

RESPONSES FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES TO COC CHAIR' LETTERS REGARDING COMPLIANCE

(Received before 15 October 2017)

**Annex 1** of document **COC-309** contains the letters sent by the COC Chair and having received a reply by the CPC before the deadline. **Annex 2** contains the letters sent by the Chair being without reply by 15 October 2017. Replies received after the deadline will be presented as Addendum to COC-309.

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Letter reporting deficiencies</i>	<i>Letter of identification or of prohibition</i>	<i>Have reported actions taken Yes/No</i>	<i>Have reported other actions to be taken</i>	<i>Date of reply</i>
Albania	X				
Algeria					
Angola	X				
<b>Barbados</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>07/06/2017</b>
Belize					
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>13/10/2017</b>
Canada					
Cabo Verde					
China PR					
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>08/09/2017</b>
<b>Curacao</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>13/10/2017</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>24/09/2017</b>
<b>El Salvador</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>26/04/2017</b>
<b>European Union</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>10/10/2017</b>
France SPM					
Gabon	X				
Ghana					
Guatemala	X				
<b>Guinea Ecuatorial</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>06/06/2017</b>
Guinea Bissau					
Guinea Rep	X				
Honduras	X				
Iceland					
Japan					
Korea					
Liberia		X			
<b>Libya</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>07/08/2017</b>
<b>Mauritania</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>28/09/2017</b>
Mexico					
Morocco					
Namibia					
<b>Nicaragua</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>08/09/2017</b>
Nigeria					
Norway					
Panama	X				
Philippines	X				
Russia					
<b>Sao Tome e Principe</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>03/07/2017</b>
Senegal					
Sierra Leone		X			
South Africa	X				
St Vincent &	X				

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Grenadines					
Syria	X				
<b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>09/10/2017</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>20/09/2017</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>04/07/2017</b>
<b>UK-OT</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>09/10/2017</b>
United States					
Uruguay					
Vanuatu	X				
Venezuela	X				

**RESPONSES FROM COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES,  
ENTITIES OR FISHING ENTITIES TO LETTERS OF CONCERN**

<i>Flag</i>	<i>Letter regarding reporting deficiencies</i>	<i>Have reported actions taken Yes/No</i>	<i>Have reported other actions to be taken</i>	<i>Date of reply</i>
Bolivia				
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>06/10/2017</b>
Costa Rica				
Guyana	X			
Suriname				

**BARBADOS**

**SUBJECT: Barbados Response to ICCAT Compliance Committee Letters of 25 February**

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I regret the delay in officially responding to the above captioned letters which were initiated due to deficiencies in reporting obligations which are identified in the following areas:

- Incomplete Task I reporting including zero catches,
- Details on all species, not only large tunas but small tunas and sharks,
- Management actions for overharvesting blue marlin
- Management plan for Northern swordfish

I recognize that the matters related to ICCAT Recommendation 11-15 and the guidelines document 15-09 on non-fulfilment of Reporting Obligations, raised in the Compliance Committee letters have not been adequately addressed by Barbados. I therefore thank you for your guidance and in this context I submit the following relevant information.

*Sharks*

Barbados has informed in its annual reports to ICCAT from 2014 through 2016 that a study to assess the species composition of Barbados' shark catch commenced in 2014. From 2015 the Fisheries Division, the island's umbrella fisher-folk organisation the Barbados National Union of Fisherfolk Organisation (BARNUFO), and the FAO sub-regional office, (based in Barbados) were working together to develop a Plan of Action for Sharks. This exercise has greatly improved the data collection on sharks and the associated fishery.

Three important products were produced from this work *viz.*

- A draft Plan of Action for Sharks (under review).
- A field identification guide to Barbados' Sharks and Rays and
- Preliminary data on the species composition of Barbados' shark catch (in the latter part of 2015)

A full year of shark catch composition data was not available by the time of reporting 2015 ICCAT Task I data, and Barbados refrained from reporting the disaggregated shark catch data at that time. However we are now in a position to address this matter and Barbados hereby submits an amended Task I (ST02-TINC) data sheet for 2015 that now also reports the estimated catches of ICCAT listed shark species for that year based on the species composition data collected so far, noting that as per ICCAT rules for data submission, these catch statistics may be altered accordingly as more relevant information is collected.

*Small Tunas*

The revised Task I (ST02-TINC) for 2015 report also includes completion of the ST02B form for catches of small tunas with the relevant posting of either "zero" catches or "I" to indicate that the species may be landed even in negligible quantities and that no cogent quantitative data is available for reporting in the ST02A form.

*Management actions - Swordfish*

In relation [0 ICCAT Rec.13-02. where allocations for 3 years of quotas for Northern Atlantic swordfish were listed. with a review in 2016. as well as requiring submission of CPC's management plans for this species annually; I refer to Barbados' Annual report ANN-004/2013 Section 5; where it was slated that a draft Fisheries Plan has been developed for the Management of Large Pelagic Resources (including swordfish) targeted by Barbados.

I am not at liberty to submit to ICCA T any fisheries management plan that is not yet approved by the Government of Barbados. However, I would like to share three of the key general strategies which were identified in the draft plan and which are already being implemented:

- Incorporating major management obligations in the revision of the Fisheries Management Regulations which reflect Barbados' obligations to various international agreements/instruments to which it is signatory
- Improved collaboration with stakeholders in the management and decision making in the fishery through the establishment of a Longline Advisory Group.
- Improving Data Collection

#### *Management actions - Blue Marlin*

It was also identified in ANN-004/2013 that challenges existed in the species identification of dressed bill fish at landing. To address this issue an information brochure to aid in identification was circulated to fishers. Fishers were encouraged to identify the fish species as they were caught and mark them accordingly using colour coded tags to facilitate subsequent species ID of the landed dressed carcasses. Further methodological improvements to facilitate the accurate identification of marlin species and reporting landings to the species level are needed and being considered. In this context the Fisheries Division has been conducting a pilot VMS project that includes a near real-time catch reporting component.

Nevertheless, it is believed that the accuracy in reporting marlin catches has improved with these recent efforts. ICCA T should note that misidentification of marlin species in the past would have affected the accuracy of historic reporting of blue marlin and white marlin landings to the species level and therefore determining the quota assigned to Barbados for these species and in turn over/under harvesting figures. A review of the landing figures from 2010 to 2015 indicates that the total catch of marlin (Blue and White marlin together) did not exceed 20 Tons except for the year 2015.

In addition to the impact of improved catch estimates, environmental reasons were cited for the increased 2015 Blue Marlin catches in the annual report ANN-004/2016. I re-iterate that there was a massive incursion of *Sargassum* sp. into Barbadian waters in 2015 which had a highly significant negative impact on the catch rates of flying fish, the main fishery of Barbados, causing catches of this important species to decline to a historically low level. Conversely the abundant *Sargassum* mats appeared to draw an increased abundance of large pelagics such as marlins within the fishing range of the local vessels resulting in increased availability of the large pelagic species including marlins to the local fishing fleet. It should also be reiterated that the fishing gear, including the longline gear, and fishing methods employed by the local Barbados fleet are relatively unsophisticated and non-selective and as such whatever fish that are within the fishing area and are susceptible to the gear are likely to be caught. As such the increased catch of marlins should not be viewed as the result of any deliberate targeted effort but more of a result of their increased abundance within the fishing area of the Barbados fleet as a result of the *Sargassum* sp. phenomenon already mentioned.

Nevertheless it is important to note that the relatively higher quantity of the large pelagics taken including marlin species was vital in supplementing the fish supply for local consumption and ameliorating the losses in revenue for the fisherfolk that was occasioned by the scarcity of the traditional flying fish catch.

#### *General Comments*

Since becoming a member of ICCA T Barbados has been working assiduously to improve its fisheries data collection and reporting including disaggregating landings statistics to the species level even in cases where the species of concern are minor fisheries, in an effort to satisfy ICCA T requirements. ICCA T should appreciate that with limited human and financial resources and technical capacity; this effort will take some time and will not proceed as quickly as ICCA T is demanding.

Any further diversion of the limited resources away from work on major fisheries (e.g. data collection, preparing and implementing management plans and developing regulations) to work on minor fisheries, such as small tunas and sharks will significantly diminish the capacity for improving data collection and managing the island's major fisheries.

Barbados as a Contracting Party to ICCAT accepts its responsibility to cooperate wherever possible with the measures aimed at conservation and management of the living resources in the area of competence. However ICCAT must be mindful of the several international instruments which call on the international community (including relevant international organizations and financial institutions) to give full recognition to developing States' special circumstances and requirements and addressing their needs in the areas of *inler alia*; financial and technical assistance, technology transfer, training and scientific cooperation; and enhancing their ability to develop their own fisheries as well as to participate in high seas fisheries, including access to such fisheries - UNCLOS, article 119; UNFSA, article 24, 25 and 26; Code of Conduct, article 5.

I trust that the revised 2015 Task I data (ST02-TINC) transmitted with this letter and the additional explanatory information provided herein will alleviate the concerns raised by the ICCAT Compliance Committee.

Please be advised that to facilitate a more timely response to concerns, copies of correspondence from the ICCAT Compliance Committee should be sent to all of the following e-mail addresses: [bajanwahoo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bajanwahoo@yahoo.co.uk), [fishbarbados@caribsurf.com](mailto:fishbarbados@caribsurf.com), [fishbarbados.dcfo@caribsurf.com](mailto:fishbarbados.dcfo@caribsurf.com) and [fishbarbados.fb@caribsurf.com](mailto:fishbarbados.fb@caribsurf.com).

Please accept assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

*Chief Fisheries Officer, Barbados*

cc: Mr. Tsamenyi, Commission Chair  
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ST02-T1NC		TASK I - NOMINAL CATCHES										Version		Language							
		ICCAT: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS										2016a		ENG							
<b>Statistical Correspondent</b> Affiliation: Christopher Parker E-mail: fishbarbados.fb@caribsurf.com Phone: 2464263745 Identification: Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resources Department: Fisheries Division Address: Princess Alice Highway, Bridgetown Country: Barbados										<b>Secretariat use only</b> Date reported: Reference N°: File name (proposed): ST02_BRB2015-15P#.xlsx		<b>Filtering criteria</b> Filter 1 Filter 2 a) 0 0 b) 0 0 c) 0 0 d)									
<b>Data set characteristics</b> Reporting Flag: Barbados BRB Years covered (from) 2015 (to) 2015 Version reported: Preliminary Content (data): Revision (PARTIAL) Revision that will partially replace the existent data previously reported										<b>Notes</b> Raising factors from landed weights used: ALB, BET and YFT x1.25; SWO x1.33; BUM, WHM and SAI x1.2; WAH x1.075; RSK x1.5											
<b>Catch attributes</b> Fleet ID (BRB) Flag of Vessel (cod) Base port/zone Year Species (cod) Stock (M.Unit) Sampling area (cod) Task I area (optional) Gear (cod.) Fishing zone (cod)														<b>Caught quantities (kg)</b> Landed (dead, L) Discards (dead, DD) Discards (alive, DL) Caged BFT (alive, FA)				<b>Data processing (optional)</b> Landings Discards Data source (cod) Corrections (L) Data source (cod) Corrections (D)			
FlagVesCd	PortZone	YearC	SpeciesCd	SpStockCd	SaAreaCd	AreaTICd	GearCd	FishZoneCd	qtyLkg	qtyDDkg	qtyDLkg	qtyFAkg	DSourceCd	corrL	DSourceDCd	corrD					
BRB	ALL	2015	BUM	BUM-A	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	33428	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	WHM	WHM-A	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	9551	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SAI	SAI-W	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	52529	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	YFT	YFT-W	YF10		LLHB	COMB	257671	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	BET	BET-A	BE08		LLHB	COMB	30120	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	ALB	ALB-N	AL32		LLHB	COMB	15353	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SWO	SWO-N	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	28929	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	WAH	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	2932	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SKJ	SKJ-W	SJ08		HAND	COMB	193	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	BUM	BUM-A	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	290	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	WHM	WHM-A	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	145	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SAI	SAI-W	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	1012	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	YFT	YFT-W	YF10		HAND	EEZ	4608	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	BET	BET-A	BE08		HAND	EEZ	271	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	ALB	ALB-N	AL32		HAND	EEZ	542	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SWO	SWO-N	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	28	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	WAH	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	7556	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SKJ	SKJ-W	SJ08		HAND	EEZ	789	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	BSH	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	6684	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	BSH	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	1841	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SPZ	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	983	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SPZ	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	271	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SMA	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	2136	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	SMA	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	588	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	MAK	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	1248	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	MAK	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	344	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	FAL	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	2137	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	FAL	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	589	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	ALV	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	927	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	ALV	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	255	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	RSK	AT-NW	BIL94A		LLHB	COMB	3668	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						
BRB	ALL	2015	RSK	AT-NW	BIL94A		HAND	EEZ	1010	0	0	0	0	L.FM	b						

