

**ANNUAL REPORT OF ALBANIA
RAPPORT ANNUEL DE L'ALBANIE
INFORME ANUAL DE ALBANIA**

SUMMARY

Total catch of marine fisheries of Albania during the year 2022 was 5,502 metric tons and the amount of total bluefin tuna catch was 177.50 metric tons or 3.2% of total catch. The entire bluefin tuna quota was caught by two purse seiner and fishing operations were conducted in the western Mediterranean Sea (HSEA). Catching bluefin tuna started on 26 May 2022 and finished on 17 June 2022. Conservation and management measures regarding bluefin tuna fisheries are regulated by national legislation through laws, regulations and Ministerial Orders, implementing ICCAT related regulations.

RÉSUMÉ

La capture totale des pêcheries marines de l'Albanie en 2022 était de 5.502 tonnes et le volume des captures totales de thon rouge s'est élevé à 177,50 tonnes, soit 3,2% de la capture totale. L'intégralité du quota de thon rouge a été capturée par deux senneurs et les opérations de pêche ont été menées en Méditerranée occidentale (HSEA). La capture de thon rouge a débuté le 26 mai 2022 et s'est terminée le 17 juin 2022. Les mesures de conservation et de gestion concernant les pêcheries de thon rouge sont régies par la législation nationale à travers des lois, des règlements et des ordonnances ministérielles qui mettent en œuvre les réglementations pertinentes de l'ICCAT.

RESUMEN

El total de capturas realizadas por las pesquerías marinas de Albania en el año 2022 fue de 5.502 t, y la cantidad total de capturas de atún rojo fue de 177,50 t o el 3,2 % del total de capturas. Dos cerqueros capturaron la cuota total de atún rojo y las operaciones de pesca se llevaron a cabo en el Mediterráneo occidental (HSEA). La captura de atún rojo comenzó el 26 de mayo y terminó el 17 de junio de 2022. Las medidas de conservación y ordenación en lo que concierne al atún rojo están reguladas por la legislación nacional mediante estatutos, reglamentos y órdenes ministeriales, que implementan los reglamentos relacionados de ICCAT.

Part I (Information on Fisheries, Research and Statistics)

Section 1: Annual fisheries information

The total of bluefin tuna catch by Albania during the 2022 was 177.50 metric tons.

Albania does exercise neither other fishing method (long line, harpoons, traps etc.) nor catch other species (SWO, BET, ALB etc.).

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development issued Bluefin tuna fishing authorization to two purse seiner fishing vessels in 2022, in accordance with national legislation as well as relevant ICCAT regulations. The bluefin tuna purse seiners have an overall length 41 m and 28 m respectively. Both the fishing vessels were monitored via a satellite-based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).

Fishing season in 2022 started at 26 May and finished at 17 June 2022 due to quota utilization. The fishing operation was conducted in the Western Mediterranean Sea. All the fish caught by the purse seiners was transported live to cage farming facilities in Albania.

Section 2: Research and statistics

2.1 Research

There is no in place a National Observer Programme and no scientific research program was undertaken during 2022 for BFT. Albania does not authorize the recreational BFT fishing and do not issue permits for recreational and sport fishing regarding BFT or other tuna like species. Albania does exercise neither other fishing method (long line, harpoons, traps etc.) nor catch of other species (SWO, BET, ALB etc.). The entire national quota of the 2022 was exported live in tuna farming facilities in Albania.

As above, Albania reported in 2022 to SRSC also Task2 – Farms related sampling ST06-T2FM form.

The usage of all modified drift-nets has been prohibited since 2012 to mitigate by-catch and reduce discards. of shark species, sea mammals and sea turtles. In addition to setting some technical measures and prohibitions for certain shark species, sea mammals and sea turtles, with the law 80/2017, Albania amended the law 64/2012 “On Fisheries” with a view to the adoption of required management measures towards the incidental of vulnerable species and reduction of by-catch rates for all its fishing fleet.

