandate that any billfish (including blue and white marlins) incidentally taken on longlines that are alive at haul-back are to be promptly released in a manner that maximizes post-release survival accordance or if already dead, a percentage of the fish as specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer may be retained and disposed of in accordance with such conditions as he specifies.
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	As above	The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations mandate that the master of a fishing vessel (commercial and recreational) that the release of any fish (such as marlins) that must be released are done so in (a) accordance with such instructions as the Chief Fisheries Officer may specify by notice published in the Official Gazette; (b) shall ensure that the equipment required for the purpose of release of fish is of a size and design approved by the Chief Fisheries; (c) kept on board the vessel for the duration of every fishing trip; (d) maintained in good working order; and (e) that he and the crew are trained in the safe and effective use of the equipment.
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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	As above. The introduction and training in de-hooking devices for the release of Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) species such as sea turtles was commenced in July 2022.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	Explanation given for Rec. 19-05 para 5 applies.

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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	N/A	By default this is allowed as there is no local legislation that mandates the disposal of fish dead at haul-back.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	N/A	Landed marlins are placed in the market for sale as food.
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		Annual Task 1 and Task 2 data are duly submitted. Under the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations it will be mandatory for fishers to report whether the fish were alive or dead at haul back.
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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	As noted earlier, the mandate to carry appropriate equipment and training of crew in its use to achieve this objective as per the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations apply to recreational/sports fishers as well.

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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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations include a very detailed regulation mandating that all catches, including incidental, of all species, fishing effort and other fishing trip information should be recorded and reported for both commercial and recreational vessels. The legislation does not use the term "logbook" as the use of other formats for recording this information such as electronic reporting formats are contemplated. In this context, as reported in the National report, VMS has already been installed on a number of longliners and it is expected that the whole fleet will be fitted with these systems by year end. In addition, the digitization of a catch and effort data form using the KoboToolbox platform was implemented in November of 2023. A regulation also mandates participation by both commercial and recreational vessels in approved observer programmes including electronic monitoring as required.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Billfish tournaments are coordinated by the Barbados Game Fishing Association (BGFA), a member of the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA). The IGFA promotes guidelines for the catch and release of billfish during tournaments and is a co-host of the International Billfish symposium which aims to advance science and management of billfish in a changing ecosystem.
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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations mandate that the masters of all fishing vessels, including recreational, fully participate in any scientific observer programme authorized by the Chief Fisheries Officer including electronic monitoring programmes. The Division is collaborating with the BGFA to jointly manage weigh stations at tournaments. Data collectors engage sport fishers to collect landings and collect socio-economic information.

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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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	The Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations includes the setting of minimum sizes for marlins for the sport/recreational fishery concordant with ICCAT specifications.
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 Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) defines "recreational" fishing as fishing for the purposes of recreation, pleasure, competition or personal consumption and mandates under section 134 (1) "All Barbados registered and foreign registered fishing vessels to be used in non-commercial fishing activities in the waters of Barbados shall possess a valid recreational fishing licence." (2) "No person shall engage in commercial fishing activities with a recreational fishing licence.	

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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		Standard recording of landings at fish markets. The vast majority of Barbados fisheries are small-scale and Barbados landings data collection system has been described in several earlier national reports as well as the current one. Landings statistics are submitted annually under the category of “handline”. It must be reiterated that, as presented in the National Report, significant improvements in the data collection system for all fisheries in Barbados continue.
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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies..	As noted earlier, the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations mandate reporting of these data by the sport/recreational fishery but details of the most appropriate recording and reporting procedures are being developed through a process of stakeholder consultations. Recreational vessels are also mandated to participate in any approved observer programs.

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16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	As noted earlier, the conservation strategies provided for in the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (2024) through adjunct Fisheries Management Regulations in relation to the marlins e.g. the use of circle hooks, safe release of fish alive at haulback, also extend to all billfish species including 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	Information given for 19-05, Para 2 applies.	Barbados places all landed sailfish in the market for sale as food. No discarding takes place. All landings of sailfish are duly reported to ICCAT. However, the already detailed regulations aimed at improving such detailed recording of catch and effort including incidental catches refers.
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		See National report.

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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	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	There was a small amount of BUM landed in 2024 in line with the 10 M/T limit established by ICCAT. This has been reported in the 2025 Task 1 and 2 reports.
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	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	There were no reported catches of white marlin/roundscale spearfish during 2024. This was also determined through human observer and catch and discharge reports. Belize currently has a ban on targeting this species in accordance with FVC-044-2022.
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	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	This measure is implemented and verified through human observer placement and catch and discharge reports.

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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	Belize currently has a legally binding fishing vessel circular FVC-044-2022. However, we are in the process of creating a best handling practice guideline in accordance with Annex 1.	Belize is currently in the process of developing this guideline and will inform ICCAT after it is finalized.
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	Belize currently has a legally binding fishing vessel circular FVC-044-2022. However, we are in the process of creating a best handling practice guideline in accordance with Annex 1.	Belize is currently in the process of developing this guideline and will inform ICCAT after it is finalized in the coming months.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	This measure is implemented and verified through human observer placement and catch and discharge reports.
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	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	There were no reports of white marlin caught and retained during 2024. Transshipment at sea is also prohibited for all fisheries.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	Yes	This measure is implemented through a legally binding Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-044-2022.	Belize prohibits dead discards of these species and all species not retained were alive and unharmed at the time of release. This was verified through human observer reports and catch and discharge reports. However, there were reports of small quantities of BUM bycatch caught dead when brought alongside the vessel that was landed and sold locally. This amount was counted against the 10MT limit established in accordance with paragraph 2.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard 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.	Yes	HSFA 2013 and FVC-044-2022.	There are no commercial or industrial fishing conducted in Belize waters. Billfishes caught are released unharmed by artisanal vessels and during sport or recreational tournaments.
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	No current domestic legislation with this measure. Current legislation is under review.	Belize's domestic laws do not currently prohibit the retention of billfish. However, recognizing the importance of conservation, sport fishing tournament associations have voluntarily agreed to a ban on keeping billfish during tournaments in Belize's coastal waters. As a result, all billfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries must be released unharmed and alive.
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	FVC-044-2022	This measure is implemented and verified through human observer placement and catch and discharge reports. This information was provided in Task 1 and 2 reports submitted 7/14/25.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	No current domestic legislation with this measure. Current legislation is under review for revision.	Belize's domestic laws do not currently prohibit the retention of billfish. However, recognizing the importance of conservation, sport fishing tournament associations have voluntarily agreed to a ban on keeping billfish during tournaments in Belize's coastal waters. As a result, all billfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries must be released unharmed and alive.

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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	Domestic legislation for sport/recreational fisheries is currently under review.	This information is not included in our Task 1 and 2 reports as it is not collected during sport and recreational fisheries. The current legislative review will seek to incorporate this 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?	No	No current domestic legislation with this measure. Current legislation is under review for revision.	Belize's domestic laws do not currently prohibit the retention of billfish. However, recognizing the importance of conservation, sport fishing tournament associations have voluntarily agreed to a ban on keeping billfish during tournaments in Belize's coastal waters. As a result, all billfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries must be released unharmed and alive.
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 current domestic legislation with this measure. Current legislation is under review for revision.	Belize's domestic laws do not currently prohibit the retention of billfish. However, recognizing the importance of conservation, sport fishing tournament associations have voluntarily agreed to a ban on keeping billfish during tournaments in Belize's coastal waters. As a result, all billfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries must be released unharmed and alive.
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	This is implemented through FVC-044-2022	Belize implements this Recommendation through a legally binding fishing vessel circular and through our national observer program and catch/discharge reports for our industrial high seas fishing fleet. However, domestic legislation for the management of BUM and white marlin/roundscale spearfish through recreational and sport fisheries is under review.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	FVC-044-2022	Legislation for managing blue marlin (BUM) and white marlin/roundscale spearfish is in progress. Currently, there is limited interaction with these species in terms of catch and release by artisanal and small-scale fisheries.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No	FVC-044-2022	Currently, no. We are not collecting data on BUM, white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in Belize's EEZ by artisanal fleet. National Legislation is currently under revision to include this requirement.
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	FVC-044-2022	Belize has provided this information in its Task 1 and 2 reports from data collected from its high seas fishing fleet on 7/14/25.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Implemented through FVC BHSFU-034-2020	Belize has established a catch limit of 100 metric tons for sailfish for its longline fleet. As of July 14, 2025, the reported catches were below this limit and were documented in the Task 1 and 2 reports.

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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	FVC-034-2020	This information has been reported within the Task 1 and 2 report.
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	FVC-034-2020	Catch data is provided through physical logbooks kept on board the vessel and a catch reporting template that is submitted monthly. Human observer data is also collected to complement and verify the catch data reported by the vessel.