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		ICCAT: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS														2016a	ENG	
Data set characteristics		Task I ("zero" catch matrix)														Auto-completion for positive catches ("1")		
Reporting Flag Years covered (from) Version reported Content (data)		Barbados 2015 (to) 2015 Preliminary Revision (PARTIAL)		Complete the matrix with "0", for each "ZERO" catch by species/stock and gear group combination														
		Gear group (cod.)																
		LL	PS	BB	HL	TP	TW	TR	GN	HP	RR	HS	TL	TN	UN*			
Total catches (kg) 468628		Sub-total (kg)		448296	20332													
		Gear (cod.)																
Species group	Species (cod.) / Scie. Name	Stock (MU)	LL	PS	BB	HAND	TRAP	TRAW	TROL	GILL	HARP	RR	HS	TL	TN	UNCL	Sub-total (kg)	
Major temperate tunas	ALB <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	ALB-N	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		15895	
		ALB-S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		ALB-M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	BFT <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	BFT-E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		BFT-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Major tropical tunas	BET <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	BET-A	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		30391	
	SKJ <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	SKJ-E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		SKJ-W		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		982	
	YFT <i>Thunnus albacares</i>	YFT-E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		YFT-W	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		262279	
	SWO <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	SWO-N	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		28957	
		SWO-S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		SWO-M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Major billfishes	BUM <i>Makaira nigricans</i>	BUM-A	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		33718	
	WHM <i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>	WHM-A	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		9696	
	SAI <i>Istiophorus albicans</i>	SAI-E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		SAI-W	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		53541	
	SPF <i>Tetrapturus pfluegeri</i>	SPF-E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		SPF-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Major small tunas	BON <i>Sarda sarda</i>	(all)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	LTA <i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	KGM <i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>	(all)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	FRI <i>Auxis thazard</i>	(all)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	SSM <i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	BRS <i>Scomberomorus brasiliensis</i>	(all)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Major sharks	BSH <i>Prionace glauca</i>	(all)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	POR <i>Lamna nasus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	SMA <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	(all)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other (regulated) shark species	FAL <i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	(all)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2726	
	SPK <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	SPL <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	SPZ <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	(all)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1254	
	OCS <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	ALV <i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	(all)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1182
	BTH <i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	PTH <i>Alopias pelagicus</i>	(all)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
* Unclassified gears (UN): Informative only																		

\* Unclassified gears (UN): informative only

Table. Reporting Flags, Flags of Vessel / Countries (A2 & A3 ISO 3166)

FlagName	FlagCode	Status	Base Ports/Zones (current)	FlagA3ISO	FlagA2ISO
Albania	ALB	CP		ALB	AL
Algerie	DZA	CP		DZA	DZ
Angola	AGO	CP		AGO	AO
Barbados	BRB	CP		BRB	BB
Belize	BLZ	CP	ETRO	BLZ	BZ
Brazil	BRA	CP		BRA	BR
Canada	CAN	CP		CAN	CA
Cape Verde	CPV	CP	Artisanal, Industrial, ETRO	CPV	CV
China PR	CHN	CP		CHN	CN
Curaçao	CUW	CP	ETRO	CUW	CW
Côte d'Ivoire	CIV	CP	Abidjan, S. Pedro	CIV	CI
EU.Belgium	EU.BEL	CP		BEL	BE
EU.Bulgaria	EU.BGR	CP		BGR	BG
EU.Croatia	EU.HRV	CP		HRV	HR
EU.Cyprus	EU.CYP	CP		CYP	CY
EU.Denmark	EU.DNK	CP		DNK	DK
EU.España	EU.ESP	CP	Canárias, Coruña, Cantabric sea, ETRO, MEDI	ESP	ES
EU.Estonia	EU.EST	CP		EST	EE
EU.France	EU.FRA	CP	Mainland, ETRO, MEDI, Guadeloupe, Martinique	FRA	FR
EU.Germany	EU.DEU	CP		DEU	DE
EU.Greece	EU.GRC	CP		GRC	GR
EU.Hungary	EU.HUN	CP		HUN	HU
EU.Ireland	EU.IRL	CP		IRL	IE
EU.Italy	EU.ITA	CP	Adriatic sea, Ionian sea, Uigurian sea, Sardenha, Strait of Sicily, Tyrrenean sea	ITA	IT
EU.Latvia	EU.LVA	CP		LVA	LV
EU.Lithuania	EU.LTU	CP		LTU	LT
EU.Malta	EU.MLT	CP		MLT	MT
EU.Netherlands	EU.NLD	CP		NLD	NL
EU.Poland	EU.POL	CP		POL	PL
EU.Portugal	EU.PRT	CP	Mainland, Azores, Madeira	PRT	PT
EU.Slovenia	EU.SVN	CP		SVN	SI
EU.Sweden	EU.SWE	CP		SWE	SE
EU.United Kingdom	EU.UK	CP		GBR	GB
Egypt	EGY	CP		EGY	EG
El Salvador	SLV	CP		SLV	SV
FR.St Pierre et Miquelon	FR.SPM	CP		SPM	PM
Gabon	GAB	CP		GAB	GA
Ghana	GHA	CP	ETRO	GHA	GH
Guatemala	GTM	CP	ETRO	GTM	GT
Guinea Ecuatorial	GNQ	CP	Artisanal, Industrial	GNQ	GQ
Guinée Rep.	GIN	CP		GIN	GN
Honduras	HND	CP		HND	HN
Iceland	ISL	CP		ISL	IS
Japan	JPN	CP		JPN	JP
Korea Rep.	KOR	CP		KOR	KR
Liberia	LBR	CP		LBR	LR
Libya	LYB	CP		LYB	LY
Maroc	MAR	CP	Tanger, Nador, ETRO	MAR	MA
Mauritania	MRT	CP		MRT	MR
Mexico	MEX	CP		MEX	MX
Namibia	NAM	CP		NAM	NA
Nicaragua	NIC	CP		NIC	NI
Nigeria	NGA	CP		NGA	NG
Norway	NOR	CP		NOR	NO
Panama	PAN	CP	ETRO	PAN	PA
Philippines	PHL	CP		PHL	PH
Russian Federation	RUS	CP	Murmansk, Kaliningrad	RUS	RU
S. Tomé e Príncipe	STP	CP	Artisanal, Industrial	STP	ST
Senegal	SEN	CP	Artisanal, Dakar based, ETRO	SEN	SN
Sierra Leone	SLE	CP		SLE	SL
South Africa	ZAF	CP		ZAF	ZA
St. Vincent and Grenadines	VCT	CP		VCT	VC
Syria	SYR	CP		SYR	SY
Trinidad and Tobago	TTO	CP	Trinidad, Tobago	TTO	TT
Tunisie	TUN	CP		TUN	TN
Turkey	TUR	CP		TUR	TR
U.S.A.	USA	CP	Comercial, Recreational	USA	US
UK.Bermuda	UK.BMU	CP		BMU	BM
UK.British Virgin Islands	UK.VGB	CP		VGB	VG
UK.Sta Helena	UK.SHN	CP		SHN	SH
UK.Turks and Caicos	UK.TCA	CP		TCA	TC
Uruguay	URY	CP		URY	UY
Vanuatu	VUT	CP		VUT	VU
Venezuela	VEN	CP	Artisanal, Industrial, Foreign based	VEN	VE
Bolivia	BOL	NCC		BOL	BO
Chinese Taipei	TAI	NCC		TWN	TW
Guyana	GUY	NCC		GUY	GY
Suriname	SUR	NCC		SUR	SR
Anguilla	AIA	NCO		AIA	AI
Antigua and Barbuda	ATG	NCO		ATG	AG
Argentina	ARG	NCO		ARG	AR
Aruba	ABW	NCO		ABW	AW
Bahamas	BHS	NCO		BHS	BS
Belarus	BLR	NCO		BLR	BY
Benin	BEN	NCO		BEN	BJ
Cambodia	KHM	NCO		KHM	KH
Cameroon	CMR	NCO		CMR	CM
Cayman Islands	CYM	NCO		CYM	KY
Chile	CHL	NCO		CHL	CL
Colombia	COL	NCO		COL	CO
Congo	COG	NCO		COG	CG
Costa Rica	CRI	NCO		CRI	CR
Cuba	CUB	NCO		CUB	CU
Dominica	DMA	NCO		DMA	DM
Dominican Republic	DOM	NCO		DOM	DO
Ecuador	ECU	NCO		ECU	EC
Falklands	FLK	NCO		FLK	FK
Faroe Islands	FRO	NCO		FRO	FO
Gambia	GMB	NCO		GMB	GM
Georgia	GEO	NCO		GEO	GE
Grenada	GRD	NCO		GRD	GD
Guinea Bissau	GNB	NCO		GNB	GW
India	IND	NCO		IND	IN
Iran	IRN	NCO		IRN	IR
Israel	ISR	NCO		ISR	IL
Jamaica	JAM	NCO		JAM	JM
Lebanon	LBN	NCO		LBN	LB
Malaysia	MYS	NCO		MYS	MY
Mauritius	MUS	NCO		MUS	MU
Montenegro	MNE	NCO		MNE	ME
Palestine	PSE	NCO		PSE	PS
Puerto Rico	PRI	NCO		PRI	PR
Rumania	ROU	NCO		ROU	RO
Saint Kitts and Nevis	KNA	NCO	St. Kitts, Nevis	KNA	KN
Serbia	SRB	NCO		SRB	RS
Seychelles	SYC	NCO		SYC	SC
Singapore	SGP	NCO		SGP	SG
Sta. Lucia	LCA	NCO		LCA	LC
Switzerland	CHE	NCO		CHE	CH
Thailand	THA	NCO		THA	TH
Togo	TGO	NCO		TGO	TG
US Virgin Islands	VIR	NCO		VIR	VI
Ukraine	UKR	NCO		UKR	UA



Table. Species (Tunas &amp; sharks) standard codes (FAO alfa 3)