Albania started since 2019 and continues the implementation of the by-catch and discards monitoring program through the observers on board of fishing vessels (trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) with the support of GFCM. This program aims to obtain representative data on the discard component of total by-catch, as well as information on the incidental catch of vulnerable species. Albania, also approved the Ministerial Order 150/2022 “On the mitigation of fisheries impact for the conservation of seabirds, sea turtles, cetaceans and elasmobranchs” as per implementation of respective Rec GFCM 44/2021/13-14-15-16 “On the mitigation of fisheries impacts for the conservations of seabirds, sea turtles, cetaceans and elasmobranchs in the Mediterranean sea.

2.2 Statistics

During the bluefin tuna fishing season, daily bluefin tuna data were collected and assessed at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to determine and pre-announce the closure time for the fishing vessel. Task 1 and Task 2 data were reported to the ICCAT Secretariat. During the harvesting period, our observers collected the data regarding farms sampling and we provide these data to SRCS.

ANNEX 1 TO PART I OF ANNUAL REPORT (SCIENTIFIC REPORT)

Req N° (IOMS)	Requirement	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
S:GEN01	Annual Reports (Scientific)	Yes	2023-09-07		
S:GEN02	Task 1 Fleet characteristics (T1FC)	Yes	2023-07-30	2023-07-30	
S:GEN03	Task 1 Nominal catch estimations (T1NC)	Yes	2023-07-30	2023-07-30	
S:GEN04	Task 2 Catch and effort (T2CE)	Yes	2023-07-30	2023-07-30	
S:GEN05	Task 2 Size samples (T2SZ)	Yes	2023-07-30		2023-09-06
S:GEN06	Task 2 Catch-at-size estimations (T2CS)	No		Albania do not provides size estimation data on catch.	
S:GEN07	Scientific tagging surveys (inventories)	No		No scientific tagging (conventional/electronic) surveys in place in Albania.	
S:GEN08	Conventional Tagging declaration (releases/recoveries)	No		No opportunistic conventional tagging made by Albania.	
S:GEN09	Electronic Tagging declaration (releases/recoveries)	No		No electronic tagging made by Albania.	

Req N° (IOMS)	Requirement	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
S:GEN10	Task 3 Domestic observer program data	No		Observer program is focused on discards, by-catch or incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Albanian fleet of trawlers and small pelagic purse seiners in Adriatic Sea.	
S:GEN11	Information on implementation of Rec. 16-14	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania has Observer program data on discards, by-catch or incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Albanian fleet of trawlers and small pelagic purse seiners in the Adriatic Sea.	
S:GEN12	Information and data on pelagic Sargassum	No		There are no Albanian vessels authorized to fish on Sargassum. Hence, no data on pelagic Sargassum was collected.	
S:GEN13	Specific information for the fishing vessels that were authorized to carry out pelagic longline fisheries and harpoons in the Mediterranean during the preceding year	No		Albania does not authorize any fishing vessel to carry out pelagic long line fisheries and harpoons.	
S:BFT02	Procedures and results from stereoscopic cameras OR alternative methodology for estimating size of bluefin tuna	Yes	2023-08-29	CPC Albania sent on 2023-08-29 the raw data of stereoscopic camera. with the support of secretariat, we sent respective format ST06 on 2023-09-06.	
S:BFT03	Task 2 Size samples from stereoscopic cameras resulting from S:BFT02	Yes	2023-09-06	CPC Albania sent size samples from stereoscopic as per ST06-T2FM_2023 - 1/2 on 2023-09-06	
S:BFT04	Task 3 Domestic observer program data (BFT)	No		Albania does not have the national BFT observer programmes in its two purse seiner for catching BFT.	
S:BFT05	Details of research programs on W-BFT	No		Albania does not have a cooperative research program on W-BFT.	
S:BFT06	Updates to abundance indices and other fishery indicators	No		Albania does not have data of abundance indices and other fishery indicators.	
S:BFT07	Information resulting from GBYP related research including new information resulting from enhanced biological sampling activities	No		Albania does not have information resulting from GBYP related research.	
S:BFT09	Report on the scientific activities conducted by vessels operating in the context of a scientific project of a research institute integrated in a scientific research program	No		Albania does not conduct a sport catch - and -release fishery, and does not provide any Report on the scientific activities.	