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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	These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts	
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	Interministerial Rule Nº 74, 01 of November of 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all Brazilian. Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Interministerial Rule Nº 74, 1st November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels.	Brazil establishes the mandatory use of some equipment and mitigation measures to reduce bycatch; this includes billfish and turtles. Examples of equipment include: I - hook unhookers; II - line cutter; III - hook cutter.
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	Brazil does not authorize or allow the catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish for pelagic longline and purse seine vessels. Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Yes, it does. Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
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	Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts. Any catch under these conditions is submitted through Task 1 and 2	It is mandatory release of live white and blue marlins from gear retrieval, as well as it is prohibited dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts. As dead specimens must be landed and donated to scientific, hospital, penal, and other charitable institutions. In addition, it is also prohibited to remove and cut the first dorsal fin and the first anal fin, which are used to identify the species when landed. Any catch under these conditions is reported in logbooks and submitted through Task 1 and 2. The last submission to the SCRS was (04/08/2025).
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.	Yes	Recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	Sport fishing tournaments that target marlins have been monitored.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
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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)	Minimum sizes are not applicable to Brazil, because the recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	

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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	Interministerial Rule Nº 12, 14 of July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	This Rule is also applicable to the sport fishing.
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	Interministerial Rule Nº. 2, 04 of September of 2006, establishes the satellite fishing vessel tracking program; Normative Instruction Nº 20, 10 of September of 2014, and Normative Instruction Nº 51, of 23 of October of 2019, establishes the forms and criteria for completing and delivering fishing logbooks; Ministerial Rule MPA Nº 135, 27 of September of 2023, establishing the mandatory submission of logbooks data by the digital system “PESQBRASIL Mapa de bordo” for all tuna and tuna-like fleets.	Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research projects, including the presence of onboard observers.
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	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction Nº 20, 10 of September of 2014, Normative Instruction Nº 51, 23 of October of 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA Nº 135, 27 of September of 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	

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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 recent years, Brazil has been reporting the discard for some marlin species. In addition, Brazil has been working to reconstruct the historical time series of bycatch discard data for the longline fleet. It is important to note that Brazil is improving its observer data collection with a more comprehensive spatial and temporal coverage, which will strengthen our discard estimations for the following years.	
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Interministerial Rule N° 74, 01 of November of 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels in Brazil.	
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	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction N° 20, 10 of September of 2014, Normative Instruction N° 51, 23 of October of 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA N° 135, 27 of September of 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	

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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	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction Nº 20, 10 of September of 2014, Normative Instruction Nº 51, 23 of October of 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA Nº 135, 27 of September of 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	

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Name of CPC: CABO VERDE (2025)

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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. Cabo Verde does not have a specific quota for blue marlin, and the reported landings were zero. Control to ensure that the limits are not exceeded, and that no commercial fishing of blue marlin occurs, is carried out at the landing sites by fisheries inspectors.
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. Cabo Verde does not have a specific quota for white marlin, and the reported landings were zero. Control to ensure that the limits are not exceeded, and that no commercial fishing of blue marlin occurs, is carried out at the landing sites by fisheries inspectors.
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 applicable)		Cabo Verde does not have a quota for blue marlin or white marlin/, and the national fleet does not target these species.

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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	https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View/26117 https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View?id=60919	Cabo Verde does not target billfish. However, a fleet of sport fishing vessels operates within Cabo Verde's EEZ, and these vessels may occasionally interact with billfish. All sport fishing vessels are aware of the ICCAT recommendations and are required to release marlins alive, applying safe-handling practices in line with the minimum standards.
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		Cabo Verde does not target billfish. However, a fleet of sport fishing vessels operates within Cabo Verde's EEZ, and these vessels may occasionally interact with billfish. All sport fishing vessels are aware of the ICCAT recommendations and are required to release marlins alive, applying safe-handling practices in line with the minimum standards.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Cabo Verde does not target billfish. However, a fleet of sport fishing vessels operates within Cabo Verde's EEZ, and these vessels may occasionally interact with billfish. All sport fishing vessels are aware of the ICCAT recommendations and are required to release marlins alive, applying safe-handling practices in line with the minimum standards.
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		Cabo Verde does not have any specific law or regulation requiring the disposal of dead fish. However, the control is, subject to port inspection.

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		In case of catches of blue marlin or white marlin, all landed specimens are sold in the local market for domestic consumption.
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		Cabo Verde submits annual Task 1 and Task 2 data to ICCAT. In the event that blue marlin or white marlin appear in the catches, controls are carried out at landing sites by fisheries enquires and/or inspectors. These species are recorded in the fisheries statistics and included in the Task 1 and Task 2 informs submitted to ICCAT.
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	https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View/26117 https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View?id=60919	
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	Cabo Verde does not have a scientific observer program implemented yet, for the logbook there is a national legislation but is not yet fully implemented. https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/Details/A2023/S1/BO113/5431	Cabo Verde does not yet have a scientific observer program in place. With regard to logbooks, national legislation exists but has not yet been fully implemented.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View/26117 https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View?id=60919	
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		Cabo Verde does not yet have a scientific observer program in place. Steps have been taken toward its establishment, including the training of technicians, but the program has not yet been implemented.
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		Although Cabo Verdean legislation incorporates ICCAT recommendations, minimum size requirements for blue marlin and white marlin/ are not yet established. A new local fisheries management plan is being prepared, and these ICCAT minimum size recommendations will be included.
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	https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View/26117 https://boe.incv.cv/Bulletins/View?id=60919	Sport fishing and recreational fisheries are not allowed to sell or obtain any commercial benefit from the catch.
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		All ICCAT recommendations are duly considered and taken into account by the Cabo Verdean authorities, even if not yet fully incorporated into domestic legislation. A new national fisheries management plan is currently under development, within which these recommendations will be formally integrated. In practice, implementation is ensured through monitoring, control, and surveillance measures, including: Regular port inspections conducted by fisheries inspectors. At-sea inspections by fisheries inspectors and the coastguard, covering national small-scale and semi-industrial fleets as well as

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			foreign vessels operating within Cabo Verde's EEZ; Joint inspection and surveillance operations in cooperation with international partners.
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		Data collection for artisanal and small-scale fisheries in Cabo Verde is carried out by surveyors who collect statistical information at landing ports. In the event of a billfish catch, these records are included by the surveyors in the fisheries statistics.
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		Cabo Verde does not yet have a scientific observer program in place. With regard to logbooks, national legislation exists but has not yet been fully implemented
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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		Cabo Verde has no data on Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) from its fisheries. However, any recommendations made by ICCAT are incorporated into Cabo Verdean legislation and communicated to fishing operators.

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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		Cabo Verde has no data on Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) from its fisheries.
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		Despite gaps in billfish data collection, Cabo Verde collects fisheries data at landing ports and landing points. Surveyors and fisheries inspectors record this information, which is then reported to the institute responsible for fisheries statistics and subsequently submitted to ICCAT through Task 1 and Task 2 reports.

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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		Marlin bycatch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted 16/07/2025. In 2024, Canada landed 43 kg of blue marlin. Canada discarded 823 kg live 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		Marlin bycatch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted 16/07/2025. In 2024, Canada landed 893 kg of white marlin. Canada discarded 523 kg dead and 1129 kg live white marlin.
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	Reference #1: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2021, "all live marlin must be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm."	There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through bycatch, with the release of live marlins being required forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Dockside Monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the Monitoring Company that

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					inputs the data into centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which ensures 100% coverage.
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 pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Line cutters and bolt cutters are mandatory on every pelagic longline vessel that interacts with marlin. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch.
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		All live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining patterns of bycatch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating bycatch. The pelagic longline fishery follows to the extent practicable Annex I.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Reference #2: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2020, "When using longline gear the licence holder/operator is must use corrodible, circle hooks."	The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species bycatch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining

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				See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4	patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch. The pelagic longline fishery follows to the extent practicable Annex I.
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		Canada authorizes its vessels to retain blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead within the landing limit. However, Canada does not permit transshipment in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Canada does not prohibit dead discarding. Canada authorizes its vessels to retain blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead within the landing limit. However, Canada does not permit transshipment in the ICCAT 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		Canada does not have artisanal fisheries that harvest 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.	N/A		There are no recreational or sport fishery harvesting marlin species.

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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		Marlin bycatch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted 16/07/2025.
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 fisheries in Canada have documented interactions with blue marlin, white marlin, or 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		There are no marlin recreational or sport 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		There are no marlin 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?	N/A		There are no marlin recreational or sport fisheries.

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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	At-sea observer programs are regulated under Fishery (General) Regulations - SOR/93-53 (Section 39 and 40). Dockside monitoring programs are regulated under Fishery (General) Regulations - SOR/93-53 (Section 46 and 47). Transshipping of any fish species is prohibited by the Fishery (General) Regulations - SOR/93-53 (Section 32).	There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through by-catch, with the release of live marlins being required. Dockside Monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the Monitoring Company that inputs the data into centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which insures 100% coverage. At-sea observers are targeted for deployment on 10% of swordfish fishing trips. All discarding interactions (from both the observer reports and harvesters' logbooks) are reported in the estimation of nominal catch Task 1, Catch & Effort (Task 2) and National Observer Programme Data. All data submitted 16/07/2025. All swordfish longline vessels carrying longline gear must have an operating Vessel Monitoring System on the vessel Transshipping of all fish is prohibited by the Atlantic Fishery Regulations. The fishery is monitored through Fisheries and Oceans Canada's enforcement branch through the deployment of protection officers on land, sea and by air.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.