SpeciesCode	ScieName	CoNameEN	CoNameFR	CoNameES	IccSpGrp	TaxonType
BFT	Thunnus thynnus	Atlantic bluefin tuna	Thon rouge de l'Atlantique	Atún rojo del Atlántico	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
YFT	Thunnus albacares	Yellowfin tuna	Albacore	Rabil	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
ALB	Thunnus alalunga	Albacore	Germon	Atún blanco	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
BET	Thunnus obesus	Bigeye tuna	Thon obèse (=Patudo)	Patudo	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
SKI	Katsuwonus pelamis	Skipjack tuna	Listao	Listado	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
SAI	Istiophorus albidus	Atlantic sailfin	Voilier de l'Atlantique	Pez vela del Atlántico	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
BUM	Makaira nigricans	Blue marlin	Makaira bleu	Aguja azul	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
WHM	Tetrapturus albidus	Atlantic white marlin	Makaira blanc de l'Atlantique	Aguja blanca del Atlántico	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
SWO	Xiphias gladius	Swordfish	Espadon	Pez espada	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
SFF	Tetrapturus pfluegeri	Longbill spearfish	Makaira bécune	Aguja picuda	1-Tuna (major sp.)	1-Species
BLF	Thunnus atlanticus	Blackfin tuna	Thon à nageoires noires	Atún aleta negra	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
LTA	Euthynnus alletteratus	Little tunny (=Atl. black skipj)	Thonine commune	Bacoreta	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
BON	Sarda sarda	Atlantic bonito	Bonite à dos rayé	Bonito del Atlántico	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
FRI	Auxis thazard	Frigate tuna	Auxide	Melva	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
BOP	Orcynopsis unicolor	Plain bonito	Palomette	Tasarte	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
WAH	Acanthocybium solandri	Wahoo	Thazard-bâtard	Peto	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
SSM	Scomberomorus maculatus	Atlantic Spanish mackerel	Thazard atlantique	Carite atlántico	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
KGM	Scomberomorus cavalla	King mackerel	Thazard barré	Carite lucio	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
SLT	Allothunnus fallai	Slender tuna	Thon élégant	Atún lançon	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
MAW	Scomberomorus tritor	West African Spanish mackerel	Thazard blanc	Carite lusitânico	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
CER	Scomberomorus regalis	Cero	Thazard franc	Carite chinigua	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
BLT	Auxis rochei	Bullet tuna	Bonitou	Melva (=Melvera)	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
BRS	Scomberomorus brasiliensis	Serra Spanish mackerel	Thazard serra	Serra	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
DOL	Coryphaena hippurus	Common dolphinfish	Coryphène commune	Lampuga	1-Tuna (small t.)	1-Species
KGX	Scomberomorus spp	Seerfishes nei	Thazards nca	Carites nep	1-Tuna (small t.)	2-Genus
SBF	Thunnus maccoyii	Southern bluefin tuna	Thon rouge du Sud	Atún rojo del Sur	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BLM	Makaira indica	Black marlin	Makaira noir	Aguja negra	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
MAC	Scomber scombrus	Atlantic mackerel	Maquereau commun	Caballa del Atlántico	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
MAS	Scomber japonicus	Chub mackerel	Maquereau espagnol	Estornino	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
LEC	Lepidocybium flavobrunneum	Escolar	Escolar noir	Escolar negro	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BSF	Aphanopus carbo	Black scabbardfish	Sabre noir	Sable negro	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
GES	Gempylus serpens	Snake mackerel	Escolier serpent	Escolar de canal	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
NEN	Nesiarhus nasutus	Black gemfish	Escolier long nez	Escolar narigudo	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
SFS	Lepidopus caudatus	Silver scabbardfish	Sabre argenté	Pez cinto	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
OIL	Ruvettus pretiosus	Oilfish	Rouvet	Escolar clavo	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BIP	Sarda orientalis	Striped bonito	Bonite oriental	Bonito mono	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BEP	Sarda chilensis	Eastern Pacific bonito	Bonite du Pacifique oriental	Bonito del Pacifico oriental	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BAU	Sarda australis	Australian bonito	Bonite bagnard	Bonito austral	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
DOT	Gymnosarda unicolor	Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux	Casarte ojón	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
CHY	Scomberomorus sinensis	Chinese seerfish	Thazard nébuleux	Carite indochino	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
COM	Scomberomorus commerson	Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	Thazard rayé indo-pacifique	Carite estriado Indo-Pacífico	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
GUT	Scomberomorus guttatus	Indo-Pacific king mackerel	Thazard ponctué indo-pacifique	Carite del Indo-Pacífico	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
STS	Scomberomorus lineolatus	Streaked seerfish	Thazard cirrus	Carite rayado	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
SIE	Scomberomorus sierra	Pacific sierra	Thazard sierra (Pacifique)	Carite sierra	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
QLM	Scomberomorus queenslandicus	Queensland school mackerel	Thazard du Queensland	Carite de Queensland	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
NPH	Scomberomorus niphonius	Japanese Spanish mackerel	Thazard oriental	Carite oriental	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BBM	Scomberomorus semifasciatus	Broad-barred king mackerel	Thazard tigré	Carite tigre	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
KOS	Scomberomorus koreanus	Korean seerfish	Thazard coréen	Carite coreano	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
MOS	Scomberomorus concolor	Monterey Spanish mackerel	Thazard de Monterey	Carite de Monterey	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
PAP	Scomberomorus multiradiatus	Papuan seerfish	Thazard papou	Carite papuense	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
KAK	Scomberomorus plurilineatus	Kanadi kingfish	Thazard kanadi	Carite canadi	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
ASM	Scomberomorus munroi	Australian spotted mackerel	Thazard australien	Carite australiano	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BUK	Gasterochisma melampus	Butterfly kingfish	Thon papillon	Atún chauchera	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
LEB	Cybiosarda elegans	Leaping bonito	Bonite à dos tacheté	Bonito saltador	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
SHM	Grammatocybium bicarinatus	Shark mackerel	Thazard requin	Carite-cazón	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
DBM	Grammatocybium bairdii	Double-lined mackerel	Thazard kusara	Carite-cazón pintado	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
BKI	Euthynnus lineatus	Black skipjack	Thonine noire	Barriete negro	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
KAW	Euthynnus affinis	Kawakawa	Thonine orientale	Bacoreta oriental	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
LOT	Thunnus tonggol	Longtail tuna	Thon mignon	Atún tongol	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
MSP	Tetrapturus belone	Mediterranean spearfish	Marlin de la Méditerranée	Marlín del Mediterráneo	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
MLS	Tetrapturus audax	Striped marlin	Marlin rayé	Marlín rayado	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
SSP	Tetrapturus angustirostris	Shortbill spearfish	Makaira à rostre court	Marlin trompa corta	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
RSP	Tetrapturus georgii	Roundscale spearfish	Makaira épée	Marlin peto	1-Tuna (other sp.)	1-Species
TUS	Thunnus spp	True tunas nei	Thons Thunnus nca	Atunes verdaderos nep	1-Tuna (other sp.)	2-Genus
TUN	Thunnini	Tunas nei	Thonidés nca	Atunes nep	1-Tuna (other sp.)	3-Tribe
BIL	Istiophoridae	Marlins,sailfishes,etc. nei	Makaires,marlins,voiliers nca	Agujas,marlines,peces vela nep	1-Tuna (other sp.)	4-Family
CUT	Trichiuridae	Hairtails, scabbardfishes nei	Poissons-sabres, sabres nca	Peces sable, cintos nep	1-Tuna (other sp.)	4-Family
TUX	Scombridae	Tuna-like fishes nei	Poissons type thon nca	Peces parec. a los atunes nep	1-Tuna (other sp.)	5-Suborder
SMA	Isurus paucus	Shortfin mako	Taupe bleu	Marrajo dentado	2-Sharks (major sp.)	1-Species
POR	Lamna nasus	Porbeagle	Requin-taupe commun	Marrajo sardiniere	2-Sharks (major sp.)	1-Species
BSH	Prionace glauca	Blue shark	Peau bleue	Tiburón azul	2-Sharks (major sp.)	1-Species
BSK	Cetorhinus maximus	Basking shark	Pélérin	Peregrino	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
ALV	Allopius vulpinus	Thresher	Renard	Zorro	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
BTH	Allopius superciliosus	Bigeye thresher	Bigeye thresher	Zorro ojón	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
LMA	Isurus paucus	Longfin mako	Petite taupe	Marrajo carite	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
WSH	Carcharodon carcharias	Great white shark	Grand requin blanc	Jaquetón blanco	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RHN	Rhinodon typus	Whale shark	Requin baleine	Tiburón ballena	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
OCS	Carcharhinus longimanus	Oceanic whitetip shark	Requin océanique	Tiburón océánico	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
FAL	Carcharhinus falciformis	Silky shark	Requin soyeux	Tiburón jaquetón	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
SPZ	Sphyrna zygaena	Smooth hammerhead	Requin-marteau commun	Cornuda cruz (=Pez martillo)	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
SPL	Sphyrna lewini	Scalloped hammerhead	Requin-marteau halicorne	Cornuda común	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
SPK	Sphyrna mokarran	Great hammerhead	Grand requin marteau	Cornuda gigante	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
CCG	Carcharhinus galapagensis	Galapagos shark	Requin des Galapagos	Tiburón de Galápagos	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
PSK	Pseudocarcharias kamoharui	Crocodile shark	Requin crocodile	Tiburón cocodrilo	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
ISB	Isistius brasiliensis	Cookie cutter shark	Squalélet féroce	Tollo cigarrero	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
LMP	Megachasma pelagios	Megamouth shark	Requin grande gueule	Tiburón bocudo	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
PLS	Pteroplatytrygon violacea	Pelagic stingray	Pasténague violette	Raya-látigo violeta	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
QLL	Squaliolus laticaudus	Spined pygmy shark	Squale nain	Tollo pigmeo espinudo	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMB	Manta birostris	Giant manta	Mante géante	Manta gigante	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMH	Mobula hypostoma	Lesser devil ray	Mante diable	Manta del Golfo	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMJ	Mobula japanica	Spinetail mobula			2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMM	Mobula mobular	Devil fish	Diable de mer méditerranéen	Manta mobula	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMO	Mobula thurstoni	Smoothtail mobula	Mante vampire	Diablo chupasangre	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMT	Mobula tarapacana	Chilean devil ray			2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
RMN	Mobula rochebrunei	Lesser Guinean devil ray	Petit diable de Guinée	Diablito de Guinea	2-Sharks (other sp.)	1-Species
THR	Allopius spp	Thresher sharks nei	Renards de mer nca	Zorros nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	2-Genus
MAK	Isurus spp	Mako sharks	Taupes	Marrajos	2-Sharks (other sp.)	2-Genus
SPN	Sphyrna spp	Hammerhead sharks nei	Requins marteau nca	Cornudas (Peces martillo) nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	2-Genus
MSK	Lamnidae	Mackerel sharks,porbeagles nei	Requins taupe nca	Jaquetones,marrajos nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	4-Family
RSK	Carcharhinidae	Requiem sharks nei	Requins nca	Cazones picudos,tintoreras nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	4-Family
SPY	Sphyrnidae	Hammerhead sharks, etc. nei	Requins marteau, etc. nca	Cornudas, etc. nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	4-Family
MAN	Mobulidae	Mantas, devil rays nei	Mantes, diables de mer nca	Mantas, diablós nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	4-Family
STT	Dasypatiidae	Stingrays, butterfly rays nei	Pasténagues, etc. nca	Pastinacas, etc. nep	2-Sharks (other sp.)	4-Family
CVJ	Caranx hippos	Creville jack	Carangue crevette	Jurel común	3-Teleosts	1-Species
GBA	Sphyrna barracuda	Great barracuda	Barracuda	Pezuda barracuda	3-Teleosts	1-Species
YTC	Seriola lalandi	Yellowtail amberjack	Sérieole chichard	Medregal rabo amarillo	3-Teleosts	1-Species
SAU	Scomberesox saurus	Atlantic saury	Balaou atlantique	Paparda del Atlántico	3-Teleosts	1-Species
POA	Brama brama	Atlantic pomfret	Grande castagnole	Japuta	3-Teleosts	1-Species
AMB	Seriola dumerili	Greater amberjack	Sérieole couronnée	Pez de limón	3-Teleosts	1-Species
AJS	Abalistes stellaris	Starry triggerfish	Baliste étoilé	Pejeperuco estrellado	3-Teleosts	1-Species
AWI	Aluterus schoepfii	Orange filefish	Bourse orange	Lija naranja	3-Teleosts	1-Species
BVP	Balistes punctatus	Bluespotted triggerfish	Baliste à taches bleues	Pejeperuco moteado	3-Teleosts	1-Species
EXQ	Euleptorhamphus velox	Flying halfbeak	Demi-bec volant	Agujeta voladora	3-Teleosts	1-Species
LGH	Lagocephalus lagocephalus	Oceanic puffer	Compère océanique	Tamboril liebre	3-Teleosts	1-Species
ALM	Aluterus monoceros	Unicorn leatherjacket filefish	Bourse loulou	Lija barbuda	3-Teleosts	1-Species
CBA	Rachycentron canadum	Cobia	Maifou	Cobia	3-Teleosts	1-Species
CFW	Coryphaena equiselis	Pompano dolphinfish	Coryphène dauphin	Dorado	3-Teleosts	1-Species
CNT	Cantidermis maculata	Rough triggerfish	Baliste rude	Calafate áspero	3-Teleosts	1-Species
CXS	Caranx sexfasciatus	Bigeye trevally	Carangue vorace	Jurel vordz	3-Teleosts	1-Species
DIY	Diodon hystrix	Spot-fin porcupinefish	Porc-épic boubou	Pejerizo común	3-Teleosts	1-Species
GAR	Belone belone	Garfish	Orphie	Aguja	3-Teleosts	1-Species
HDR	Hirundichthys rondeletii	Black wing flyingfish	Exocet aile noire	Volador aleta negra	3-Teleosts	1-Species
HMM	Trachurus mediterraneus	Mediterranean horse mackerel	Chinchard à queue jaune	Jurel mediterráneo	3-Teleosts	1-Species

