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POTENTIAL NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES REPORTED BY REGIONAL OBSERVERS

1. Infractions reported by observers under the Regional Observer Programme for Transhipment

Twenty four incidences reported as potential non-compliance as follows. Responses to all but two were received. Where applicable, CPCs took follow up action; in some cases no PNC was found and hence no action necessary. The details of the PNCs and the responses are contained in **Appendix 1**. The two unanswered PNCs relate to unbound logbook.

СРС	No. PNCs	responses	Action taken by CPC
China	3	3	Yes
Chinese Taipei	12	12	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	2	2	Yes
Japan	4	2	Yes
Korea	2	2	Yes
SVG	1	1	Not applicable

Table 1 Summary of PNCs under the ROP transhipment

The full reports of the observers under the ROP_transhipment transmitted in 2017 can be found at <u>www.iccat.int/Documents/Comply/transhipmentreports current.pdf</u>. Previous years reports are available at ww.iccat.int/Documents/Comply/transhipmentreports.pdf.

2. Infractions reported by observers under the Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna

2.1 Vessels

One hundred and thirty nine PNCs were issued by observers on board purse seine vessels; in sixty one cases CPCs agree that there was some non-compliance. A summary of the PNC reports and responses, as well as actions taken where appropriate, can be found in **Appendix 2.** In some cases, particularly EU, this was due to administrative error and not due to non-compliance by the vessel operators. In most cases, CPCs have reported that they have initiated corrective actions to avoid repetition of the issues.

СРС	Number of vessels participating in ROP	No. PNCs	Responses	Number of PNCs confirmed	Action taken by CPC
Albania	1	1	1	Not possible for Albania to confirm	PNC relates to cage number of towing vessel of EU, not Albania.
Algeria	14	16	16	12	Yes
EU	49	46	46	12	Yes
Libya	14	22	22	15	Yes, but in some cases no action was possible
Morocco	2	1	1	1 oversight, not non compliance	n/a
Norway	1	1	1	0	n/a
Syria	1	2	2	0	n/a
Tunisia	27	24	24	8	Yes (mostly control transfers)
Turkey	22	26	26	14	Yes, warnings and additional training

Table 2. Summary of PNCs under the ROP – BFT (Vessels)

The observer reports of deployments on purse seine vessels are available in **Annex 1** (electronic only)

2.2 Farms and traps

The observers reported a total of 36 potential non-compliance issues, with only six of which the CPCs agreed. A summary of the PNC reports and responses, as well as actions taken where appropriate, can be found in **Appendix 3**. Table 3 below shows a summary of the reports.

Table 3. Summary of PNCs under the ROP – BFT (Traps and farms)

СРС	Number of traps/farms active in ROP 2017	No. PNCs	Responses	Number of PNCs confirmed	Action taken by CPC
EU	14	31	31	5	Yes (mostly control transfers)
Могоссо	6	2	2	1 (+1 incidence due to sea conditions)	Yes, control transfers
Tunisia	1	0	0	0	n/a
Turkey	6	3	3	0	n/a

The observer reports of deployments on farms and traps are available in **Annex 2** (electronic only).