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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		All blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish data is submitted annually as part of Task 1 and 2, and National Observer Programme Data. 2024 data submitted: 16/07/2025.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4 See Reference # 2 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 7	Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Atlantic sailfish. Nevertheless, the pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species bycatch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm.
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		Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with sailfish but will enhance data collection if catches become frequent. A supplementary discard log has been implemented in Canada to report these interactions.
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		Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Sailfish. A supplementary discard log has been implemented in Canada to report these interactions.

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Name of CPC: CHINA (2025)

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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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.	
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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.	

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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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: when the catch limit or quota are exhausted, the company and its fishing vessel must stop operation and the over-harvested fish must be released immediately.	Yes. Observers on board the fishing vessel will help monitor the vessel to comply with the measures. Besides, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measure, raising their compliance awareness.
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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, sub-para 5: Fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate steps to cause no harm to marlin caught incidentally during release.	
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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. All tuna enterprises shall seriously comply with management measures, and earnestly work out training of relevant persons.	

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch: fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate measures to release sailfish and spearfish caught incidentally in a unharmed manner and to reduce mortality insofar as possible.	We encourage fishing vessels operating on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean to use circle hooks to reduce harm to sailfish and 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.	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch and Para 3, quota: Longline vessels operating in the Atlantic Ocean are encouraged to use circle hooks, to reduce damage of sailfish and marlin caught incidentally. All tuna enterprises and fishing vessels shall conduct fishing operations under the quota allocated by this Ministry.	

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
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 a coastal or small island CPC.
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 such 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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 2: Chinese tuna enterprises shall submit each vessel's logbook for last year to the Data Center of China Distant Water Fisheries.	

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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		China has no recreational fishery.
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		China has no recreational fishery.
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		China has no recreational fishery.
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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.	We provide such information in our annual report, including: observers on board the fishing vessel to monitor vessel compliance with this provision, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measures, raising their compliance awareness.

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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		China does not have any non-industrial fisheries.
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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.	Firstly, we encourage fishing vessels operating on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean to use circle hooks to reduce harm to sailfish and spearfish. Secondly, we issued an official document to ask fishing vessels to comply with landing limits. Thirdly, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measures, raising their compliance awareness.
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	Implementation Guideline on the Management of Distant Water Fishery National Observer Programme	Observers on board the fishing vessel must collect all the scientific data required, including sailfish, and we report the Task 1 and 2 data collected by the observer to ICCAT.

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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 describe our data collection programmes in our annual report.

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19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined 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 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		There were no records of landings of these species in 2024.
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		Exemption applies according to paragraph 10 of Recommendation 19-05.

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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 national regulation for their implementation is at the consultation stage and is expected to be approved shortly by Incopesca's Governing Board as well as the corresponding implementation measures.
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		To date, this training has not taken place, but it is included in Costa Rica's amendment plan for implementation.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Costa Rica is in the process of building capacity of crews, while promoting the use of tools based on Annex 1.
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		Costa Rica does not operate a purse seine fleet in the Atlantic. There are no records of landings of Atlantic white marlin/roundscale spearfish in Costa Rica. In the case of blue marlin, the longline fleet does have multispecies fishing licences and blue marlin can be taken as bycatch. The national regulation for implementation of the catch limit is at consultation stage and is expected to be approved shortly by INCOPECA's Governing Board and its implementation.

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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		Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small-scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries, therefore, does not apply paragraph 4. Data for 2024 was submitted on 10 July 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		There are no records of interaction of these fisheries with white and blue marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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		A pilot on-board observers (human and electronic) plan is being implemented, which will most likely be the basis for design of the onboard observers programme. In the case of logbooks, the use of a fishing set recording form has been implemented, where the number of individuals discarded by species and their status alive or dead is recorded. An app is being developed for data collection.
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 records of interactions of recreational fisheries 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		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries and there are no blue marlin and white marlin / roundscale spearfish tournaments in the Costa Rican Caribbean.
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 records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.

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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	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436, Chapter VII. Article 74.	There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries. Should there be any catch or eventual retention, the catches from the sport fishery, subject to the authorised amount of specimens, will be used for taxidermy or own consumption by the fishers, in the terms and conditions determined by Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture (INCOPECA).
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		Yes, information is provided in the billfish check sheet. The National Coast Guard Inspection Service carries out at-sea operations and INCOPECA inspects 100% of the landings of the commercial longline fleet targeting pelagic species.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		There are records of landings of blue marlin in the Costa Rican Caribbean. There are no records of white marlin / roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal fleet using longline gear that interacts with tuna, dolphinfish, shark and some billfish. The information of fishing sets is recorded in the landing inspection form (FID). This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.

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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		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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." 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	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436. Chapter VII, Article 76. Regulation to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 89436 No. 36782-MINAET-MAG-MOPT-TUR-SP-S-MTSS, Chapter XV, Article 56. Agreement of the INCOPECA Board AJDIP/017/2023	As stated in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law, sailfish in Costa Rica is of touristic-sporting interest. The Regulation to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law establishes: "INCOPECA may authorise, in the large pelagics fishery, the use of longline, exclusively with circle hook, only for vessels flagged to Costa Rica and on the national register..." AJDIP/017/2023 establishes that "...bycatch shall not exceed 10% (gutted weight) of the vessel's total catch for each non-tourist commercial fishing trip made." This agreement also prohibits the export of sailfish.

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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 use of forms to record sets has been implemented, where the captain can record live or dead discards of this species.
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		Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal fleet that uses surface longline. Information on fishing sets is recorded in the landings inspection form (FID). Information on discards is recorded by the captain on a set recording form. This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.

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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		

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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		Fishermen are urged to implement this provision.
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 fisheries administration raises awareness amongst shipowners to ensure that their fishermen comply with this provision.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		The fisheries administration raises awareness amongst shipowners to ensure that their fishermen comply with this provision.
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		Monitoring is conducted to ensure that landings are within landing limits.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	No		Côte d'Ivoire has no regulations prohibiting dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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		Task 1 and Task 2 data are reported according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS.
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		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any 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. 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		Follow-up and Nominal Catch data for Task 1 are reported to the SCRS.
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		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.

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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		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport 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?	N/A		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.
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		Côte d'Ivoire provides details on the implementation of this measure through the submission of Task 1 and Task 2 data. Although the country has no specific laws or regulations, shipowners and fisheries inspectors are being made aware of the implementation of this Recommendation.
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		This fishery is regularly monitored, and the data collected is submitted to the SCRS via Task 1 and 2 forms.

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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	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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		Côte d'Ivoire has not yet reached its sailfish quota.
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		Increase the presence of inspectors at landings, monitor documentation on fishing, and formalise artisanal fishing landing sites.
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		The data collection programme is described in the Annual Report transmitted to ICCAT.

Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: CURAÇAO (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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	Decree hereto is currently being formulated.	Most billfish catches are normally dead. For the purse seiners fishing in the Atlantic Ocean. Billfishes are released as soon as possible and dead billfishes retained. In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released. Payback plan for blue marlin of 2.5 tons per year from 2022 on.
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	Decree hereto is currently being formulated	No WHM were reported. In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any white marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released. With respect to artisanal fishing we are in the process to formulate a TOR to initiate with a data collection on catches in general and eventual white marlin catches.
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 applicable)		All of Curaçao purse seiners are implementing a code of good practice which calls for the timely release of live bycatch.

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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	P.B. 109, P.B. 74	All of Curaçao purse seiners were implementing a code of good practice which calls for the timely release of live bycatch.
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	National Maritime Law	Curaçao has hired the services of AZTI as provider for the training of crew and observers on the implementation and monitoring of provisions related to the Code of Good Practice.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	National Maritime Law	Curaçao has hired the services of AZTI as provider for the training of crew and observers on the implementation and monitoring of provisions related to the Code of Good Practice.
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 seine bycatch of billfish is not significant and inevitable. While all specimens that arrive alive on deck are promptly released, most specimens arrive dead on deck. In general, dead specimens are retained to avoid food waste. They are not commercialized but unloaded in Abidjan, as they represent an important source of protein for the local population.

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Curacao does not prohibit dead discards. However, discards of dead billfish are rare, for the reasons expressed before. Though, all dead marlins are landed, and distributed among local crew for their own consumption.
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)		In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released.
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		In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released.
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 case of fisheries activities, Curacao has 100% observer coverage and in case there is no physical observer on board, the Digital observer will be applied.

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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?	No	Decree hereto is currently being formulated.	
	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	See above.	No
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	See above.	No
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		We have 100% observer coverage (combination of human and EMS) that monitors operation on the vessel. In the harbour we have inspections companies that sends us discharging inspection reports in the ports of Dakar and Abidjan. Furthermore, we have a traceability scheme from net to plate.