LEE	Lichia amia	Leerfish	Liche	Palometón	3-Teleosts	1-Species
MOX	Mola mola	Ocean sunfish	Poisson lune	Pez luna	3-Teleosts	1-Species
MRW	Masturus lanceolatus	Sharktail mola	Poisson-lune lancéolé	Masturus lanceolatus	3-Teleosts	1-Species
NAU	Naucrates ductor	Pilotfish	Poisson pilote	Pez piloto	3-Teleosts	1-Species
RRU	Elagatis bipinnulata	Rainbow runner	Comète saumon	Macarela salmón	3-Teleosts	1-Species
RUB	Caranx crysos	Blue runner	Carangue couballi	Cojinúa negra	3-Teleosts	1-Species
RZV	Ranzania laevis	Slender sunfish	Ranzania	Ranzania	3-Teleosts	1-Species
TAL	Taractichthys longipinnis	Big-scale pomfret	Castagnole fauchoir	Tristán aletudo	3-Teleosts	1-Species
TAS	Taractes asper	Rough pomfret	Taractes asper	Taractes asper	3-Teleosts	1-Species
TCR	Taractes rubescens	Dagger pomfret			3-Teleosts	1-Species
TRG	Ballistes carolinensis	Grey triggerfish	Balliste cabri	Pejepuerco blanco	3-Teleosts	1-Species
TRZ	Pseudocaranx dentex	White trevally	Carangue dentue	Jurel dentón	3-Teleosts	1-Species
TST	Taractichthys steindachneri	Sickle pomfret		Tristán segador	3-Teleosts	1-Species
USE	Uraspis secunda	Cottonmouth jack	Carangue coton	Jurel volantín	3-Teleosts	1-Species
VAD	Campogramma glycos	Vadigo	Liche lirio	Lirio	3-Teleosts	1-Species
YTL	Seriola rivoliana	Longfin yellowtail	Sériole limon	Medregal limón	3-Teleosts	1-Species
AMX	Seriola spp	Amberjacks nei	Sérioles nca	Medregales nep	3-Teleosts	2-Genus
MOP	Mola spp	Sunfishes nei			3-Teleosts	2-Genus
BAZ	Sphyrnaidae	Barracudas, etc. nei	Bécunes, barracudas, nca	Barracudas, picudas, nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
BEN	Belontiidae	Needlefishes, etc. nei	Aiguilles, orphies nca	Agujones, maraos nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
BRZ	Bramidae	Pomfrets, ocean breams nei	Castagnoles nca	Japutas nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
FLY	Exocoetidae	Flyingfishes nei	Exocets nca	Voladores nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
PUX	Tetraodontidae	Puffers nei	Compères nca	Tamboriles nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
TRI	Ballistidae	Triggerfishes, durgons nei	Ballistes nca	Peces-ballesta nep	3-Teleosts	4-Family
SEL	Otaria flavescens	South American sea lion	Lion de mer d'Amérique du Sud	Lobo común	4-Mammals	1-Species
BCW	Ziphius cavirostris	Cuvier's beaked whale	Ziphius	Ziffo de Cuvier	4-Mammals	1-Species
BRW	Balaenoptera edeni	Bryde's whale	Rorqual de Bryde	Rorqual tropical	4-Mammals	1-Species
OBO	Tursiops truncatus	Bottlenose dolphin	Grand Dauphin	Tursion	4-Mammals	1-Species
DCL	Stenella clymene	Clymene dolphin	Dauphin de Clyméné	Delfin Clymene	4-Mammals	1-Species
DCO	Delphinus delphis	Common dolphin	Dauphin commun	Delfin común	4-Mammals	1-Species
DPN	Stenella attenuata	Pantropical spotted dolphin	Dauphin tacheté pantropical	Estenela moteada	4-Mammals	1-Species
DRR	Grampus griseus	Risso's dolphin	Grampus	Delfin de Risso	4-Mammals	1-Species
DSA	Stenella frontalis	Atlantic spotted dolphin	Dauphin tacheté de l'Atlantiq.	Delfin pintado	4-Mammals	1-Species
DSI	Stenella longirostris	Spinner dolphin	Dauphin longirostre	Estenela giradora	4-Mammals	1-Species
DST	Stenella coeruleoalba	Striped dolphin	Dauphin bleu et blanc	Estenela listada	4-Mammals	1-Species
DWH	Lagenorhynchus acutus	Atlantic white-sided dolphin	Dauphin à flancs blancs Atlan.	Delfin de flancos blancos	4-Mammals	1-Species
EUA	Eubalaena australis	Southern right whale	Baleine australe	Ballena franca austral	4-Mammals	1-Species
EUG	Eubalaena glacialis	Northern right whale	Baleine de Biscaye	Ballena franca	4-Mammals	1-Species
FAW	Pseudorca crassidens	False killer whale	Faux-orque	Orca Falsa	4-Mammals	1-Species
FIW	Balaenoptera physalus	Fin whale	Rorqual commun	Rorqual común	4-Mammals	1-Species
HUW	Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback whale	Baleine à bosse	Rorqual jorobado	4-Mammals	1-Species
KIW	Orcinus orca	Killer whale	Orque	Orca	4-Mammals	1-Species
MIW	Balaenoptera acutorostrata	Minke whale	Petit rorqual	Rorqual enano	4-Mammals	1-Species
PHR	Phocoena phocoena	Harbour porpoise	Marsouin Commun	Marsopa Común	4-Mammals	1-Species
PIW	Globicephala melas	Long-finned pilot whale	Globicéphale commun	Calderón común	4-Mammals	1-Species
PYW	Kogia breviceps	Pygmy sperm whale	Cachalot Pygmée	Cachalote pigmeo	4-Mammals	1-Species
RTD	Steno bredanensis	Rough-toothed dolphin	Sténo	Esteno	4-Mammals	1-Species
SHW	Globicephala macrorhynchus	Short-finned pilot whale	Globicéphale tropical	Calderón de aletas cortas	4-Mammals	1-Species
SIW	Balaenoptera borealis	Sei whale	Rorqual de Rudolphi	Rorqual del Norte	4-Mammals	1-Species
SPW	Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm whale	Cachalot	Cachalote	4-Mammals	1-Species
SXQ	Arctocephalus spp	Fur seals nei	Otaries nca	Lobos finos nep	4-Mammals	2-Genus
MEP	Mesoplodon spp	Beaked whales nei			4-Mammals	2-Genus
DLP	Delphinidae	Dolphins nei	Dauphins nca	Delfinidos nep	4-Mammals	4-Family
CZE	Calonectris edwardsii	Cape Verde Shearwater	Puffin du Cap-Vert	Pardela cenicienta de Edwards	5-Seabirds	1-Species
FPA	Fratercula arctica	Atlantic puffin	Macareux moine	Frailecillo atlántico	5-Seabirds	1-Species
FNO	Fulmarus glacialis	Northern fulmar	Fulmar boréal	Fulmar norteño	5-Seabirds	1-Species
LHZ	Larus argentatus	Herring gull	Goéland argenté	Gaviota argétea	5-Seabirds	1-Species
LVA	Larus atricilla	Laughing gull	Mouette atricille	Gaviota reidora americana	5-Seabirds	1-Species
LVB	Larus audouinii	Audouin's gull	Goéland d'Audouin	Gaviota de Audouin	5-Seabirds	1-Species
LVI	Larus cachinnans	Yellow-legged gull	Goéland leucopée	Gaviota patiamarilla	5-Seabirds	1-Species
LVB	Larus marinus	Great black-backed gull	Goéland marin	Gavión atlántico	5-Seabirds	1-Species
MVB	Morus bassanus	Northern gannet	Fou De Bassan	Alcatraz Atlántico	5-Seabirds	1-Species
MWE	Morus capensis	Cape gannet	Fou Du Cap	Alcatraz del Cabo	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DAQ	Phoebastria albatrus	Short-tailed albatross	Albatros à queue courte	Albatros rabón	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PZJ	Pterodroma arminjoniana	Trindade petrel	Pétrel de la Trinité du Sud	Petrel de la Trinidad	5-Seabirds	1-Species
HIW	Pterodroma cahow	Bermuda petrel	Pétrel des Bermudes	Petrel Cahow	5-Seabirds	1-Species
HWS	Pterodroma hasitata	Black-capped petrel	Pétrel diablotin	Petrel antillano	5-Seabirds	1-Species
UIL	Puffinus lherminieri	Audubon's shearwater	Puffin d'Audubon	Pardela de Audubon	5-Seabirds	1-Species
UIM	Puffinus mauretanicus	Balearic shearwater	Puffin des Baléares	Pardela pichoneta balear	5-Seabirds	1-Species
UIP	Puffinus puffinus	Manx shearwater	Puffin des anglais	Pardela pichoneta	5-Seabirds	1-Species
UYE	Puffinus yelkouan	Yelkouan shearwater	Puffin de Méditerranée	Pardela mediterranea	5-Seabirds	1-Species
CDI	Calonectris diomedea	Cory's shearwater	Puffin cendré	Pardela cenicienta	5-Seabirds	1-Species
CSK	Stercorarius skua	Great skua	Grand Labbe	Págalo Grande	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DAC	Daption capense	Cape petrel	Damier Du Cap	Petrel d'arnero	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DBN	Diomedea dabbenena	Tristan albatross	Albatros de Tristan	Albatros de Tristán	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DCR	Thalassarche chlororhynchus	Atlant. yellow-nosed albatross	Albatros à nez jaune	Albatros pico amarillo y negro	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DCU	Thalassarche cauta	Shy albatross	Albatros timide	Albatros Frentiblanco	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DIC	Thalassarche chrysostoma	Grey-headed albatross	Albatros à Tête Grise	Albatros de cabeza gris	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DIM	Thalassarche melanophrys	Black-browed albatross	Albatros à sourcils noirs	Albatros ceja negra	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DIP	Diomedea epomophora	Southern royal albatross	Albatros royal	Albatros real	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DIQ	Diomedea sanfordi	Northern royal albatross	Albatros royal du Nord	Albatros real del norte	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DIX	Diomedea exulans	Wandering albatross	Albatros hurleur	Albatros errante	5-Seabirds	1-Species
DKN	Phoebastria nigripes	Black-footed albatross	Albatros à pieds noirs	Albatros de patas negras	5-Seabirds	1-Species
FUG	Fulmarus glacialis	Southern fulmar	Fulmar Argenté	Fulmar austral	5-Seabirds	1-Species
MAH	Macronectes halli	Hall's giant petrel	Pétrel De Hall	Petrel gigante de Hall	5-Seabirds	1-Species
MAI	Macronectes giganteus	Antarctic giant petrel	Pétrel géant	Petrel gigante común	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PCI	Procellaria cinerea	Grey petrel	Puffin Gris	Pardela Gris	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PCN	Procellaria conspicillata	Spectacled petrel	Pétrel à lunettes	Petrel mentón blanco	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PDM	Pterodroma macroptera	Great-winged petrel	Pétrel Noir	Petrel aligrande	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PFC	Puffinus carneipes	Flesh-footed shearwater	Puffin à pieds pâles	Pardela patidara	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PFG	Puffinus griseus	Sooty shearwater	Puffin fuligineux	Pardela sombría	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PHE	Phoebastria palpebrata	Light-mantled sooty albatross	Albatros fuligineux	Albatros oscuro de manto claro	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PHU	Phoebastria fusca	Sooty albatross	Albatros Brun	Albatros Ahumado	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PRO	Procellaria aequinoctialis	White-chinned petrel	Puffin à menton blanc	Pardela Gorgiblanca	5-Seabirds	1-Species
PUG	Puffinus gravis	Great shearwater	Puffin majeur	Pardela capirotada	5-Seabirds	1-Species
TQH	Thalassarche carteri	Indian yellow-nosed albatross	Albatros de l'océan indien	Albatros indico pico amarillo	5-Seabirds	1-Species
TWD	Thalassarche steadi	White-capped albatross	Albatros à cape blanche	Albatros de Auckland	5-Seabirds	1-Species
ALZ	Diomedidae	Albatrosses nei	Albatros nca	Albatros nep	5-Seabirds	4-Family
DKK	Dermochelys coriacea	Leatherback turtle	Tortue Luth	Tortuga Laud	6-Turtles	1-Species
LKV	Lepidochelys olivacea	Olive Ridley turtle	Tortue olivâtre	Tortuga gollina	6-Turtles	1-Species
LKY	Lepidochelys kempi	Kemp's ridley turtle	Tortue de Kemp	Tortuga lora	6-Turtles	1-Species
TTH	Eretmochelys imbricata	Hawksbill turtle	Tortue caret	Tortuga Carey	6-Turtles	1-Species
TTL	Caretta caretta	Loggerhead turtle	Caothane	Aguauna	6-Turtles	1-Species
TUG	Chelonia mydas	Green turtle	Tortue verte	Tortuga verde	6-Turtles	1-Species
TTX	Cheloniidae	Marine turtles nei	Tortues de mer nca	Tortugas de mar nep	6-Turtles	4-Family