Req N° (IOMS)	Requirement	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
S:TRO02	Management plans for the use of fish aggregating devices (including steps to minimise ecological impact)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO03	Task 3 FAD information (tropicals) (month, 1x1 squares, FAD type, etc)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO04	Task 3 Support vessels data on tropical fisheries (BB/PS)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO05	Task 3 Domestic observer program data (tropicals)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO10	Information on electronic monitoring systems (EMS)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO06	Task 3 Port Sampling Program data (tropicals)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:TRO07	Historical FAD set data as required by the SCRS (Task 2 catch & effort)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
S:ALB01	Age at maturity	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
S:ALB02	Habitat	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
S:ALB03	Impact of longline fisheries in terms of catch composition	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
S:ALB04	CPUE series	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
S:ALB05	Monthly estimation of spawner and recruit proportion in the catches	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
S:BIL03	Statistical methodology used to estimate dead and live discards of marlins / roundscale spearfish	No		Albania does not carry out billfish fisheries.	
S:BIL04	Information about their data collection program for artisanal and/or small-scale fisheries	No		Albania does not carry out billfish fisheries.	
S:BIL05	Results of trials on electronic monitoring for BIL	No		Albania does not carry out billfish fisheries.	
S:SHK01	Plan for improving data collection for sharks on a species specific level	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania started since 2019 and continues the implementation of the by-catch monitoring program through the observers on board of fishing vessels (trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) in the frame of GFCM project.	
S:SHK02	Results of research and biological sampling on shortfin mako	No		There are no fishing activities related on shortfin mako in Albania.	
S:SHK03	Information on blue shark	No		There are no fishing activities related on blue sharks in Albania.	

Req N° (IOMS)	Requirement	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
S:SHK04	The amount of North Atlantic shortfin mako caught and retained on board as well as dead discards and live releases and statistical methodology used to calculate such discards/releases	No		There are no fishing activities related on shortfin mako in Albania.	
S:SHK05	Statistical methodology used to estimate dead discards and live releases	No		There are no fishing activities related on sharks in Albania.	
S:SHK06	Information on artisanal/small-scale fisheries data collection programs	No		There are no fishing activities related on sharks in Albania.	
S:BYC01	Provision of existing identification guides for sharks, seabirds and turtles and marine mammals caught in the Convention area	Yes	2022-09-15	“Guide published by Network for the Conservation of Cetaceans and Sea Turtles in the Adriatic”, “Guide of Albanian birds”, “Fisher Guide for sea turtles”.	
S:BYC02	Information on interactions of its fleet with sea turtles in ICCAT fisheries by gear type	Yes		Albania carries out its quota by two purse seiner vessels. No sea turtles are caught by Albanian BFT vessels.	
S:BYC03	CPCs shall record data on seabird incidental catch by species through scientific observers in accordance with the Recommendation 10-10 and report these data annually	Yes		There is no seabird incidental catch reported.	
S:BYC04	Notification of measures taken on the collection of by-catch and discard data in artisanal fisheries through alternative means	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania started since 2019 and continue the implementation of the by-catch monitoring program through the observers on board of fishing vessels (trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and aims to obtain representative data on the discard component of total by-catch, as well as information on the incidental catch of vulnerable species.	