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			Also an electronic reporting system where all discards are reported.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		See above. Once the consultant has been selected implementation could initiate. This has been budgeted.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		See above. Once the consultant has been selected implementation could initiate. This has been budgeted.
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	Decree PB. 109	Collected species must be reported via logbooks, landing declarations or other equivalent documents.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Decree PB. 109	Collected species must be reported via logbooks, landing declarations or other equivalent documents With respect to artisanal fishing, no data is available. Furthermore, we are in the process to formulate a TOR to initiate with a data collection on catches in general and eventual blue and white marlin catches.
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	Decree PB.109	Collected species must be reported via logbooks, landing declarations or other equivalent documents.

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			
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	Decree PB. 109	Collected species must be reported via logbooks, landing declarations or other equivalent documents.

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Name of CPC: EGYPT (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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.

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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	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No fishing activities for this species. No record in Egyptian fisheries till now.

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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		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.	N/A		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?	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out.

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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 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?	N/A		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 artisanal or 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."	N/A		No artisanal or small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.

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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 records for these species as there were no fishing activities.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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.

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Name of CPC: EL SALVADOR (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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 this 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, as established in this 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, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques for associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.

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<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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 endeavour 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.
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	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	No		

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard 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		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 El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect all this information and it is provided annually to the Commission.
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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 El Salvadorian purse seine fleet 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.

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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) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of 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 2023.	The adjusted landing limit of BUM for EU in 2023 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) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of 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 2023.	The adjusted landing limit of WHM for EU in 2023 is 50,00 tonnes.

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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 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) Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding. 2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise 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	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law. 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	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.

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				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.	
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 EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law including provisions about training to the crewmembers on proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques. Additionally, 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.	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	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.

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				Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding. 2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that 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.	Yes	Annex ID of the Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of 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 2023. Further, Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT	

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Article 15 (landing obligation) of the Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy prohibits the discard of blue and white marlins in the ICCAT Convention area. Those landings will not count against the limits established in § 1 of Rec. 18-04/19-05. Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT.	

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				Article 28 Landing of blue marlin and white marlin beyond the fishing opportunities When a Member State has exhausted its quota, that Member State shall ensure that the landings of blue marlin and white marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel are not sold or entered commerce. Such landings shall not count against EU catch limits as set out in paragraph 2 of ICCAT Recommendation 2018-04.	
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
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	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 into EU law. 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.	

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				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.	
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 Master 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 Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.

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					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	Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT. Article 29 1. Member States whose vessels are engaged in recreational fisheries of blue marlin and white marlin shall maintain a 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin tournament landings.	
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	Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT. Article 29 2. In recreational fisheries of blue marlin a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply. 3. In recreational fisheries of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.	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.

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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	Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT. Article 29 4. It shall be prohibited to sell or to offer for sale any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin caught in recreational fisheries.	
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 are 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.

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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. 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.	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 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.

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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. EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species and catches of sailfish are very low.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	No		EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species, and opportunistic bycatches of sailfish are low.

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		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	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. <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> 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.

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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 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 <i>Isopodous albicans</i> including the species relevant to Rec. 16-11.

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Name of CPC: FRANCE (in respect of Saint Pierre and Miquelon) (2025)

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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 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 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 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 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 2024.
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 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 2024.

FRANCE (SPM)

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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 2024.
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 endeavour 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 2024.
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 2024.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		This species is not targeted and nor taken as bycatch or incidentally. No catches in 2024.
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 2024.
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 2024 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. 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		Catch and landing data extracted from logbooks and the results of observations are used to analyse risks.

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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 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		No recreational or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
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 or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
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 or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
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 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. 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

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					used for scientific conservation 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 2024 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as bycatch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
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 2024 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. 0 implementation as reported in BIL01 (IOMS) for 2024.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	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.

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		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		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. 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 2024. In 2025, a decree on shark protection procedures in the ICCAT area of application was enacted to strengthen shark conservation regulations.
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).

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Name of CPC: GABON (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	2	Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i> . 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	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGP A of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text classes species according to their vulnerability, and billfish are partially protected. Their retention is prohibited for sport fishing.
19-05	2	<i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits</i> . 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 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	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGP A of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text establishes quotas according to métier and given that billfish are partially protected species.
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 pelagic longliners or purse seiners flagged to Gabon.

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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 the tuna fisheries, release into the water of live specimens is strongly encouraged in fishing permits. Fishers are informed of 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		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 advised for foreign vessels fishing 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 flagged to Gabon.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Dead discards are recorded. We do not prohibit discards of these species.
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		Task 1 information collected under this provision is transmitted to ICCAT, in the case of the 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		Information campaign aimed at fishers.
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		Daily collection sheet under the national observer programme.

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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?	Yes		A specific collection programme for this fishery is being developed and will be operational for the 2025 fishing season.
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/spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No retention of specimens for 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		
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		Catches taken by the artisanal fishery are transmitted via Task 1. Moreover, controls are organised in the ports and at landing points of the artisanal fishery.

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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 of the artisanal fisheries are monitored daily and information on billfish is collected.
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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 fishery targeting billfish.

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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		Enhancement is still in progress (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.

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Name of CPC: GHANA (2025)

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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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are within limit and recorded on the relevant compliance table.
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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are very low and rare.
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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	As and when available this will be complied.

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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		Initiative from ISSF/AZTI (skippers workshop) are being practiced as to release endangered species.
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		Initiative from ISS/AZTI (skippers workshop) are being practiced as to release endangered species.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	No bycatch in artisanal 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.	Yes	Act 625.	As part of bycatch usually consumed onboard.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	No discards in the fishery for incidental catches of blue and white marlin.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard 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.	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data submitted according to reporting procedures established by SCRS.
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 fishery.
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		Re-design logbooks specifically for bycatch estimation by 2023.
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 fishery.
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 fishery.

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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 fishery.
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 fishery.
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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Ensure that quotas are not reached and juvenile caught alive are released in the best possible manner per out domestic regulation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Artisanal fishery.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Stratified sampling scheme adopted from FAO is used to estimate landings from the artisanal fleet using random stratified system to estimate catches.

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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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Taking steps to limit excess catches especially juveniles with measures to release live 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?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.
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		FAO ARTFISH program

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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 2022 or 2023. Will be included in annual regulation for ICCAT fisheries when relevant.

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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	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	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. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard 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		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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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.
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).

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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 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	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.

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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, 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	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, 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.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Japan does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
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.
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 30/06/2025.

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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.
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." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Japan provides, in its national report, the information on how to comply with the catch limit established by the Recommendation.

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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 2024 was submitted on 30/06/2025.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	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.
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		Japan collects data on catches of sailfish by observers and reports the data annually through Task 1 and Task 2.

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			
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.

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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;
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)	
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)	

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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	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	
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	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	
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. Any progress in this work will be reported to the Commission in due course.
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 transshipment/landing reports are submitted to the relevant authority of Korea in a timely manner.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
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.
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 2025.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		

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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		Korea does not have any 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		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 measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	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 transshipment/landing reports prior to and after completion of such activities. Korea analyzes all available information including catch reports, transshipment 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		

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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 2025.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 all blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish that are alive by the time of boarding in a manner that maximizes their survival. Korean longline vessels are encouraged to use circle hooks and almost all of the vessels are using circle hooks.
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 2025.
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		To be included in the Annual Report.

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Name of CPC: LIBERIA (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.

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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		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.
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		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.
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		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.

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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		Liberia submitted its Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.
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		
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		Liberia does not have flag tuna vessels. However, catches from the small-scale fisheries was submitted by Liberia in Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.
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?	No		Liberia only has 22 recreational vessels that are periodically used for leisure activities in the dry season. These vessels are required to report their catches.
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		Liberia has not established its own minimum sizes for retention, but required all its recreational vessels to not retained length that is less than 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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	2019 Fisheries and Aquaculture Management and Development Law	
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		Liberia has Fisheries Inspectors assigned to landing sites to ensure compliance.
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		Liberia has Fisheries Enumerators that collect data from the small-scale fisheries.
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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Yes		Liberia encourages its small-scale fishers to use circle hook. Liberia does not have longline fishery.

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		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		Catches from the small-scale fisheries was submitted by Liberia in Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.
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		Liberia has described its data collection program before to ICCAT Secretariat. Liberia is using ODK system installed on mobile phone to collect data.

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Name of CPC: MEXICO (2025)

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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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019). b) Agreement to establish the bycatch volume for the commercial fishery, as well as catch volumes for the sport and recreational fisheries for blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5601145&fecha=23/09/2020#gsc.tab=0). c) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	a) It empowers the Mexican government to sustainably manage the bycatch and sport-recreational catch of blue marlin and white marlin. From 2020 onwards, it establishes a balanced annual quota, supports release based on technical criteria, requires minimum sizes, endorses scientific monitoring, and establishes clear mechanisms for monitoring and sanction. b) It establishes maximum annual catch limits for blue marlin (58.9 t) and white marlin (25 t) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, which are applicable to both bycatch and the sport-recreational fishery. It also ensures sustainable utilisation of these species through: mandatory release of live specimens in bycatch, minimum size restrictions in the sport fishery, and monitoring by scientific observers. c) It regulates commercial longline yellowfin tuna fishery in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Although blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp.) are not target species of this regulation, they are included as bycatch (marlins, bluefin tuna, sharks, swordfish, and sailfish) and can account for up to a maximum of 20% of the total nominal catch on each fishing trip. Marlins must be released alive, and may only be retained if they are dead when brought alongside the vessel.