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Instructions to complete the form ( ENG )							
<b>General</b>							
a)	Complete as far as possible the Header and Detail sections (don't leave fields empty when information is known).						
b)	In Header section, only white cells can be filled (manually or by selecting from the Combo Box the corresponding code).						
c)	Always use ICCAT standard codes (when element "OTHERS" of various fields is required it must be explicitly described in "Notes").						
d)	Recommendation for users with databases: To Paste an entire dataset into the Detail section (must have the same structure and format) use "Paste special (values)"						
e)	Leave "blank" the fields for which you don't collect information						
<b>Specific (by field)</b>							
Form	Sub-form	Part	Section	Sub-section	Field (name)	Field (format)	Description
ST02-TINC	ST02A (catches)	Header	Title		Version	(fixed)	Always use the latest version of this form.
					Language	ICCAT code	Choose the language (EN, FR, ES) for form translation
			Statistical Correspondent	Affiliation	Name	text	Name (full OR Name & Surname) of the Statistical Correspondent (officially nominated by the CPC).
					E-mail	text	Email address of the Statistical Correspondent.
					Phone	text	Telephone number of the Statistical Correspondent.
				Identification	Institution	text	Institute (ministry, agency, research Institute, etc.) to which the statistical Correspondent is affiliated.
					Department	text	Department within the Institution, where applicable.
			Secretariat use only	Address	text	Postal address of the institution (street, number, city, state).	
				Country	ICCAT code	Country in which the Institution is based.	
				Date reported	date	Secretariat use only	
				Reference N°	ICCAT code	Secretariat use only	
				File name (proposed)	text	Send the form to ICCAT with the proposed file name (if required, suffix it with an ID at the end)	
			Data set characteristics	Filter 1	boolean	Secretariat use only.	
				Filter 2	boolean	Secretariat use only.	
				Reporting Flag	ICCAT code	Choose the Flag CPC reporting the data (ICCAT codes).	
		Years covered (from)		integer	One or more years can be added to the form. Add the first (from) year (4 digits) to which the data relate.		
		(to)		integer	One or more years can be added to the form. Add the last (to) year (4 digits) to which the data relate.		
		Detail	Catch attributes	Fleet ID	Version reported	ICCAT code	Specify if this submission is Preliminary (subject to revision) or Final (already validated).
					Content (data)	ICCAT code	Specify if the overall data content is: "new data"; "full revision"; "partial revision"
					Notes	text	Add additional (complementary) notes in respect to the overall dataset (if needed).
				Catch data	Flag of Vessel (cod)	ICCAT code	Choose the flag of the vessel for which the data applies (whether national or foreign flagged vessel).
					Base port/zone	text	This should be completed by those CPCs operating various fisheries with an independent data collection system (e.g. Portugal-Azores, Spain-Fuenterrabia, etc.). Additional base ports/zones may be reported.
					Year	integer	Calendar year (four digits) in which the catch was taken.
					Species (cod)	ICCAT code	Choose the species code (ICCAT codes).
					Stock (M.Unit)	ICCAT code	Choose the Stock (or Management Unit or fishing Area) of the species caught.
					Sampling area (cod)	ICCAT code	Choose the Sampling Area code of the species (within each stock).
					Task I area (optional)	ICCAT code	Choose a valid Task I area (optional). Depends on the species and respective stocks.
			Caught quantities (kg)	Gear (cod.)	ICCAT code	Choose the Gear code (ICCAT codes).	
				Fishing zone (cod)	ICCAT code	Choose the fishing zone of the catches (EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone; H-S: High Seas; COMB: combined EEZ and High Seas).	
				Landed (dead, L)	integer	Enter the landings in weight (kg) of the given species, area, gear and zone. Do not include discards. If there is no catch (= zero kg catch) for a species for which there had previously been a fishery, please report as ZERO catch information.	
	Data processing (optional)		Landings	Discards (dead, DD)	integer	If available, enter the Dead Discards estimations (kg) - values always excluded from respective Landings.	
				Discards (alive, DL)	integer	If available, enter the Live Discards estimations (kg) - values always excluded from respective Dead Discards.	
		Discards	Bluefin tuna only. Enter the amount (kg) of fish transferred to cages (wild catch). Do not include fattened tuna harvested in farms.	integer			
			Caged BFT (alive, FA)	integer			
			Data source (cod)	ICCAT code	Data processing on Landings (sources): Choose the sources (up to three) used for estimating the Landings.		
	ST02B ("0" matrix)	Detail	Header		(auto)	(auto)	(automatic completion obtained from ST02A)
			Informative (only)		Total catches (kg)	integer	Total of all catches (L + DD + DL + FA) reported in ST02A
					Totals (kg) by gear	integer	Total catch (L + DD + DL + FA) reported in ST02A by Gear group
					Totals (kg) by species/stock	integer	Total catch (L + DD + DL + FA) reported in ST02A by Species in each Stock
			Gear (cod.)	Matrix of "ZERO" CATCH (fixed elements)	Option 1: Positive Catch (1)	1 (auto)	Cells with positive catches in the matrix: the form has AUTO completion (based on ST02A data reported and for the years covered). NO ACTION needed (use it to verify ST02A information)
	Column: Set of gear groups			Option 2: "ZERO" Catch (0)	0 (manual)	For cells with "zero" catches (landings + discards), complete with "0" : requires MANUAL COMPLETION	

### SCRS Filter criteria for acceptance/rejection of the data reported

Form	Filter	Item	Description	Type	Valid set	Status (2016)
ST02-TINC	1	a)	Data must come in one of the valid SCRS electronic forms/Exchange formats	global	{2016a}*	In force
		b)	Header section must be complete	global	[all fields]	In force
		c)	Detail section must be properly completed using valid ICCAT codes	global	See "codes" sheet	In force
	2	a)	All quantities: Landings, discards [dead/live] should be in kilograms (live weight)	form specific	{kg}	testing phase
		b)	Proper time resolution (yy,mm,qq)	form specific	{yy}	testing phase
		c)	Proper geographic resolution by gear type (LL/surf)	form specific	{SA}	testing phase

\* Suffix "a" refers to the form sub-version (minor corrections & no changes in structure) revised within a year. Sequentially issued (i.e.: 2016a, 2016b, ...) whenever required.

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Ofício nº 14/2017-SEI-CGPOP/DEPOP/SAP

Mr Derek Campbell  
ICCAT Compliance Committee Chair  
International Commission For the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas  
Corazón de María, 8 – 6ª. – 28002 Madrid, Spain

Assunto: Letter Regarding Compliance Issue in 2016.

Dear Mr Campbell,

1. On behalf of the Brazilian government I acknowledge receipt of your letter nº 2464, dated 17 April 2017 regarding deficiencies in the submission of certain reports required under ICCAT Recommendations, which Brazil intends to address as follows:

i) "The Annual Report contained several blanks and 'N/A' without any explanation"

Brazil is working steadfastly towards filling the aforementioned gaps in the Report and expects to deliver the relevant information to ICCAT soon. This will include a brief account on the Programs and Plans we do not enforce since they are not applicable to Brazil.

ii) "The summary table of part 3 of the Annual Report was missing"

Brazil has been submitting the summary tables as annexes to the Annual Report, as per this example below (Part III Summary Table 2015, reported in 2016):

PART III SUMMARY TABLE SPECIES

Table 1. Total catch (t) (live weight) by species and fishing gear, for Brazilian tuna fishing vessels, in 2015

Species (ICCAT code)	Bait boat	Handline	Longline	Total
ALB	59.5	65.7	299.3	424.5
BET	-	1311.58	2249.52	3561.1
BLF	131.07	0.07	0.03	131.16
BLT	-	59	14.91	73.91
BON	-	0.63	-	0.63
BRS	-	0.04	0.42	0.46
BSH	26.28	156.98	2080.23	2263.49
BUM	-	-	0.63	0.63
DOL	33.18	561.91	28.14	623.23
FRI	120.65	93.08	-	213.73
MAK	-	-	0.34	0.34
OCS	-	0.7	-	0.7
SAI	-	20.65	30.31	50.96
SKJ	17499	84.75	-	17583.75
SPF	-	0.66	4.71	5.37
SWO	-	20.13	2567.4	2587.53
WAH	-	128.92	2.11	131.03
MAC	-	-	46.13	46.13
WHM	-	82	33.44	115.44
SMA	0.86	2.95	119.71	123.52
YFT	315.01	3395.08	1185.77	4895.86
Total	18185.55	5984.83	8663.1	32,833.47

2. In case Brazil has inadvertently failed to comply with the applicable format when submitting said tables, we kindly request the Compliance Committee to make available specific instructions and examples, since there are no instructions regarding Part III summary tables among the Guidelines on the presentation of ICCAT Annual Reports.

iii) "The north swordfish management plan was not submitted (in accordance with par. 3 of Rec 13-02)"

Brazil is currently conducting internal consultations on this matter in order to determine how to best address it. The demand for this species in Brazil may still be embryonic but there is increasing interest for it from fishing companies in the Brazilian Northeast region. We hope to reach a consensus soon and will keep the Compliance Committee informed accordingly.

iv) Information on several vessels was submitted to the Secretariat for inclusion in the ICCAT Record of vessels with an authorization period that included dates of more than 45 days prior to the date of submission (not in accordance with Rec. 13-13 and Rec. 14-10, and Rec 15-01)



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3. Brazil is glad to inform that this deficiency has been resolved. None of the requests we have submitted to ICCAT deviate from Recs. 13-13, 14-10 and 15-01.

4. Moreover, Brazil would like to refer to the lack of compliance with ICCAT deadlines regarding the submission of information on 2016 catch data. We understand this is a commitment of the utmost importance as an ICCAT Member and remain committed to fulfilling it. However, the discontinuation of our Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture (MPA) in 2015 has wrought unforeseen consequences to the management of our fisheries sector which, after a brief stint within the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA), is being supervised since March 2017 by the Ministry of Development, Trade and Services (MDIC). Unfortunately these new institutional adjustments have impaired a significant number of our fisheries programs and thus hindered Brazil's ability to comply with ICCAT deadlines.

5. With a view to address these circumstances the Brazilian government has assembled representatives from all fields of our fisheries sector (commercial, regulatory, scientific and academic) to ascertain swift solutions. A task force was created and is hard at work in order to compile all the relevant information regarding Task I and Task II 2016 catches for submission to ICCAT. Even if unable to meet prior 2017 deadlines, we feel it is important that the Commission have access to the aforementioned data before its next meeting in Marrakesh. Brazil is also currently restructuring its Office for Fisheries and Aquaculture (SAP) and reinforcing the need to bolster other pivotal administrative institutions such as the Permanent Management Committee on Atlantic Tunas and Other Related Species ("CPG Atuns e Afins"), particularly its Scientific Committee. We are certain that these efforts will be instrumental in resolving the current compliance issues, as well as in creating a conducive environment for the establishment of long-term policies on the submission of Brazilian data to ICCAT.

6. On behalf of the Brazilian government I thank the Compliance Committee for its understanding and remain at its disposal in case further clarifications are needed.

7. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best regards,

DAYVSON FRANKLIN DE SOUZA  
Aquaculture and Fisheries Secretariat



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CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Abidjan, 8 September 2017

**SUBJECT: Response of Côte D'ivoire to the Letter of the ICCAT Compliance Committee Chair**

Compliance Committee Chair,

On behalf of the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire, I am writing this letter to you in response to the letter of 17 April 2017 that you sent to me regarding underreporting by Côte d'Ivoire for 2016.

On behalf of the Côte d'Ivoire government, I take note of the gaps identified in the data reporting for 2016.

Internal measures have been taken by my country to remedy this underreporting, i.e.

- Submission of data by the established deadlines.
- Submission of the northern swordfish management plan.
- Submission of the full report with the summary tables.

Moreover, I would like to advise you that during 2016 Cote d'Ivoire enacted a law that helps to strengthen its legal framework for more effective management of its fisheries resources.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Compliance Committee for recognising the progress achieved by my country, and let me assure you that Côte d'Ivoire will continue to make all the efforts necessary to fulfil its obligations towards ICCAT for efficient management of tuna and tuna-like species in the Atlantic.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

(signed)  
Dr. Shep Helguile

**cc:** Mr. Tsamenyi, Chairman  
Mr. S. Depypere, First Vice-Chair  
Mr. Driss Meski, ICCAT Executive Secretary



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Your Letter Dated	Your Number	Our Number	Case Number
April 17, 2017	ICCAT Letter 2464		FMC 2017/1001
Topic		Pages	# Appendices
<b>Reporting Deficiencies in 2016</b>			

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I would like to refer to your letter, dated 17 April 2017, concerning some reporting deficiencies that ICCAT identified in reviewing the reports from Curaçao, in particular the fact that the Annual Report submitted by Curaçao did not include the Summary Table of Part 1 of such report; and the lack of some information regarding the Table included in Part II of the report, which contained some blanks or N/A fields for which no further details were provided.

I would like to inform you that, following ICCAT's request, Curaçao has devoted time and efforts to complete the missing parts of the report, and has submitted this information to the Secretariat of ICCAT, through an e-mail dated October 10, 2017, which was forwarded to you by the Secretariat. Without any doubt, I believe that the Executive Secretary of ICCAT would be able to confirm the submission of the complete Annual Report from our side. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we have also devoted time to review our compliance record concerning the submission of statistics to ICCAT, and have so far reported all the missing statistics for the year 2015. In addition, we have reported statistics for 2016, as required.

I am confident that the mechanism that we have put in place will assist Curaçao to submit all required information to the ICCAT in the future, in a timely manner. In this regard, we would like to express our gratitude to ICCAT CPC and the Compliance Committee for recognizing the difficulties that Curaçao did come across in the past to complete this information requirement, and the time the Commission has provided to us to remediate this situation. I trust, Mr. Campbell that this response, and the information sent to the Secretariat represent proof of our commitment to work with other ICCAT CPCs towards the successful management of ICCAT's stocks and the fisheries that



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depend on them. In addition we would like to reiterate and emphasize our commitment to ensure an effective implementation of ICCAT's conservation and management measures to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Please, contact me personally should you require any additional information from our side.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ramon Chong  
*Chairman International Fisheries Commission*

CC.: ICCAT Secretariat ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int))

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Dear chairman Mr. Derek Campbell

Greetings ...