Req N° (IOMS)	Requirement	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
S:BYC05	CPCs shall report on steps taken to mitigate by-catch and reduce discards, and on any relevant research	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania started since 2019 and continue the implementation of the by-catch monitoring program through the observers on board of fishing vessels (trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) and aims to obtain representative data on the discard component of total by-catch, as well as information on the incidental catch of vulnerable species	

Part II (Management implementation)

Section 3: Compliance with reporting requirements under ICCAT conservation and management measures

ANNUAL REPORT – SECTION 3 – REPORTING SUMMARY

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
GENERAL	M:GEN01	Annual Reports	Yes	2023-09-07		
	M:GEN02	Report on implementation of reporting obligations for all ICCAT fisheries, including shark species	Yes		Albania tried to be timely responded with accompanying data for all its reporting obligations to ICCAT The new Minister Order, No.524 date 2023-09-08 implementing Rec 22-08 was sent to be published in Official Journal and ALB will send the link to ICCAT Sec.	
	M:GEN03	ICCAT Compliance Reporting Table	Yes	2023-08-14	2023-08-14	
	M:GEN04	Vessel Chartering - summary report	No		CPC Albania is not involved in any chartering agreements with other CPCs.	
	M:GEN05	Vessel Chartering - arrangements and termination	No		CPC Albania is not involved in any chartering agreements with other CPCs.	
	M:GEN06a	Transshipment reports - at sea	No		CPC Albania is not involved in any transshipment at sea.	
	M:GEN06b	Transshipment reports in - port	No		CPC Albania is not involved in any transshipment in port.	
	M:GEN07	Transshipment declarations (at sea)	No		CPC Albania is not involved in any transshipment at sea.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:GEN08	Carrier vessels authorised to receive transshipments of tuna and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean, either at-sea or in-port	No		Albania has no carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipments either at-sea or in-port.	
	M:GEN09	LSPLVs which are authorised to tranship to carrier vessels in the Atlantic Ocean (and subsequent modifications)	No		Albania has not authorized any pelagic long line vessel to transship.	
	M:GEN10a	Points of contact for port entry notifications	Yes	2020-02-11	No changes since that time.	
	M:GEN10b	Contact points for receiving copies of Port Inspection reports	Yes	2020-02-11	No changes since that time.	
	M:GEN11	List of designated ports into which foreign fishing vessels may request entry	Yes	2021-09-03	No new designated ports since time of reporting.	
	M:GEN12	Advance notification period required for entry into port of foreign fishing vessels	Yes		At least 24 hours in advance (Art. 81, law 64/2012, "On Fisheries" amended).	
	M:GEN13	Report of Denial of Entry or Denial of Use of port	No		No request for Port Entry or Use of Port received from other CPCs flagged fishing vessels.	
	M:GEN14	Copies of port inspection reports containing findings of potential non-compliance or apparent infringement (and others where practicable)	No		No inspection reports containing or not apparent infringements.	
	M:GEN15	Action taken following port inspection if apparent infringement is found	No		No inspection reports containing or not apparent infringements.	
	M:GEN16	Notification of results of investigation of apparent infringements following port inspection	No		No inspection reports containing apparent infringements, so, no notification of results of investigation of apparent infringements following port inspection.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:GEN17	Information of bilateral or multilateral agreements/arrangements that allow for an inspector exchange program designed to promote cooperation	No		Albania has not entered into any such bilateral arrangements/agreements.	
	M:GEN18	Access agreements and changes	No		Albania has not entered into any access agreements with other Parties or private companies.	
	M:GEN19	Summary of activities carried out pursuant to access agreements, including all catches	No		Albania has not entered into any access agreements with other Parties or private companies.	
	M:GEN20	List of vessels of 20 metres LOA or greater	Yes	2023-05-10	Albania reported CP01_VessLst_ALBCatchingVess in Secretariat on 2023-05-10.	
	M:GEN21	Report on Review of Internal Actions	No		There has been no change since the last submission of this form by Albania.	
	M:GEN23	Techniques used to manage sport and recreational fisheries	No		There are no sport or recreational fisheries carried out by Albania in the ICCAT Convention area.	
	M:GEN24	Vessels involved in IUU Fishing	No		Albania has not received information regarding any presumed IUU activities of its fishing vessels nor has any additional information to report.	