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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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Agreement to establish the bycatch volume for the commercial fishery, as well as catch volumes for the sport and recreational fisheries of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5601145&fecha=23/09/2020#gsc.tab=0). c) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	a) It empowers the Mexican government to sustainably manage the bycatch and sport-recreational catch of blue marlin and white marlin. From 2020 onwards, it establishes a balanced annual quota, supports release based on technical criteria, requires minimum sizes, endorses scientific monitoring, and establishes clear mechanisms for monitoring and sanction. b) It establishes maximum annual catch limits for blue marlin (58.9 t) and white marlin (25 t) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, which are applicable to both bycatch and the sport-recreational fishery. It also ensures sustainable utilisation of these species through: mandatory release of live specimens taken as bycatch, minimum size restrictions in the sport fishery, and monitoring by scientific observers. c) It regulates the commercial longline yellowfin tuna fishery in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Although blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp.) are not target species of this regulation, they are included as bycatch (marlins, bluefin tuna, sharks, swordfish, and sailfish) and can account for up to a maximum of 20% of the total nominal catch on each fishing trip. Marlins must be released alive, and may only be retained if they are dead when brought alongside the vessel.

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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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	a) It establishes that blue marlin and white marlin taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. b) It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be 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	Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in waters under federal jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Official use of release equipment is still facing challenges due to additional operating costs and the lack of government funding to cover these expenses. However, efforts continue in order to move the adoption forward. Furthermore, in accordance with the current regulatory policy, it is not possible to impose obligations on licensees that would incur costs related to compliance over and above the current levels.

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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	Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in waters under federal jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Official use of release equipment is still facing challenges due to additional operating costs and the lack of government funding to cover these expenses. However, efforts continue in order to move adoption forward. Furthermore, in accordance with the current regulatory policy, it is not possible to impose obligations on licensees that would incur costs related to compliance over and above the current levels.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	Species of marlin (genus <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only and exclusively species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained with the aim of maximising the likelihood of post-release 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.	Yes	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.	a) It establishes that blue marlin and white marlin taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. b) It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained.

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	a) It establishes that blue marlin and white marlin taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. b) It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of the longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data include information on the stored catch, live releases and dead 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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	a) It establishes that blue marlin and white marlin taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. b) It establishes that any marlin taken as bycatch must be released in good conditions of survival. Only specimens that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on stored catch, live releases and dead discards.

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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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Agreement to establish the bycatch volume for the commercial fishery, as well as catch volumes for sport and recreational fisheries for blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5601145&fecha=23/09/2020#gsc.tab=0).	a) It empowers the Mexican government to sustainably manage the bycatch and sport-recreational catch of blue marlin and white marlin. From 2020 onwards, it establishes a balanced annual quota, supports release based on technical criteria, requires minimum sizes, endorses scientific monitoring, and establishes clear mechanisms for monitoring and sanction. b) It establishes maximum annual catch limits for blue marlin (58.9 t) and white marlin (25 t) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, which are applicable to both bycatch and the sport-recreational fishery. It also ensures sustainable utilization of these species through: mandatory release of live specimens taken as bycatch, minimum size restrictions in sport fishing, and monitoring by scientific observers.
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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.	For compliance with the agreement and NOM 023-SAG/PESC-2014, the onboard observer program is implemented on 100% of the longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data include information on stored catch, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor from time to time the status of highly migratory fishing resources, which include white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits, in addition to total live and dead discards.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Amendment of Mexican Official Standard NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in the waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995. (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013)	a) It refers to blue marlin and white marlin landing limits, which include bycatch from the commercial fishery and the sport-recreational fishery. It also establishes mandatory minimum sizes for landing in the sport fishery and promotes the presence of scientific observers in at least 5% of fishing tournaments. b) It establishes 9 species exclusively for the sport fishery within a coastal strip of 50 nautical miles, 6 of which are billfishes (marlins, sailfish and swordfish) and related species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish).
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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019). b) Amendment of Mexican Official Standard NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in the waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995. (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013)	a) It refers to blue marlin and white marlin landing limits, which include bycatch from the commercial fishery and the sport-recreational fishery. It also establishes mandatory minimum sizes for landing in the sport fishery and promotes the presence of scientific observers in at least 5% of fishing tournaments. b) It establishes 9 species exclusively for the sport fishery a coastal strip of 50 nautical miles, 6 of which are billfishes (marlins, sailfish and swordfish) and related species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish).
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	Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019)	It refers to blue marlin and white marlin landing limits, which include bycatch from the commercial fishery and the sport-recreational fishery. It also establishes mandatory minimum sizes for landing in the sport fishery and promotes the presence of scientific observers in at least 5% of fishing tournaments. For the sport recreational fishing fleet, it is prohibited to land blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) of less than 251 cm LJFL and white marlin of less than 168 cm LJFL.

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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	Article 55, part XI of the General Law on Sustainable Fishing and Aquaculture (LGPAS). (https://www.diputados.gob.mx/LeyesBiblio/pdf/LGPAS.pdf)	It establishes that the Department of Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Food (LGPAS) will revoke the license or permit of any holder that sells sport/recreational catches under any legal title.
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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019). b) Agreement to establish the bycatch volume for the commercial fishery, as well as catch volumes for the sport and recreational fishery for blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5601145&fecha=23/09/2020#gsc.tab=0). c) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) d) NOM-062-SAG/PESC-2014 (https://www.conapesca.gob.mx/work/sites/cona/dgop/2018/normas/40_NOM_062_SAG_PESC_2014.pdf) e) General Law on Sustainable Fishing and Aquaculture (LGPAS) (https://www.diputados.gob.mx/LeyesBiblio/pdf/LGPAS.pdf)	Implementation of the recommendation is reported through the national measures described - on-board observers, logbooks, bycatch control, VMS - as part of current national provisions. These actions form part of Mexico's commitments within the framework of ICCAT to record and verify compliance with measures related to billfish caught in the Convention area. The national reports contain evidence of these measures - as part of compliance with the Billfish Check Sheet - reflecting the active legal-regulatory approach that Mexico has incorporated to comply with Rec. 18-05.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage in fishing trips.	Work continues in coordination with artisanal fisheries to establish whether they record bycatch of these species.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report.	Work continues in coordination with artisanal fisheries to establish whether they record bycatch of 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" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea." (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	Mexico has submitted the information as requested by the Commission. In particular for Task 1 and Task 2, catch, fishing effort and size data are provided, and dead discards and live releases are reported. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage of fishing trips.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea." (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	For compliance with the Agreement and NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, an onboard observer program is implemented in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding stored catch, live releases and dead discards are used to monitor status from time to time.

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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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019)). b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	For compliance with the Agreement and the NOM, an onboard observer program is implemented in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch in the hold, live releases and dead discards are used to monitor status from time to time.
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	a) Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019. (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019)). b) Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)	For compliance with the Agreement and the NOM, an onboard observer program is implemented in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding stored catch, live releases and dead discards are used to monitor status from time to time.

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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	Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Landing limits concerning blue marlin are applicable for Morocco. However, following a blue marlin overage recorded in 2018, Morocco has 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, 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	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Total landings of white marlin /<i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> (combined) for Morocco (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) are within the applicable limit contained in paragraph 1. However, Morocco has also prohibited fishing for the white marlin/roundscale spearfish for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.

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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 Dahir 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/ <i>Tetrapturus</i> 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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco encourages fishing masters to safely and promptly release into the water live individuals of marlin taken as bycatch.
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 Dahir 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.

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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 illicit, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending and supplementing Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has prohibited catching, retaining onboard, transshipping and landing of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery by the entire fleet for a period of 5 years as from November 2022.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973), which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> are prohibited.
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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has prohibited any catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.

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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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	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 local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.
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		Any by-catch 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).
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 Dahir 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.

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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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	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 local consumption, for a period of 5 years 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 Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	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 local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.
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 Dahir 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.

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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	Dahir 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. Dahir No. 1-14-95 of 12 reheb 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 Dahir 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 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 Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for the artisanal fisheries, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.

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				Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in Moroccan maritime waters.	
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 fishing which amends and supplements Dahir 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 (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Annual submission of Task 1 and 2 data in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures. An estimate of any live discards by the artisanal fisheries 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 Dahir 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).

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16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 Dahir 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. Any live discards of these species will be recorded as part of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco in 2023.
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	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir 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. 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. Any live discards of these species will be recorded as part of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco in 2023.
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 Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	No sailfish bycatch has been recorded in 2023. A survey programme aimed at the artisanal fleet is implemented in landing ports for recording any live releases of these species and estimate the total quantities.

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Name of CPC: NAMIBIA (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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		Namibia reported 10.63 tons for blue marlin in the Task 1 data.
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		Namibia has not exceeded the landing limits for white marlin/roundscale spearfish during the 2024 fishing season.
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	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	The Namibian domestic law requires vessels to move away from an area if their bycatch exceeds 15% of target species, thus quarterly catches for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are always monitored through the landing returns. The domestic law further prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.