We acknowledge the receipt of letter of concern no. 2464 for reporting deficiencies sent on 17 April 2017 and Egypt appreciate your concerns about not submitting some of these necessary reports on time

But if you please we need to clarify some important circumstances should be revealed and followed by our responses to the letter of concern regarding year 2016

Since it is always our attitude being committed to the ICCAT recommendations by sending all reports on time as you may see that in 2017 reports,

Unfortunately by the middle of 2016, an extraordinary management changes occurred almost in 90% of all staff who are entitled (assigned) to manage TUNA FILE then we have a management system problems which caused temporarily paralyzing on handing over process, consequently it has reflected on our commitments towards ICCAT.

Egypt has made all efforts to ensure the compliance/ commitment to ICCAT recommendations and guarantee the submission of all reports, and as initial step we sent an email on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:51 AM to ICCAT secretariat in order to feedback us about the non-submitted reports of 2016 so we can send it as soon as possible.

Please accept our apologize for the delay of submitting some of these reports hoping you have a better understanding for our situation and thanks for being such good understanding

B. Regards

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EL SALVADOR

El Salvador, 25 April 2017

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter number 2464 of 17 April 2017 whereby you deliver observations on our annual reports (Part I and Part II submitted in 2016) made by the Commission at the 20th Special Meeting of the Commission, specifically that we had not submitted a complete annual report in accordance with the *Revised Guidelines for the preparation of annual reports* (Rec. 12-13).

The observations specifically mention that:

- The summary tables to the annual report contained many uncompleted parts and mentions of N/A not accompanied by an explanation.
- The compliance tables were submitted late.

In reference to this matter, I would like to inform you that N/A was reported for the sections concerned with bluefin tuna, billfish and other by-catch; this is because my country directs its fishing activities in the ICCAT area only at tropical tunas.

The late submission of the compliance tables is due to the fact that 2016 was the first time that we submitted forms with real data, since the Salvadorian fleet began fishing in the ICCAT area in 2015.

Finally, I would also like to inform you that we have taken note of the 2016 experience, and we are preparing so that this year we can submit an annual report in full compliance with Recommendations 12-13 and 11-11.

Regards,

Gustavo Antonio Portillo Portillo  
*General Director*

**EUROPEAN UNION**

**Subject: European Union reply to ICCAT letters of concern**

Your references: No 2464 – Letter of COC chair concerning BUM/WHM overharvest)

Dear Dr. Campbell,

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2017. The European Union has carefully considered the issue you raised regarding its performance identified during the 2016 Annual Meeting, so as to take the necessary corrective measures as and when required.

Concerning the overharvests of blue marlins and white marlins by the European Union, and while they remain relatively modest in the context of the target fisheries, we are nevertheless mindful of their significance in the context of the very low landing limits in place for these stocks under Recommendation [15-05].

I would like to underline that these overharvests occurred mainly as bycatches in the context of other ICCAT fisheries which complicates the management of the TAC. As you are aware, a payback is currently being implemented under which the quantities overharvested for each stock are being deducted from the EU quota for the coming years.

In order to prevent the re-occurrence of these overharvests, I am pleased to confirmed that EU-Spain, the Member State concerned by these overharvests, took the decision to close the fishery for both blue and white marlins in 2017. I have enclosed the official communications from EU-Spain for your perusal.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that the European Union considers that a wider discussion is due in ICCAT to address the issues of bycatches and that proper consideration should be given by the Commission to the relevance of introducing a landing obligation for those species with low post-capture survival.

I trust that the above elements provide a satisfactory response to the points raised in your letter of concern and I wish to reaffirm the strong commitment of the European Union to ensure full compliance with ICCAT measures.

Yours faithfully,

[SIGNED]

Stefaan DEPYPERE  
Head of Delegation of the EU to  
ICCAT

Attachments

From: DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Madrid, 28 December 2016

**SUBJECT: PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE OF THE BLUE MARLIN FISHERY IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN (BUM/ATL STOCK)**

In view of the final data on blue marlin catches in the Atlantic Ocean (BUM/ATL stock) held by this Directorate General, which confirms that overfishing of this stock has been carried out during the last 2016 campaign, which resulted in an allocation of zero quota to EU-Spain in the 2017 campaign, in compliance with what is established in Article 35 of the regulation (EC) 1224/20 09, the following is notified:

- 1) For vessels flying a Spanish flag, the blue marlin directed fishery is prohibited in the Atlantic Ocean from 00:00 hrs on 1 January 2017.
- 2) As regards incidental catches of this species, the provisions established in section 2 of ICCAT Recommendation 15-05 will be applied.

*"To the extent possible, vessels shall take appropriate measures to ensure that all blue marlin that are alive by the time of boarding are released in a manner that maximizes their survival. The landings of blue marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel cannot be sold or entered into commerce."*

- 3) Infringements of the previous provisions will be sanctioned in accordance with law 3/2001 dated 26 March.

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
(Signed and Sealed)

Carlos Larrañaga Ces

From: DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Madrid, 28 December 2016

**SUBJECT: PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE OF THE WHITE MARLIN FISHERY IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN (WHM/ATL STOCK)**

In view of the final data on white marlin catches in the Atlantic Ocean (WHM/ATL stock) held by this Directorate General, which confirms that overfishing of this stock has been carried out during the last 2016 campaign, which resulted in a reduction of the quota allocated to EU-Spain in the 2017 campaign, in compliance with what is established in Article 35 of the regulation (EC) 1224/2009, the following is notified:

1. For vessels flying a Spanish flag, the white marlin directed fishery is prohibited in the Atlantic Ocean from 00:00 hrs on 1 January 2017.
2. As regards incidental catches of this species, the provisions established in section 2 of ICCAT Recommendation 15-05 will be applied.

*"To the extent possible, vessels shall take appropriate measures to ensure that all white marlin that are alive by the time of boarding are released in a manner that maximizes their survival. The landings of white marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel cannot be sold or entered into commerce. "*

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
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Carlos Larrañaga Ces

**EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

ICCAT Entrada #07407 dated 06/06/2017

Mr. Derek Campbell, Compliance Committee Chair

On behalf of His Excellency, the Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

As regards your letter dated 17 March 2017 on 2016 reporting deficiencies, firstly, I would like to inform you that we regret the reporting delay of the summary tables of Part I and Part II of the 2015 Annual Report, as well as the deficiencies included therein. If I remember correctly, we discussed this issue in the Special Commission Meeting, held in Vilamoura, Portugal from 14 to 21 November 2016. I even remember presenting a summary of the tables, however, I am transmitting the tables once again with the observations corrected in accordance with our capacity and taking into account that we are always discussing the development of our ICCAT team in order to reduce many of the deficiencies that are observed in this team.

Yours sincerely,

Ruben Dario NSÓ EDÓ, Member of the ICCAT team to Equatorial Guinea.



Attachments

PART I

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
GEN	0001	Informes anuales (Comisión)	El informe anual de la República de Guinea Ecuatorial ha sido elaborado bajo las directrices revisadas para la presentación de los informes anuales. El informe fue enviado el 22/03/2.016.
GEN	0002	Informe sobre la implementación de las obligaciones de comunicación para todas las pesquerías de ICCAT, lo que incluye las especies de tiburones.	La ficha ST02 Tarea I, Capturas Nominale, enviada el 23 de marzo de 2.016.
GEN	0003	Tabla de transmisión de información sobre cumplimiento a ICCAT	Insertar fecha de envío a ICCAT (día/mes/año)
GEN	0004	Fletamento de buques - informe resumido	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene acuerdos de fletamento con otros países.
GEN	0005	Fletamento de buques - acuerdos y finalización	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene acuerdos de fletamento con otros países.
GEN	0006	Informes de transbordo (en el mar y en puerto)	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no realiza trasbordos
GEN	0007	Declaración de transbordo (en el mar)	No aplicable
GEN	0008	Buques de transporte autorizados a recibir transbordos de túnidos y especies afines en el Atlántico y cualquier modificación subsiguiente	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no dispone de Buques de transporte autorizados a recibir transbordos de Túnidos y especies afines en el Atlántico.
GEN	0009	Grandes palangreros pelágicos autorizados a transbordar a buques de transporte en el océano Atlántico y cualquier modificación subsiguiente	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene ggrandes palangreros pelágicos autorizados a transbordar a buques de transporte en el océano Atlántico.
GEN	0010	Puntos de contacto para notificaciones de entrada en puerto.	Sede del Ministerio de Pesca y Medio Ambiente para cualquier barco relacionado a la actividad pesquera
GEN	0011	Lista de puertos designados a los cuales los buques pesqueros extranjeros podrían solicitar entrada	Puerto de Malabo, Bata, Luba y Annobón.
GEN	0012	Periodo de notificación previa requerido para la entrada en puerto de buques pesqueros extranjeros	Aproximadamente una semana a nivel del Ministerio de Pesca y Medio Ambiente.
GEN	0013	Copias de los informes de inspección en puerto	No aplicable, estamos negociando para disponer una brigada estable en los puertos para controlar e

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
			inspeccionar los puertos arriba citados.
GEN	0014	Copias de los informes de inspección en puerto que incluyan supuestas infracciones	No aplicable, porque seguimos trabajando para montar oficinas contenedor para el control de las actividades en nuestros puertos.
GEN	0015	Acciones emprendidas después de la inspección en puerto si se ha descubierto una presunta infracción	No aplicable, Esta información depende del cuadro anterior, GEN 0014.
GEN	0016	Notificación de los resultados de la investigación de supuestas infracciones tras la inspección en puerto	No aplicable, Esta información depende del cuadro anterior, GEN 0014.
GEN	0017	Información de acuerdos bilaterales para la inspección en puerto.	No disponible, Guinea no tiene firmados acuerdos bilaterales para la inspección en puerto con otros países.
GEN	0018	Acuerdos de acceso y cambios	No aplicable, tampoco los tenemos firmados.
GEN	0019	Resumen de actividades llevadas a cabo conforme a acuerdos de acceso, lo que incluye todas las capturas	No disponible, No tenemos ningún acuerdo firmado en lo referente al acceso.
GEN	0020	Lista de buques de más de 20 m	No disponible, pero para el informe de 2016 aparecerán, aunque no serán de la flota nacional
GEN	0021	Informe acciones internas buques de 20 m o más	No disponible, no tenemos flota nacional.
GEN	0023	Técnicas utilizadas para gestionar las pesquerías deportivas y de recreo	No aplicable, estamos trabajando en la actualización de la Ley Reguladora de la actividad pesquera en Guinea Ecuatorial donde se reflejaran todas esas técnicas.
GEN	0024	Buques implicados en pesca IUU	Ninguno, no colaboramos con la pesca ilegal
GEN	0025	Informes sobre alegaciones IUU	Ningún informe, no colaboramos con la pesca ilegal
GEN	0026	Medidas comerciales, presentación de datos de importación y desembarque	Los pocos datos de desembarque de la pesca artesanal son los que presentamos en la ficha de capturas nominales.
GEN	0027	Datos sobre incumplimiento	No disponible
GEN	0028	Hallazgos de las investigaciones relacionadas con las alegaciones de incumplimientos	No disponible
GEN	0029	Avistamientos de buques	No aplicable

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GEN	0030	Acciones emprendidas con respecto a los informes de avistamientos de buques	No aplicable
BFT	1001	Granjas de atún rojo	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no dispone de granjas de atún rojo
BFT	1002	Informes sobre cría de atún rojo	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no cría atún rojo
BFT	1003	Traspaso de peces que permanecen en las jaulas	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial todavía no practica esta técnica de cría de peces en jaulas
BFT	1004	Declaración de introducción de atún rojo en jaulas	Ninguna declaración, Guinea Ecuatorial todavía no practica esta técnica
BFT	1005	Almadrabas de atún rojo	No aplicable, Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene almadrabas
BFT	1007	Planes de pesca, de inspección y de reducción de la capacidad para 2015	Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene elaborado un plan de pesca para dicha especie
BFT	1008	Ajustes al plan de capacidad de cría	No se ha realizado ningún ajuste, debido a la falta de un plan de pesca para la especie.
BFT	1009	Modificaciones a los planes de pesca o a cuotas individuales	No se ha realizado ninguna modificación, debido a la falta de un plan de pesca para la especie.
BFT	1010	Informe sobre la implementación de la Rec. 14-04, lo que incluye información sobre reglamentación y otros documentos relacionados adoptados para la implementación de la Rec. 14-04	No aplicable
BFT	1011	Capturas de atún rojo de 2014	Las capturas vienen reflejadas en el informe del mismo año
BFT	1012	Buques de captura de atún rojo	Guinea Ecuatorial no posee buques de captura de atún rojo, debido a la ausencia de una flota nacional.
BFT	1013	Otros buques de atún rojo	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo
BFT	1014	Operaciones de pesca conjuntas	No aplicable, no permitimos esta técnica de pesca
BFT	1015	Mensajes VMS	No disponible, pero estamos trabajando en ello para su posible instalación en el seno del Ministerio de Pesca y Recursos Hídricos.
BFT	1016	Planes de inspección	No disponible hasta la fecha, pero se está trabajando en ello.
BFT	1017	Lista de buques de inspección	No disponible a nivel del Ministerio de Pesca, el control de nuestra ZEE lo lleva el Ministerio de