	M:GEN25	Comments on IUU allegations	No		Albania has no information to report on alleged IUU activities.	
	M:GEN26	Trade measures; submission of import and landing data	No		Albania has no relevant information to report.	
	M:GEN27	Data on non-compliance	No		Albania has no information on suspected non-compliance of ICCAT measures to report.	
	M:GEN28	Findings of investigations in relation to allegations of non-compliance	No		Albania has not received any allegations of non-compliance of ICCAT measures.	
	M:GEN29	Vessels sightings	No		Albania has not made any sightings of vessels fishing in contravention of ICCAT conservation and management measures.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:GEN30	Actions taken with regard to reports of vessel sightings	No		Albania has not received any reports of its vessels having been sighted engaging in activities which contravene ICCAT conservation and management measures.	
	M:GEN31	National authority responsible for at-sea inspection and other supporting maritime agencies as may be appropriate and/or National authority responsible for the bluefin tuna trap and farming activities	Yes		National authority responsible for at-sea inspection in territorial waters and farming activities are: Directorate of Fisheries, Fisheries Inspectorate, Border Police, Coast Guard.	
	M:GEN32	Designated point(s) of contact (POC) within that authority with responsibility for program implementation	No		Albania is not participating in the pilot programme for the voluntary exchange of inspection personnel to participate in boarding and inspection activities.	
	M:GEN33	Reporting on any activities carried out under the pilot program for exchange of inspection personnel	No		Albania is not participating in the pilot programme for the voluntary exchange of inspection personnel to participate in boarding and inspection activities.	
	M:GEN34	Request for removal of vessel from final IUU vessel list	No		Albania has no vessels on the final IUU vessel list.	
	M:GEN35	Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for observer recovery	Yes	2021-04-08	No changes since that time.	
	M:GEN36	Reports on observer incidents triggering provisions of the EAP, including any corrective action taken	No		Albania do not have any observer incident report.	
	M:GEN37	Report of lost fishing gear retrieved	No		Albania do not have any report of lost fishing gear retrieved.	
	M:GEN38	Report of lost fishing gear not retrieved	No		Albania do not have any report of lost fishing gear not retrieved.	
	M:GEN39	Points of contact to facilitate cooperation on vessel sighting (optional)	No		Albania do not have any cooperation on vessel sighting.	
	M:GEN40	Supply Declarations	No		Albania do not authorize any carrier vessel to provide at sea supplies.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:GEN41	Report on actions taken against nationals involved in IUU activities	No		There are no nationals involved in IUU activities.	
BLUEFIN TUNA	M:BFT01	Bluefin tuna farming facilities	Yes	2022-05-24	No changes since that time and no new farms.	
	M:BFT02	Bluefin tuna farming reports	Yes	2023-08-29		
	M:BFT03	Carry over of caged fish declaration	Yes		No carry over of BFT by the last year.	
	M:BFT04	Bluefin tuna caging report	Yes	2023-08-29		
	M:BFT05	Bluefin tuna traps	Yes		Albania does not authorize any trap fishery for bluefin tuna.	
	M:BFT07	Fishing, inspection and capacity plans	Yes	2023-02-13		
	M:BFT08	Farming capacity plan	Yes	2023-02-13		
	M:BFT09	Modifications to fishing plans	Yes		Albania did not modify its fishing plan.	
	M:BFT10	Information on regulations and other related documents adopted for implementation of Rec. 22-08	Yes		Albania will inform ICCAT regarding the regulation adopted for implementation of Rec. 22-08 as soon as it will be published in the Official Journal.	
	M:BFT11	Bluefin tuna catches 2022	Yes	2023-01-17		
	M:BFT12	Bluefin tuna catching vessels	Yes	2023-05-10	2023-05-10 two vessels.	
	M:BFT13	Bluefin tuna other vessels	Yes	2023-05-10	2023-05-10 four vessels.	2023-06-27
	M:BFT14	Joint Fishing Operations	Yes	2023-05-19	2023-05-19	
	M:BFT15	VMS messages	Yes		VMS system in place since 2012. Polling every hour during the fishing season.	
	M:BFT16	Joint Inspection Scheme plans	Yes		Albania has less than 15 active vessels and does not participate in the JIS for BFT-E.	
	M:BFT17	List of inspection vessels	Yes		With the financial support of the EU, Albania has ordered two patrol vessels, 10 m length for patrolling territorial waters	
	M:BFT18	List of inspectors [and agencies]	Yes	2017-02-11	No changes since that time.	
	M:BFT19	Copies of inspection reports from JIS	Yes		There were no Albanian or foreign vessels landing BFT in Albanian ports during 2022.	
	M:BFT20	Bluefin tuna transshipment ports	Yes	2023-02-13		