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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	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	The Namibian domestic law requires vessels to move away from an area if their bycatch exceeds 15% of target species, thus quarterly catches for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are always monitored through the landing returns. The domestic law further prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.
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	STCW95 Basic Safety Training Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law requires for Captains and crew members to have adequate safety training certificates.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, tranship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia does not allow transshipment, however when within landing limits of blue and white marlin are retained on board until landed. Landing limits are controlled through monthly catch returns provided by captains.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.

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		No additional information was provided besides the required Task 1 and Task 2 data that was submitted on 15 July 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		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all tuna and tuna-like 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	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade. All catches reported in Task 1 Nominal data is what was landed.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all tuna and tuna-like species (i.e., 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?	N/A		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all tuna and tuna-like species, hence no tournaments authorized (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/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		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all tuna and tuna-like species (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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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		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all tuna and tuna-like species (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/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	Marine Resources Act (Act 27 of 2000) and Marine Resources Regulations of 07 December 2007	Namibia’s entire fisheries are managed through the domestic laws and all fisheries vessels are required to comply to measures set.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Namibia does not 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		Namibia does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or 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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data on 15 July 2025.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	N/A		Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels. If observed or reported, Namibia will comply with the recommendation.

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		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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	N/A		Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels. If observed or reported, Namibia will comply with the recommendation.
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		The Annual Report has an outline of how Namibia collects data.

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Name of CPC: NICARAGUA (2025)

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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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - 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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - 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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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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/dCPCs 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 caughtisgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - 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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Nicaragua does not prohibit dead discard 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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch 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 has no sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.

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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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - 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		Nicaragua 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		Nicaragua 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		Nicaragua has no 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		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish. Therefore, no national laws or regulations for billfish species have been implemented to date.
19-05	16	Does the CPC have non-industrial 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 has no industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or 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		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including 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		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
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		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).

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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 regulations or domestic laws for this because it is not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point	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 regulations or domestic laws for this because it is not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point.	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.

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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 releasethe live marlins caught.	No	No regulations or domestic laws to support it.	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	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 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 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 laws/ regulations.	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.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/regulations.	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	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 laws/regulations.	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	No laws/regulations.	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	No laws/regulations.	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.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/ regulations.	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	No laws/ regulations.	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	No laws/ regulations.	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	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 laws/ regulations.	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.”	No	No laws/ regulations.	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.

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		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	No laws/ regulations.	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	No laws/ regulations.	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.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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.

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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.

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Name of CPC: NORWAY (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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 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 white marlin.
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 applicable)		Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Thus, the landing limits has not been approached, and there has not been a need to take appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 4.

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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 Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing and sales documents.	Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including 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 Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.	Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including 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		No blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.

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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		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.
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		No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/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		No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Hence, Norway has no recreational and sport fisheries targeting marlins.

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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 Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.	Not applicable. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If a Norwegian vessel catches marlin, Norway will report these catches to ICCAT. The national observers on board the Norwegian vessels fishing for BFT shall report on all bycatches, also including live releases.
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 (Not applicable)		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 (Not applicable)	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)	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. Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a minimum size requirement consistent with the minimum size in Rec. 19-05 para 11b).

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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)		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).
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	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)	Yes, Norway provides the information in this check sheet. However, blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norway does not implement domestic law or regulations on species which are not found in their own waters. Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, the regulation will be changed so that the measures in Rec. 19-05 are implemented. Information on these measures will be provided to ICCAT in the billfish check sheet.
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 are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.

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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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Yes. Norway submitted the Task 1 and 2 data to ICCAT 21/06/2021. No bycatch of blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish has been recorded in the Norwegian fishery.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect.
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. As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect. Norway does not have a data collection programme for this species.

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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	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, taking into account their safety and the minimum standards for safe handling and release procedures. From 2024, they must also be reported in fishing logbooks.
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	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.
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/	

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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 as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	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	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 emanating from the Commission's recommendations are elevated, as well as any instructions that, in accordance with the Commission's work, are provided.
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/	Panama has established procedures and requirements that must be respected in order to authorise longline or purse seine vessels to retain and land these by-catch species that are dead, within established limits.

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	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/	Dead discards of these species are not prohibited. All retained and landed products shall be counted within the maximum limits established for Panama.
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. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAXWcSjABHVNIAJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_l=pgEgXnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hcb2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNpb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBluiJ3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDAuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGSBwCgB_oc&sclient=gws-wiz-serp	Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is of a subsistence and artisanal nature and is not able to catch these species, as the fishing gear is rudimentary and is mainly used to catch lobsters. The prohibition on retaining these species for all commercial fishing vessels in national waters is also established by decree.

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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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIAJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_l=Egxn3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNpb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jjKVCYBlju3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDaMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGS BwCgB_oc&scient=gws-wiz-serp	Panama has measures limiting fishing activities on 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. 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/ Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 15 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, 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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/23361_1997.pdf 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. Retention of this species is not permitted.

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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	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIAJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcniHk1h1ciB2aXZlIGxpYmVyYWNpb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBluij3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDauMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGSBwCgB_oc&scient=gws-wiz-serp	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.
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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing.	Sport and recreational fisheries are prohibited from retaining these species; only catch-and-release fishing is allowed.

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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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf	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." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Panama provides a detailed explanation of the implementation of the measures in the Billfish Implementation Check Sheet.
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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf	This activity for the inland service fleet is reserved for sport fishing only, for non-commercial recreational purposes.

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				Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNPb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBluij3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGSBwCgB_oc&client=gws-wiz-serp	
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 Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetitas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNPb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBluij3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGSBwCgB_oc&client=gws-wiz-serp	Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is of a subsistence and artisanal nature and is not able to catch these species, as the fishing gear is rudimentary and is mainly used to catch 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. Retention of this species is not permitted. If a tournament of this kind is held, the information will be provided in compliance with the established procedures.

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16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	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 of September 2023, Panamanian-flagged vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping and landing, in whole or in part, 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?	Yes	Technical Circular No. 50-2023 Compliance with reporting for target, non-target and by-catch species to IATTC and ICCAT. https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/ 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/	Efforts have been made to improve the logbook format for reporting discards and releases of billfish in the longline fleet, as well as compliance with on-board 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 related 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.

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					- 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.

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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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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.

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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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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.

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19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and 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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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.

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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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	There are no 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	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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."	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.

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		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	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	There are no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or 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	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	There is no specialized fishery of Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>). Atlantic sailfish are not found in trawler bycatch.

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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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. 395 of 11 July 2024.	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. Observer program is submitted to ICCAT (2 August).

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Name of CPC: SENEGAL (2025)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
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.

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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 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	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		

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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)		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 the Decree transposing Rec. 19-05.
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	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?	Yes, for blue marlin. No, for white marlin.		
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 minimum scientific coverage, to be established by the regulations.

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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		The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.
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		It is prohibited to sell catches from the sport/recreational fishery.
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.	The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.
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		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 16 September 2021.

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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	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 fished by part of the artisanal fishery. It is envisaged to strengthen the established data collection infrastructure to improve implementation of this requirement.
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.

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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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "6.1.i) Marlins (Black, Blue, Striped and White) and sailfish shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "6.1.i) Marlins (Black, Blue, Striped and White) and sailfish shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "6.1.i) Marlins (Black, Blue, Striped and White) and sailfish shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."

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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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Safe handling and release of bycatch is included in Annexure 4 of the permit conditions.
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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Safe handling and release of bycatch is included in Annexure 4 of the permit conditions. A CCSBT funded longline and baitboat skipper training workshops were held in July 2024, that included the handling and release of bycatch.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “6.1.i) Marlins (Black, Blue, Striped and White) and sailfish shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that: “6.1.l) No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board. 6.1.n) Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.”

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that: “6.1.l) No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board. 6.1.n) Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.”
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		South Africa does not have artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries that catch 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		Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	All operators are required to record daily catches in the onboard logbook (clause 11.2). Also clause 6.1.n) “Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.”. Scientific observers record all captures of marlins and their fate (dead, released alive).
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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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		Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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		Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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 not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "6.1.i) Marlins (Black, Blue, Striped and White) and sailfish shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	N/A		South Africa does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Only the Large Pelagic Longline fishing sector interact with marlins and sailfish and as indicated above, the operators are not permitted to retain marlins and sailfish on board.
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		All the information is submitted as part of ICCAT Task 1 & Task 2, where applicable, submitted on 2025/07/15.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Sailfish are designated as secondary species in the Large Pelagic Longline sector. As such, there is little or no interaction with them.
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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Numbers of fish, and estimated and actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook. Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.

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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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Vessels must have the catch statistics logbook onboard for daily recording of catches. Catch statistics are submitted to the Fisheries Department monthly for capturing and validating.

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Name of CPC: SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (2025)

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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)?	No		Total landings: 8.98 tons. A Billfish Management Plan will be drafted and implemented.
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		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption.