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
			Defensa a través de la Comandancia de la Marina.
BFT	1018	Nombre de la agencias autorizadas y de los inspectores individuales	No disponemos de ninguna agencia para los Inspectores, pero creemos que a la larga se podrá gestionar.
BFT	1019	Copias de los informes de inspección	No los disponemos a nivel del Ministerio de Pesca.
BFT	1020	Puertos de transbordo de atún rojo	No disponible, aquí no se realizan los trasbordos de atún rojo
BFT	1021	Puertos de desembarque de atún rojo	No disponible, la poca captura de atún rojo procede de las pesquerías artesanales de Annobón y Bata respectivamente.
BFT	1022	Informes semanales de captura de atún rojo	No aplicable, nuestro sistema de colecta de datos es débil y necesita formación.
BFT	1023	Informes mensuales de captura de atún rojo	No aplicable, pero se refleja la información de las capturas en las tablas adjuntas en el informe anual de 2015.
BFT	1024	Vedas a la pesca de atún rojo del Este	No aplicable, todavía no tenemos establecidos los periodos de veda, estamos trabajando fuertemente para este tema.
BFT	1025	Informe sobre acciones emprendidas para incentivar el marcado y la liberación de los ejemplares de menos de 30 kg/115 cm	No aplicable
BFT	1026	Documentos de captura de atún rojo validados si no se ha introducido la información en el sistema eBCD	No aplicable
BFT	1027	Informe anual BCD	No aplicable, debido a que nuestro sistema de colecta de datos es débil y necesita formación
BFT	1028	Sellos y firmas de validación para los BCD	No aplicable.
BFT	1029	Puntos de contacto para el BCD	No aplicable, no tenemos puntos de contactos específicos para la especie.
BFT	1030	Legislación para el BCD	No aplicable, no tenemos una legislación especial para la especie
BFT	1031	Resumen de marcado y marca de muestra para el BCD	No aplicable, los agentes de colecta de datos necesitan experiencia y formación al respecto.
BFT	1032	Buques no incluidos como buques de pesca de atún rojo y que presuntamente	Hasta la fecha de hoy no los disponemos

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
		han capturado atún rojo del Este	
BFT	1033	Datos necesarios para registrarse en el Sistema eBCD	No aplicable,
TRO	2001	Lista de buques BET/YFT/SKJ y cambios subsiguientes	No aplicable, no tenemos buques específicos de captura de tales especies.
TRO	2002	Lista de buques autorizados que pescaron patudo y/o rabil y/o listado en el año anterior	No aplicable, ningún buque atunero pesco en el periodo referido.
TRO	2003	Informes de investigaciones de actividades IUU realizadas por buques BET/YFT/SKJ	No aplicable, el Ministerio de pesca no se realizó ninguna investigación, pero se estuvo trabajando para el Proyecto de evaluación de recursos pesqueros de Guinea Ecuatorial.
TRO	2004	Informe anual sobre la implementación de la veda espacio-temporal para el patudo/rabil/listado	No aplicable, todavía seguimos trabajando en este aspecto.
TRO	2006	Datos de los programas de documento estadístico de ICCAT	No disponibles
TRO	2007	Sellos y firmas de validación para el programa de documento estadístico	No disponibles
SWO	3001	Datos de los programas de documento estadístico de ICCAT	No disponibles
SWO	3002	Sellos y firmas de validación para el programa de documento estadístico	No disponibles
SWO	3003	Lista de buques pesqueros que dirigen su actividad al pez espada del Mediterráneo, lo que incluye permisos especiales para arpones y palangre	No aplicable, no disponemos de buques pesqueros nacionales.
SWO	3004	Lista de buques deportivos/de recreo autorizados a capturar pez espada del Mediterráneo	No aplicable, tampoco disponemos de tales buques
SWO	3005	Lista de permisos especiales de pesca para arpón o palangre dirigidos a stocks pelágicos altamente migratorios en el Mediterráneo durante el año anterior	No disponible, no extendemos este tipo de permisos.
SWO	3006	Informe sobre la implementación de la veda a la pesca de pez espada del Mediterráneo.	No aplicable, todavía seguimos sin establecer los periodos de veda.

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
SWO	3007	Plan de desarrollo o pesca/ordenación para el pez espada del Norte	No aplicable, no tenemos elaborado dicho plan de pesca.
BIL	5001	Notificación de prohibición de descartes de ejemplares muertos de marlines	No aplicable
BIL	5002	Informe sobre acciones emprendidas para implementar la Rec. 12-04 mediante legislaciones o regulaciones internas, lo que incluye medidas de seguimiento, control y vigilancia	No disponible
SHK	7001	Notificación de las medidas necesarias para garantizar que los peces martillo capturados por CPC costeras en desarrollo no se introducen en el comercio internacional	No aplicable, no introducimos nada de esta especie en el mercado o comercio internacional.
SHK	7002	Notificación de las medidas necesarias para garantizar que el tiburón jaquetón capturado por CPC costeras en desarrollo no se introduce en el comercio internacional	No aplicable, no introducimos nada de esta especie en el mercado o comercio internacional.
SHK	7003	Informe sobre acciones emprendidas para hacer un seguimiento interno de las capturas y conservar y gestionar al marrajo dientuso	No aplicable, pero tenemos la Ley Reguladora de la Actividad de Pesca en Guinea Ecuatorial que prohíbe la captura de especies en peligro de extinción.
SHK	7004	Informe sobre las acciones emprendidas para implementar la Rec. 11-08 mediante leyes o reglamentaciones nacionales, lo que incluye medidas de seguimiento, control y vigilancia que respalden esta implementación.	No aplicable, hasta la fecha no practicamos una pesca específica de esta especie.
SHK	7005	Todas las CPC presentarán a la Secretaría de ICCAT, antes de su reunión anual de 2013, la información detallada sobre su implementación y cumplimiento de las medidas de conservación y ordenación de tiburones (Recs. 04-10, 07-06, 09-07, 10-08, 10-07, 11-08 y 11-15)	No aplicable, hasta la fecha no practicamos una pesca específica de esta especie. No obstante, el Gobierno promulgó un Decreto que prohíbe la captura de especies en peligro de extinción.
BYC	8001	Informe sobre la implementación de la Rec. 10-09, párrs. 1, 2 y 7, y acciones pertinentes emprendidas para implementar las directrices de FAO	No aplicable

	Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
BYC	8002	Informe sobre la implementación de medidas de mitigación para las aves marinas y Plan de Acción Nacional para las aves marinas	No aplicable, pero se está trabajando para que en adelante se tenga en cuenta la situación de las aves marinas.
BYC	8003	Informe de las acciones emprendidas para mitigar la captura fortuita y reducir los descartes y cualquier investigación pertinente en este campo	Ningún informe, se está trabajando para que en adelante se tenga en cuenta la situación de las aves marinas.
SDP	9001	Descripción de los sistemas piloto electrónicos de documento estadístico	No aplicable
MISC	9002	Información y aclaraciones sobre las objeciones a las Recs. de ICCAT	Siempre solicitamos aclaraciones a ICCAT los temas que no tenemos claros.

PART II

Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
<b>GENERAL - todas las especies</b>		
S1	Informes anuales (científicos)	No aplicable, no disponemos científicos que trabajan en este campo.
S2	Características de la flota	No disponible, carecemos de una flota pesquera nacional
S3	Estimación de captura nominal - Tarea I	No aplicable, enviamos siempre las pocas capturas de la pesca artesanal procedentes de Annobón y Bata
S4	Captura y esfuerzo (Tarea II)	Las capturas fueron enviadas el 23 de marzo 2.016
S5	Muestras de talla (Tarea II)	No disponible, Falta de unos agentes de colecta de datos cualificados
S6	Captura estimada por talla	No disponible, Falta de unos agentes de colecta de datos cualificados
S7	Declaraciones de marcado (convencional y electrónico)	No disponible, Falta de unos agentes de colecta de datos cualificados
S8	Capturas de pesquerías deportivas y de recreo en el mar Mediterráneo (todos los túnidos y especies afines)	No aplicable, No practicamos la pesca en el Mediterráneo.
S9	Datos específicos para determinar de forma independiente la magnitud de las pesquerías de recreo de cada especie	No aplicable, no se registra este tipo de práctica.
S10	Información recopilada en los programas nacionales de observadores	No disponible, no tenemos un programa nacional de observadores, sin embargo, tenemos pensado pedir ayuda a ICCAT para apoyarnos en este aspecto.
S11	Enfoque alternativo de seguimiento científico	No aplicable
S12	Información y datos sobre <i>Sargassum</i> pelágico	No aplicable, no practicamos la pesca de dicha especie.
S13	Información específica para los buques pesqueros que fueron autorizados a realizar pesquerías de palangre pelágico y arpón en el Mediterráneo durante el año anterior	No disponible, no hemos autorizado a ningún barco pescar en el Mediterráneo.
<b>ATÚN ROJO</b>		
S14	Datos de pesquerías deportivas y de recreo	No disponible, hasta la fecha no tenemos información ni regulada estas modalidades



Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
		de pesca.
S15	Muestreo de tallas de las granjas	No disponible, no tenemos granjas
S16	Resultados de los estudios piloto de atún rojo emprendidos con arreglo al párr. 88	No disponible, no tenemos ningún estudio realizado al respecto
S17	Resultados de programas que utilizan sistemas de cámaras estereoscópicas o técnicas alternativas que proporcionen una precisión equivalente en el momento de la introducción en jaula (que cubran el 100% de las introducciones en jaulas)	No disponible, no disponemos de jaulas para atún rojo ni para otras especies.
S18	Información y datos recopilados en el marco de los programas nacionales de observadores de atún rojo	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
S19	Informe sobre mortalidad por pesca de todo el atún rojo del Oeste, descartes muertos incluidos.	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
S20	Información sobre atún rojo confiscado procedente de captura fortuita no autorizada	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
S21	Detalles de los programas de investigación en colaboración sobre atún rojo del Oeste que se van a emprender	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
S22	Actualizaciones de Índices de abundancia y otros indicadores de la pesquería	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
S23	Información procedente de la investigación del GBYP, lo que incluye la nueva información procedente de actividades de muestreo biológico mejoradas	No disponible, no realizamos una pesca específica de atún rojo.
<b>TÚNIDOS TROPICALES</b>		
S24	Información de captura de los cuadernos de pesca de los buques de BET/YFT	Actualmente no hay en la zona
S25	Planes de ordenación para la utilización de dispositivos de concentración de peces	No aplicable, pero se está trabajando en ello.
S43	Un inventario de todos los buques de apoyo asociados con los cerqueros o cañeros	Actualmente no hay en la zona
S44	El número de DCP realmente desplegados trimestralmente, por tipo de DCP, indicando la presencia o ausencia de una baliza asociada al DCP	No aplicable, hasta la fecha no disponemos de los DCP.
S45	Para cada buque de apoyo, el número de días pasado en el mar, por cuadrícula de 1º, mes, Estado del pabellón y PS/BB asociado	No aplicable, no disponemos de estos buques.

Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
<b>PEZ ESPADA</b>		
S26	Mejores datos disponibles sobre pez espada, lo que incluye por sexo, y estadísticas de descartes y esfuerzo	No disponible, no practicamos una pesca específica de esta especie.
<b>ISTIOFÓRIDOS</b>		
S27	Resultados de los programas científicos para los istiofóridos	No disponible, carencia de científicos
S28	Informe sobre el método para estimar los descartes vivos y muertos de aguja azul y aguja blanca/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>	No disponible, carencia de científicos
<b>TIBURONES</b>		
S29	Las CPC presentarán datos de Tarea I y Tarea II para los tiburones, lo que incluye los datos históricos disponibles	No disponible, los únicos datos que disponemos son los que presentamos en los ficheros y en los cuadros que adjuntamos en el informe.
S30	Tarea I y Tarea II de tiburones zorro, incluir descartes y liberaciones	No disponible, al no practicar específicamente la pesca de estas especies, por eso no disponemos de esta información.
S31	Las CPC consignarán a través de sus programas de observadores el número de descartes y liberaciones de tiburón jaquetón con una indicación sobre su estado (vivo o muerto) y lo comunicarán a ICCAT	No disponible, no disponemos de un programa especial de observadores.
S32	Plan para mejorar la recopilación de datos de tiburones por especies	No disponible, a falta de una pesca específica de la especie.
S33	Datos de Tarea I y Tarea II de tiburón jaquetón capturado para consumo local	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.
S34	Datos de Tarea I y Tarea II de peces martillo capturados para consumo local	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.
S35	Número de descartes y liberaciones de peces martillo con una indicación de su estado (vivo o muerto)	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.
S36	Número de descartes y liberaciones de tiburones oceánicos con una indicación de su estado (vivo o muerto)	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.