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:BFT21	Bluefin tuna landing ports	Yes	2023-02-13		
	M:BFT22	Bluefin tuna bi-weekly catch reports (including traps)	Yes	2023-06-06		
	M:BFT23	Bluefin tuna monthly catch reports	Yes	2023-06-06		
	M:BFT24	Dates when entire quota of bluefin tuna has been utilized	Yes	2023-06-03	2023-06-03	
	M:BFT25	Report on steps taken to encourage tag and release of all fish less than 30 kg/115 cm	No		Albania does not conduct a sport catch-and-release fishery.	
	M:BFT27	BCD Annual Report	Yes	2023-08-29	2023-08-29	
	M:BFT28	Validation seals and signatures for BCDs	Yes	2018-02-12	There have been no changes since the last submission by Albania.	
	M:BFT29	BCD Contact points	Yes		There have been no changes since the last submission by Albania.	
	M:BFT30	BCD legislation	Yes		There have been no changes since the last submission by Albania.	
	M:BFT31	BCD tagging summary, sample tag	No		Albania carries out its quota by two purse seiners and BFT is transfer alive in the cage farming.	
	M:BFT32	Vessels not included as BFT fishing vessels but known or presumed to have fished E-BFT	No		Albania has no information to report regarding such vessels.	
	M:BFT33	Data needed for registration in eBCD system	Yes		Data has been entered directly through the system.	
	M:BFT34	Random controls	No		Albania has only two cages in its farm caged with fish.	
	M:BFT35	National authority and points of contact responsible for the processing vessel participating in the REM pilot project	No		Albania does not participate in REM pilot project.	
TROPICAL SPECIES	M:TRO01	List of BET/YFT/SKJ vessels and subsequent changes	No		Albania does not authorize fishing for BET/YFT/SKJ species.	
	M:TRO02	List of authorized vessels which fished bigeye and/or yellowfin and/or skipjack tunas in previous year	No		No vessels flagged to Albania fished for BET/YFT/SKJ species in the previous years.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:TRO03	Reports on investigation of IUU activity by BET/YFT/SKJ vessels	No		Albania has not received reports of IUU activity by its vessels nor has any additional information to report.	
	M:TRO06	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	No		Albania does not authorize fishing for tropical species.	
	M:TRO07	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	No		Albania does not authorize fishing for tropical species.	
	M:TRO09	Quarterly catches of Tropical tuna	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
	M:TRO10	Steps taken to minimalise ecological impacts of FADs (include in FAD management plan - see also requirement S25)	No		Albania does not deploy FADs to catch tropical tuna.	
	M:TRO11	Tropical Tuna Fishing/Capacity plans /Declarations	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries or farming.	
	M:TRO13	Monthly catches of tropical tuna (BET; SKJ; YFT)	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
	M:TRO14	Weekly catches of bigeye tuna	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
	M:TRO15	Dates when entire catch limit of bigeye tuna has been utilized	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
	M:TRO17	Maximum on board by-catch limit for tropical tunas	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
	M:TRO18	Measure taken to ensure compliance with M:TRO17	No		Albania does not carry out tropical tuna fisheries.	
SWORDFISH	M:SWO01	Data from ICCAT statistical document programs	No		Albania is not involved in catching or trading SWO.	
	M:SWO02	Validation seals and signatures for SDPs	No		Albania is not involved in catching or trading SWO.	
	M:SWO03	List of vessels targetting MED-SWO	No		Albania does not authorize any of its vessels to catch SWO-MED.	
	M:SWO04	List of sport/recreational vessels authorized to catch Med-SWO	No		Albania does not authorize any sport/recreational vessels to catch SWO-MED.	
	M:SWO05	List of special fishing permits for harpoons or longline for highly-migratory pelagic stocks in the Mediterranean for the previous year	No		Albania does not grant any permits for harpoons or longlines to catch highly migratory pelagic stocks in the Mediterranean.	