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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 majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26 ft pirogues.
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 majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.
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		The criteria in which the vessels can retain, transship or land dead billfish within landing limits will be implemented
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		

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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		Task 1 and Task 2 data submitted 2021/08/01.
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		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
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		Data collected via logbooks and scientific observer program. Scientific Observer placed on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. St Vincent and the Grenadines is currently working on developing a methodology for estimating dead and live discards of marlins/ 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		
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		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.

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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)		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
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		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
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		Monitoring of logbooks and implementation of scientific observer program.
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		In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance

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					(primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.
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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 review will be made of the current measures so that new measures can be developed for the conservation of Atlantic sailfish in accordance with Recommendation 16-11.
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		Data being reported as Task 1 and Task 2 data.

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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		In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings. High seas The captain of each vessel maintains a log of the daily catch and transmits the data to the vessel owners. The data is then sent to the Fisheries Division for analysis. The logbooks capture information such as the position (latitude, longitude) of the vessel, date, numbers of fish caught, catch and effort (weight, species, hooks) and size (length frequency) data. - ICCAT Annual Report

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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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
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		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."	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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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 crew, a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
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	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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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 these CPCs (a) submit Task I and Task II 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 measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries."	N/A (not applicable)		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 (not applicable)		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
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 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.

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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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
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.
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.
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."	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries 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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 these species.
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.
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 these species. No specific data collection programme for these species.

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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.

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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.
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	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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.

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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.
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.

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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.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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.

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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		Reported in Task 1, 2 & 3 data submitted as follows: Bermuda – 1443 kg St Helena – 0 kg UK Virgin Islands – 0 kg Turks and Caicos Islands – 0 kg Met UK – 0 kg
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		Reported in Task 1 & 2 data submitted as follows: Bermuda – 174 kg St Helena – 0 kg UK Virgin Islands – 0 kg Turks and Caicos Islands – 0 kg Met UK – 0 kg

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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	Fisheries Regulations 2010.	UK Overseas Territory (UKOT) interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release. Bermuda - The 13.7m longliner licensed to fish in Bermuda is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the Fisheries Regulations 2010. St Helena - No longline or purse seine activity. Only rod and reel methodology is allowed as condition of licenses issued under the Fisheries Ordinance 2021. Ascension - No longline or purse seine activity – prohibited under the Fisheries Conservation and Management Ordinance 2013. Tristan da Cunha - The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to ICCAT species fisheries – including longline and purse seine fisheries UK Virgin Islands - No longline or purse seine activity. Turks and Caicos Islands - No longline or purse seine. Activity. Met UK - Met UK does not have any purse seine or longline vessels engaged in ICCAT fisheries and does not encounter these species in our waters.
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		Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practice for handling and release of billfish. Ascension Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 (as amended). Bermuda – Pelagic longline license requires all billfish to be released in a way that maximises their survival. An identification and safe handling guide was produced in 2022. St Helena – “How to safely release” guide disseminated.

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					Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to commercial activity for ICCAT species. Recreational activity is very low. Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species.
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		Ascension Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 (as amended). This legislation requires the safe release of the species. Bermuda - Addendum 1 of the pelagic longline license requires marlin species to be released in a manner that maximises their survival. An identification and safe handling guide was produced in 2022. St Helena - How to safely release guide disseminated. UK Virgin Islands - UK Virgin Islands is looking to disseminate these handling procedures. The commercial fleet has very limited interaction with billfish species. Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to commercial activity for ICCAT species. Recreational activity is very low. Turks and Caicos Islands - Training and handling material has been disseminated. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		UKOT interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release. Ascension Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 (as amended).

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					Bermuda - Pelagic longline license requires all billfish to be released in a way that maximises their survival. An identification and safe handling guide was produced in 2022 for all fisheries. St Helena - engagement material disseminated. UK Virgin Islands - SI 20 of 2003 requires the release of blue and white marlin. Marlin caught in sports/recreational fisheries are required to be released in accordance with the International Game Fishing Association Rules. Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to commercial activity for ICCAT species. Recreational activity is very low. Turks and Caicos Islands - Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. Amendments include safe release requirements. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species.
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.	Not applicable	Longline license conditions issued under the Fisheries Act 1972	Ascension - Does not have long line or purse seine vessels – prohibited under the Fisheries Conservation and Management Ordinance 2013. Bermuda - Does not have any purse seine vessels. Pelagic longline licenses prohibit the retention of any billfish species. St Helena - Does not have long line or purse seine vessels. Only rod and reel methodology is allowed as condition of licenses issued under the Fisheries Ordinance 2021. Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to ICCAT species fisheries – including longline fisheries. UK Virgin Islands - Does not have long line or purse seine vessels.

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					Turks and Caicos Islands - Does not have longline or purse seine vessels. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species. Met UK does not have any purse seine or longline vessels.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		UKOTs do not prohibit dead discarding. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species. Met UK also does not prohibit dead discarding.
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)		UK has not sought this exemption.

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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		Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practice for handling and release of billfish. Ascension Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process. Bermuda - Legislation currently covers removal of fish not specifically minimal harm on release. St Helena - Literature developed and disseminated. Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to commercial activity for ICCAT species fisheries. Recreational activity is very low. UK Virgin Islands - Section 54 J of SI 20 of 2003 requires release of the species in accordance with the International Game Fishing Association requirements. Turks and Caicos Islands - Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. Amendments include safe release requirements. Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our 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. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data	Yes		Data submitted as Task 1 for UKOTs. Ascension Has designated a Marine Protected Area (MPA) that prohibits commercial fishing, this means there are no catch or discard reporting arrangements. Bermuda - Weekly longline statistics form is a license condition – including dead/alive discard data.

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		submission.			Tristan da Cunha The legislation prohibiting all commercial fishing for ICCAT species means there are no catch or discard reporting arrangements. Recreational activity is very low. St Helena - Completion of logbook is a licence condition, including dead/alive discards. UK Virgin Islands - Logbooks are required for all recreational, sports and commercial fishing licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003. Turks and Caicos Islands - Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. Amendments include safe release requirements. Met UK - Has logbook requirements for all commercial fishing vessels including catches and discards.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Bermuda - Yes. Interaction occurs. Section 7 of the Fisheries Act 1972 requires licences for foreign sport fishing vessels. Legislation prohibits the sale of fish that have been recreationally caught. St Helena - Yes and sports and recreational activity requires a license. All billfish are catch release under these licenses Ascension - Yes. Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process.) Tristan da Cunha - Under the Marine Protection Zone (MPZ) 8% of the EEZ is open to recreational fisheries. This activity is currently being assessed but any interaction with blue or white marlin/roundscale spearfish is highly unlikely UK Virgin Islands - Yes and licenses are required under SI 20 of 2003 for recreational and sports fishing activity.

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					Turks and Caicos Islands - Yes. Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. Amendments include safe release requirements. Met UK - Met UK does not have any recreational fisheries for 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?	Yes	Implemented in June-July 2024	UKOTs implemented 37.5% observer coverage of their tournaments in 2024. Met UK - Does not have any recreational or sport fishery for 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?	No	Not all UK OTs have implemented this to date	Bermuda - Fisheries Regulations 2010 sets minimum sizes for marlin expressed as weight – blue marlin 114 kg (250 lbs) and white marlin 23 kg (50 lbs). St Helena - Sports (Angling) and Recreational Fishing licenses issued under The Fisheries Ordinance 2021 require catch release for blue and white marlin. Both licenses permit landing for credible record attempts within the Lower Fork Jaw Length (LFJL) limits required. Ascension - Yes. Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process. Tristan da Cunha – Tristan da Cunha – under the Marine Protection Zone (MPZ) 8% of the EEZ is open to recreational fisheries. This activity is currently being assessed but any interaction with blue or white marlin/roundscale spearfish is highly unlikely.

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					UK Virgin Islands - Section 54 of SI 20 of 2003 – sports fishing license requires catch release of blue and white marlin. Pleasure fishing license limits fish to personal consumption under Regulation 16. Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process Met UK - Does not have any recreational fishery or sport fishery for blue marlin and 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?	Yes	Met UK – Fisheries Act 2020 “14(1) Fishing anywhere by a British fishing boat is prohibited unless authorised by a licence”. Met UK does not allow any commercial value to be gained from any catch associated with recreational fisheries.	Bermuda - Fisheries Regulations 2010, Regulation 18 (1) prohibits the sale of all fish from vessels without a commercial license – www.bermudalaws.bm. St Helena - Sports (Angling) and Recreational Fishing licenses issued in 2024 prohibit the sale of the blue and white marlin. Tristan da Cunha - Tristan da Cunha – under the Marine Protection Zone (MPZ) 8% of the EEZ is open to recreational fisheries. This activity is currently being assessed but any interaction with blue or white marlin/roundscale spearfish is highly unlikely Ascension - Yes. Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process. UK Virgin Islands - Section 54 of SI 20 of 2003 – sports fishing license requires catch release of blue and white marlin. Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process.