Group	Req N° (IOMS)	Information required	Applicable	First submit	Response/Reason for N/A	Last update
	M:SWO06	Report on implementation of Med-SWO closure	No		Albania does not operate or have plans to operate any fishery for SWO-MED, and hence has no specific closed period.	
	M:SWO07	Development or fishing/management plan for North swordfish	No		Albania does not operate, nor has plans to operate, a SWO-N fishery.	
	M:SWO10	List of authorised ports for MED-SWO	No		Albania has not authorized any of its ports to receive landings or allow transshipment of SWO-MED.	
	M:SWO11	Quarterly reports of MED-SWO catches	No		Albania does not have any catches of SWO-MED to report.	
	M:SWO12	Summary of implementation of tagging programme	No		Albania does not tag and has not landed any tagged SWO-MED fish.	
	M:SWO13	List of inspection vessels	No		There are no, for the moment, Fishery Inspection vessels in Albania.	
	M:SWO14	List of inspectors [and agencies]	Yes	2017-02-11	No changes since that time.	
	M:SWO15	Specific authorisation for vessels 20m+ LOA for N. SWO	No		Albania does not authorize any of its vessels of 20m or over to catch N.SWO.	
	M:SWO16	Specific authorisation for vessels 20m+ LOA for S. SWO	No		Albania does not authorize any of its vessels of 20m or over to catch S.SWO.	
	M:SWO17	Maximum onboard by-catch limit of N. SWO	No		Albania does not permit by-catch of N.SWO in other fisheries.	
	M:SWO18	Maximum onboard by-catch limit of S. SWO	No		Albania does not permit by-catch of S.SWO in other fisheries.	
	M:SWO19	Copies of inspection reports from JIS	No		Albania does not participate in JIS for MED-SWO.	
	M:SWO20	Fishing plan for Mediterranean swordfish	No		Albania does not operate or have plan to operate any fishery for MED-SWO.	
ALBACORE	M:ALB03	List of Vessels authorised to fish for Mediterranean albacore	No		Albania does not authorize any vessels to fish for MED-ALB.	
	M:ALB04	Specific authorisation for vessels 20m+ LOA for North Atlantic albacore	No		Albania does not authorize any of its vessels of 20m+ to catch ALB-N.	

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	M:ALB05	Specific authorisation for vessels 20m+ LOA for South Atlantic albacore	No		Albania does not authorize any of its vessels of 20m+ to catch ALB-S.	
	M:ALB06	Maximum onboard by-catch limit of N. ALB	No		Albania does not permit by-catch of N.ALB onboard of their vessels.	
	M:ALB07	Maximum onboard by-catch limit of S. ALB	No		Albania does not permit by-catch of S.ALB onboard of their vessels.	
	M:ALB08	List of sport/recreational vessels authorized to catch Med-ALB	No		Albania does not authorize sport/recreational vessels to catch MED-ALB.	
BILLFISHES	M:BIL01	Report on the implementation of 19-05 and 16-11	Yes	2023-08-14	Billfish Check Sheet sent to ICCAT 2023-08-04.	
	M:BIL04	Claim to exemption to release live BUM/WHM/SPF and measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries	No		Albania does not carry out BUM/WHM/SPF fisheries.	
	M:BIL05	Results of trials on electronic monitoring for BIL	No		Albania does not carry out BIL fisheries	
SHARKS	M:SHK05	Details of implementation of and compliance with shark conservation and management measures	Yes	2023-08-14	Shark Check Sheet sent to ICCAT 2023-08-14.	
	M:SHK08	Monthly landings of North Atlantic and South Atlantic shortfin mako	No		Albania does not have any catches of North Atlantic shortfin mako to report.	
OTHER SPECIES / BY CATCH	M:BYC01	Report on implementation of Rec. 10-09, Paras 1, 2 and 7, as amended by Rec. 13-11/ Report on implementation of Rec. 22-12, Paras 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 and relevant actions taken to implement the FAO guidelines	Yes		The Action Plan for the Conservation of Sea Turtles and their Habitats in Albania was adopted through a Ministerial Order No. 596, 22.11.2012 and 150/2022 Albania, also approved the Ministerial Order 150/2022 "On the mitigation of fisheries impact for the conservation of seabirds, sea turtles, cetaceans and elasmobranchs" as per implementation of respective Rec GFCM 44/2021/13-14-15-16.	

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	M:BYC02	Report on implementation of seabird mitigation measures and NPOA for seabirds	No		Albania does not have an NPOA for seabirds and has not longline fishery in the area to which the requirement pertains.	
	M:BYC03	Report on steps taken to mitigate by-catch & reduce discards and any relevant research in this field	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania started since 2019 and continues the implementation of the by-catch monitoring program through the observers on board of fishing vessels (trawlers and purse seiners in Adriatic Sea) in the frame of GFCM project.	
MISCELL-ANEIOUS	M:SDP01	Description of pilot electronic statistical document systems	No		Albania have not lodged an objection to any of ICCAT Recommendations.	
	M:MIX01	Information and clarification regarding objections to ICCAT Recs	No		No pilot electronic statistical document system has been implemented by Albania.	

Section 4: Implementation of other ICCAT conservation and management measures

With reference to relevant ICCAT conservation and management measures, Albania have transposed into national legislation all applicable ICCAT recommendations on BFT. Fishing for bluefin tuna continued to be regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, through the respective Ministerial Order No. 385, date 9/8/2022 “On the implementation of ICCAT recommendation amending Recommendation 19-04 amending Recommendation 18-02 Establishing a multi-year management plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 21-08).

Albania has prepared the Ministerial Order to implement Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 Establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08) and will inform Secretariat as far as it will be published in the Official Journal.

Section 5: Difficulties encountered in implementation of and compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures

No technical difficulties encountered in implementation and compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures.

BFT farming activities were initiated in 2021 – Albania had adopted all pertinent ICCAT Recommendations into its local legislation mechanism and CPC Albania applied its best efforts to ensure correct governance in this new sector in the knowledge that, where necessary, it will have the support of the Secretariat.

Thanks to the help and readiness of Secretariat and Compliance Committee, Albania has realized in appropriate time the reporting requirements to ICCAT.

This year, regarding the tables Part I/Annex 1 and Part II/Section 3 we will be able to transmit in time the data online through IOMS platform.

This year, regarding the data of the tables Part I/Annex 1 and Part II/Section 3 and seeing the limit time remain, we exported from IOMS the specific templates to complete the tables offline and to submit them to the Secretariat for import into IOMS.

We hope with the support of Secretariat, we will be able to transmit the data online through IOMS next year. It was a particular year 2022 for us in Albania in having internet access and checking email due to a cyber terrorist attack in the government servers by middle of July 2022.