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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	UKOTs have submitted previously	The UK has provided a billfish check sheet as required and provided additional information in its annual report.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		UKOTs do not have small-scale artisanal fisheries; they only have sport and recreational fisheries. Met UK does not have any small scale or artisanal fisheries.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		UKOTs do not have small-scale artisanal fisheries. Met UK does not have any small scale or artisanal fisheries.
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		Positive reported catch in Task 1 & 2 data as follows: Bermuda BUM: -Dead discards = 0kg -Live discards = 12,680 kg WHM: -Dead discards = 38 kg -Live discards = 933 kg St Helena BUM-No discards of either BUM or WHM UK Virgin Islands – No discards of either BUM or WHM reported. Turks and Caicos Islands – No discards of either BUM or WHM reported.

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		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			Met UK - There were no discards of BUM, WHM or RSP in 2024.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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		Bermuda - Addendum 1 of the Pelagic longline license prohibits the retention of any sailfish. St Helena - All licenses issued under The Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2021 make sailfish a no take species. Ascension - Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process. Tristan da Cunha The Marine Protection Zone Ordinance 2021 (and Marine Management Plan) have closed the EEZ to commercial activity for ICCAT species fisheries. Recreational activity is very low. UK Virgin Islands - Sailfish in commercial and sports fisheries are catch release under licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003. There are not currently similar conditions in the commercial licenses. Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process Met UK – Met UK does not catch sailfish in the Convention area.
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		Bermuda – Observer coverage of the Bermuda longline vessels in 2024 was 10%, complimented by an EMS system fitted to the vessel. St Helena has a domestic observer programme and EMS fitted to some vessels. Ascension – Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process.

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					UK Virgin Islands - Logbooks are required for all fishing licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003. Turks and Caicos Islands - Turks and Caicos Islands has no commercial interaction with the species. Recreational/sports interaction bycatch reports are required within 7 days of the activity. Turks and Caicos Islands Government are working to increase their surveillance and enforcement of catch reporting. Met UK - Met UK does not catch 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 de scribed its data collection programmes?	Yes		Bermuda - Weekly longline statistics form is a licence condition – including dead/alive discard data. Observer coverage of the Bermuda longline vessels in 2024 was 10%, complimented by an EMS system fitted to the vessel. Ascension - Ascension Island Government has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013 and new inshore fisheries legislation and policy. This is currently going through the legislative process. Turks and Caicos Islands - Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands Government have drafted new Fisheries Protection Regulations (ICCAT Compliance) to fully implement this requirement – the draft is progressing through the legislative process. St Helena - Completion of logbook is a licence condition, including dead/alive discards. St Helena also has a domestic observer programme and EMS fitted to some vessels UK Virgin Islands - Logbooks are required for all fishing licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003. Tristan da Cunha - Tristan da Cunha – under the Marine Protection Zone (MPZ) 8% of the EEZ is open to recreational fisheries. This activity is currently being assessed but any interaction with sailfish is highly unlikely Met UK - All commercial fishing vessels are required to record activities including species retained or discarded on every fishing trip.

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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 in 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 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 in 2024.	
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.

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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	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))	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	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 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)).	

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	This paragraph does not apply to the United States as our regulations only authorize the retention of Atlantic billfish in recreational fisheries.	As noted above regarding paragraph 2 of Rec 19-05, in the United States, billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear. Retention is prohibited by other gear types. Data on dead discards is collected and reported to ICCAT as required.
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 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)).	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)

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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 para 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 are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	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. 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)).	The United States meets or exceeds the 5% requirement each year.
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." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	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, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific).	

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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.
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

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					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 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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided these 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.

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16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	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 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 I and II 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))	

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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 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))	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/
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Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: URUGUAY (2025)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits.</i> 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	2	<i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits.</i> 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 2024, 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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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/dCPCs 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 caughtisgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2024, 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 2024, 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch 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		Uruguay does not have sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.

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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 2024, 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 does not 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 catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Uruguay does not have 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 does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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 does not 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?	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish. All ICCAT Recommendations have been internalized in Uruguay.
19-05	16	Does the CPC have non-industrial 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 does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus</i> 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including 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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
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 2024, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).

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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	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	Venezuela has an allocated blue marlin catch quota of 84.1 t. The technical fisheries management regulation in force provides for the corresponding measures for this species and work is ongoing for the update.
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	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	Venezuela has an allocated white marlin catch quota of 50 t. Venezuela currently has an excess of white marlin catches, so the necessary measures are being considered to regulate catches of this species. The implementation of dead discards began on 15 August of this year.
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		Venezuela's onboard observer programme is currently inactive as some operational and logistical difficulties for its development have occurred. We therefore cannot ensure 100% compliance with this measure. As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, capacity-building sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.

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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		Venezuela's onboard observer programme is currently inactive as some operational and logistical difficulties for its development have occurred. We therefore cannot ensure 100% compliance with this measure. As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, capacity-building sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.
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		As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, capacity-building sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	Venezuela's onboard observer programme is currently inactive as some operational and logistical difficulties for its development have occurred. We therefore cannot ensure 100% compliance with this measure. There are highly trained staff to inspect landings at the dock with 100% coverage of landings in port, who verify and receive logbooks and supervise landings.
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		Dead discards are reported in logbooks, verified by dock inspectors and submitted to ICCAT in Task 1. It is important to note that blue marlin and white marlin are not target species of the Venezuelan longline and purse seine fleet. These species are taken as bycatch.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Administrative Ruling No. 084/2024, dated 15/11/2024, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 43.033 dated 20/12/2024.	In Venezuela, dead discards are landed in the landing ports and supervised by dock inspectors. Venezuela prohibits trade in dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin. It is important to note that these discards are used solely and exclusively for local consumption, through social contributions, donations, etc., in order to guarantee the food sovereignty of the population, benefiting the most vulnerable sectors of the locality.
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	Administrative Ruling No. 084/2024, dated 15/11/2024, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 43.033 dated 20/12/2024.	Dead discard data are submitted annually in Task 1 and reported in the Annual Report.
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		In the central region of Venezuela, annual high seas fishing tournaments are held that catch billfish. In these tournaments, each boat is accompanied by a dock inspector to ensure that any fish caught are released. Moreover, these activities are covered by existing legislation, which is in the process of being updated.
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		Bycatch data from the industrial fleet and catch data from the artisanal fishery in Playa Verde are reported in logbooks and sent to ICCAT in Task 1.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Sport fishing tournaments are held annually in Venezuela. This activity was halted but resumed in 2023.
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		Sport fishing tournaments are held annually in Venezuela. In these tournaments, each boat is accompanied by a dock inspector who ensures that any specimens caught are released. Furthermore, these activities are covered by current legislation, which is in the process of being updated.
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	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	The corresponding minimum sizes are set out in the Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.
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	Measures set out in Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	
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	Measures set out in Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003. Work is under way to update this legislation.	

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		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?	Yes		There are artisanal fisheries in the central region that interact with these species, and the catches are regulated by current legislation.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		The Playa Verde artisanal fishery has been monitored for many years by inspectors trained to correctly identify species and perform biological sampling. In the community of La Zorra, information is being monitored through the 'ICCAT Caribbean Regional Data Collection Project for the Improvement of Data Analysis and Reporting' (Phase II). Training workshops for new fishers and awareness-raising on the protection of these species are currently under way in the other communities of the central region.
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 catch data from sport fishing tournaments have been reported to date.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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	No		Venezuela's onboard observer programme is currently inactive as some operational and logistical difficulties for its development have occurred. We therefore cannot ensure 100% compliance with this measure.

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		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		Venezuela monitors, controls and certifies the landing of all the fleet’s vessels at the time of unloading. There are trained technical staff that are exclusively assigned to carry out inspections, perform biological sampling at the landings of all the fleet’s vessels and review the logbooks. Catch data for this species are collected in logbooks and reported to ICCAT in 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		Venezuela's industrial tuna fleet has a monitoring and data collection programme with 100% coverage. In the case of artisanal fisheries that catch billfish, work is under way to develop and implement monitoring systems that allow data to be obtained for reporting and related purposes.

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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.

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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 that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin. 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 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.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin. 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 ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
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

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					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	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 or 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		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 (not applicable)		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that operate 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?	N/A (not applicable)		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels 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

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					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	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)		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 ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate 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.

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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 marlin 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 (not applicable)		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	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 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 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 ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.

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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.

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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 2024. However, a total amount of 503 species of blue marlin were discarded live in 2024 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 2024. However, a total amount of 54 species of white marlin were discarded live in 2024 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels which is also been reported in the annual report.
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 2024. 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.

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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. During the sample base inspections the required tools are also checked by the inspectors.
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 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 2024. However, a total amount of 54 species of white marlin and a total amount of 503 species of blue marlin were discarded live in 2024 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 and white marlin as by-catch but they are not landing these species. Even though the generally applicable landing limit applies to Suriname.

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19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/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 (Not applicable)		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 yet been implemented.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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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)		Suriname does not 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 (Not applicable)		Suriname does not 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 (Not applicable)		Suriname does not 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 its 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.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not 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 does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or 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?	Yes		A total amount of 503 species of blue marlin and 54 species of white marlin were discarded live in 2024 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels. This is reported in the Annual Report submitted to ICCAT.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) 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 bycatch, 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.

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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.