Nº	Información requerida	Respuesta
<b>OTRAS CAPTURAS FORTUITAS</b>		
S37	Facilitar las guías de identificación existentes para los tiburones, aves marinas, tortugas marinas y mamíferos marinos capturados en la zona del Convenio	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.
S38	Información sobre interacciones de su flota con tortugas marinas en las pesquerías de ICCAT por tipo de arte	No disponible, ausencia de agentes cualificados de colecta de datos.
S39	Las CPC consignarán datos sobre captura incidental de aves marinas por especies a través de observadores científicos de conformidad con la Rec. 10-10 y comunicarán estos datos anualmente	No aplicable, falta de una flota pesquera industrial nacional.
S40	Las CPC comunicarán los datos de captura fortuita y de descartes	No aplicable, falta de una flota pesquera industrial nacional.
S41	Notificación de medidas adoptadas para la recopilación de datos de descartes y captura fortuita en las pesquerías artesanales a través de medios alternativos.	No aplicable, se está organizando a través del proyecto de evaluación de recursos pesqueros de Guinea Ecuatorial.
S42	Las CPC informarán sobre las acciones emprendidas para mitigar la captura fortuita y reducir los descartes y sobre cualquier investigación pertinente en este campo.	No aplicable, pero gracias al proyecto de evaluación de recursos pesqueros de Guinea Ecuatorial, se podrá proponer alternativas.

**GUATEMALA**

From: Bárcenas, Villa Nueva  
Office 423-Direc-2017

21 September 2017

Dear Mr. Meski,

The objective of this letter is to inform the Secretariat on the progress and actions carried out to face the deficiencies identified by the Commission; notifying the following information:

1. Annual Report was received late:

The necessary efforts have been carried out with the Parties that collaborate in completing information, in order to transmit the Annual Report on time.

2. Summary Tables include various “not applicable” without explanations:

All the Recommendations stating “not applicable” refer to fisheries or practices that Guatemala does not carry out. The Guatemalan registered fleet targets tropical tunas with purse seine in particular. Adequate revisions have been made to avoid inconveniences in the future.

3. Compliance tables were received outside the deadline established under Rec. 11-11.

The necessary measures to correspond in a timely manner to the requests of the Commission have been implemented.

Guatemala understands the responsibility of being a Party to the Commission and at the same time delivering timely reports in order for the Secretariat and the Committee to have the required data to evaluate the compliance of conservation and management measures and reporting requirements to ICCAT.

Yours faithfully,

Eng. Carlos Francisco Marín Arriola  
Director  
Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations Directorate

LIBYA



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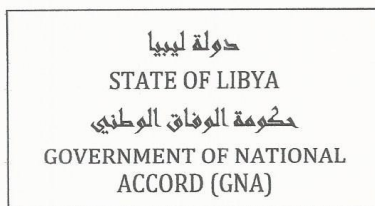
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**Dear/ Mr Derek Campbell**  
**ICCAT Compliance Committee Chair**

Reference is made to your letter (2464), dated on 17th April 2017, which highlighted "five (5)" deficiencies, in this regard CPC-LIBYA is glad to reply for these deficiencies, as by the following:-

1	COC ICCAT	No closure report for SWO-MED was received, in accordance with Rec.13-04. The SWO-MED list of vessels was received late, not in compliance with Rec.13-04.
	CPC LIBYA	Reference is made to the International Meeting of ICCAT Panel4 on Mediterranean SWORDFISH held in Spain-Madrid 20-22 Feb 2017 in which CPC-LIBYA had submitted a statement {PA4_011/i2017} under "Appendix9" of the Report, <b>attached</b> CPC-LIBYA is to believe that both third and forth Paragraphs could clearly describe the situation, and requests the kindest understanding of the esteemed committee for this deficiency, and This matter will be attended to duly this year.
2	COC ICCAT	The submission of register of a "E-BFT catching vessel in replacement was not sufficiently justified as "force majeure, under Rec.14-04.
	CPC LIBYA	Reference is made to Doc COC-308B of the 20th Special Meeting of the Commission held in Portugal 2016, in which information was exchanged between EU-Italy and CPC-LIBYA <u>non-official</u> representative where it resulted that the vessel requesting replacement (OZU II / AT000LB00009) had been arrested by the Italian Authorities for trafficking in illegal items. CPC-LIBYA did investigate the case, and the results of the investigation were described in the <b>attached</b> Statement, and decided to remain actively seized of this matter, with possibility of further sanctions can be applied later on if the court action taken against the vessel in Italy protracts itself for a longer period of time, and the delay of reply was because we were waiting for the final decision of the Italian Court for this matter.

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CPC - LIBYA

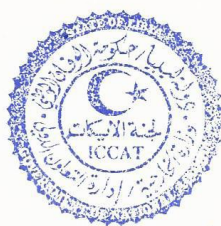


3	COC ICCAT	The list of authorised ports was submitted late, (under Rec.14-04).
	CPC LIBYA	The deadline of submission of the authorised ports was 1th Mrs 2016. The management of ICCAT affairs came into my rimit on the 15th May 2016, with all interrappmented issues, CPC-LIBYA shall make its best endeavours to avoid that such situations be repeated.
4	COC ICCAT	The committee noted that Libya did not reply to the European Union inspection report, (under Rec.14-04).
	CPC LIBYA	Reference is made to "COC 308B Page 26 - PNCs under ROPBFT contained in COC-305, EU informed that no reply to the inspection report N°: 01/2016/0069, on 20/06/2016, (Rec. 14-04, Annex 7) was received". While CPC-LIBYA reconfirms that no follow up emails were received about the issue, did investigate the case, and the results of the investigation were described in the <b>attached</b> Report that had been sent to ICCAT on 15/03/2017.

I trust that this reply is comprehensive enough, and assure to you of the continuing commitment of CPC-LIBYA as an active member of the ICCAT.

Please Accept the assurance of my highest considerations.

Kind Regards



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CPC-LIBYA.

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**STATEMENT BY LIBYA**

*[2017 PA4-SWO-Med-WG: Doc. No. PA4-011 / i 2017]*

Note from Libya to the Meeting of the Mediterranean Swordfish Working Group established under paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-05.

The proposal by the EU of the ICCAT Working Group established under paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-05 [document PA4\_009/i2017] referring to the allocation of swordfish quotas has relegated Libya to a residual number of CPCs grouped together under "Reserve Other CPCs", allocating to them a total olympic quota in the amount of 48.500 t.

In 2016 the Head Delegate of Libya was denied to obtain a visa by the Portuguese Authorities and could not participate in 20th Special Meeting of the Commission held in Portugal and unfortunately this led to Libya missing the opportunity of presenting a request for membership on Panel 4, however, Libya did participate actively in the preparation for this swordfish Working Group and submitted the required statistics and information in its fishing report for 2016.

Over the last years Libya has also been experiencing a serious upheaval in its political life and the members of this Authority, although only starting their brief in 2016, have ensured that the fisheries in the country are managed as best as possible.

Libya is responsible for one of the largest fishing zones in the Central Mediterranean where swordfish is concerned and not taking this fact into account can only be detrimental to the management and eventual survival of this species.

**STATEMENT of facts on  
Vessel "OZU 2" S.T.29 - IMO 8918887 - ICCAT No. AT000LBY00009**

1	2015 July	<p>Arrested by the Italian Coast Guard 27 miles south of Pantelleria, 6 tons of illicit drugs found on board hidden in a double bottom and escorted to Palermo where it was placed under arrest and is still lying under arrest today.</p> <p>The Italian Authorities instituted criminal proceedings against the vessel, the owner and crew.</p>
2	2016 April	<p>As a result of the Libyan Political Agreement signed in Dec 2015 within the UN, The Government of National Accord established itself in Tripoli April 2016.</p> <p>The BFT-Fishing Plan for 2016 had already been sent by the previous CPC-LIBYA administration and had been endorsed by Panel 2 in February 2016.</p> <p>The management of ICCAT affairs was handed over to the new administration (Department of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs"GNA") on the 15th May 2016 and during the hand over the history of the vessel OZU 2 was not revealed to this administration.</p>
3	2016 June	<p>The owner of vessel "OZU 2" presented his case falsely stating to CPC-Libya that his vessel had been withheld by the Italian Authorities for minor law infringements and that he was in the process of liberating same from arrest but that due to the arrest he had not been able to effect the necessary repairs and maintenance on the vessel in preparation for the 2016 BFT season and therefore requested the replacement of the vessel by the vessel ZARQA AL YAMAMA I (AT000LBY00064).</p> <p>This administration had no elements in hand to realize that the owner was not presenting the true version of the facts.</p> <p>On the 10th June CPC- Libya notified ICCAT Secretariat that OZU II cannot participate in the 2016 tuna fishing season activity and invoked the 'force major' clause to have it replaced by vessel ZARQA AL YAMAMA I (AT000LBY00064).</p>
4	2016 Jun	<p>ICCAT Secretariat responds and refers to Para 52 of Rec 14-04 and requests a comprehensive account of the reasons for this request of change of vessel and notifies that this request will be forwarded to the Compliance Committee.</p>
5	2016 Nov	<p>20th Special Meeting of ICCAT Commission in Villamora Portugal COC Doc 308 was tabled. The COC Chair decided to short list the CPCs which were considered to be the ones with the more serious issues of potential non-compliance and Libya was in that list. When it was the turn of Libya Chair immediately referred to the Case of substitution of catching vessel due to force major.</p> <p>During the discussion EU-ITALY approached Libyan non-official representative and said that EU.ITALY had not detained any vessel for reasons of illegal fishing so there must have been some other reason of an administrative customs or criminal nature behind the arrest and they were going to investigate.</p> <p>Their investigation led to the truth -the vessel was held up by the Italian Guardia di Finanza in July 2015 with 6 tons of drugs on board.</p> <p>This administration decided that sanctions should be taken against the vessel and its owner/s.</p>



6	2016 Nov	The court of Palermo of First Instance in its preliminary decision about the vessel OZU 2 ordered the following:- <b>a.</b> That the drugs be confiscated and destroyed. <b>b.</b> That Crew Members AL HADDAR/BADI/LASSOUED be released. <b>c.</b> That Crew Members ABOUSHAIAH / EL BIRI/EL BOUASHI be condemned to eight years imprisonment and a fine of €80,000.00 each. <b>d.</b> That the vessel be released.
7	2016 Dec	Referring to the extensive investigations carried out the matter in coordination with the other Libyan competent authorities, which shows that the vessel was already seized in Palermo Port, on 06/07/2015, due to criminal case. When the owner submitted an Adjudication of release the vessel and criminalizes the captain because of his full responsibility and recognition of his involvement in the crime without the knowledge of the Owner of the vessel.
8	2017 Jan	Posing sanctions on the vessel (OZU 2) due to the violation of the purposes licensed its fishing legally, of not due to any financial gains resulting from the Tuna fishing process for the Season 2016, moreover to be prevented from being included in the Seasonal Libyan fishing Plans for the years (2017-2018).
9	2017 Feb	OZU 2 is still held by the Italian Authorities in Palermo. CPC-LIBYA decided to remain actively seized of this matter.
10	2017 May	This vessel has now been suspended from participating in BFT activities for years 2017 and 2018 and it is also possible that further sanctions be applied if the Italian court take an action against the vessel protracts itself for a longer period of time. CPC-LIBYA will remain actively seized of this matter.

**Report of CPC-Libya on  
Vessel ALSAFFA IV (AT000LBY00060)**  
*[COC 308B Page 26]*

**Other issues:**

PNCs under ROPBFT contained in COC-305. EU informed that no reply to the inspection report (Rec. 14-04, Annex 7) was received.

**01. Premise:**

The Inspection Report referred to was compiled on the 20.06.2016 by Ltnt Paolo Monaco Master of the EU.IT vessel CP-311 following a regular inspection effected on the CPC-Libya vessel ALSAFFA IV (AT000LBY00060).

**PNC indicated.**

**Chronology of events**

- a. On the 09<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, the vessel was authorised to effect a catch which indeed took place. However the video of transfer from the fishing net to cage EU-MLT-009-MB, was not of good quality and a control transfer was requested and authorised. Tug Boat ALEXANDER K (ATEUOCYP00015).
- b. The control transfer took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, and the fish were transferred into cage EU-MLT-0011-MB held by Tug Boat MAE YEMANJA (ATEUOMLT01053) and this time the video report was of good quality and approved by the ROP on board Mr. Nabil Ben Massaoud (No 210). Results indicated 1252 pieces with a total weight of 77.624kg.

- c. The fish was then again transferred back to cage EU-MLT-009-MB held by Tug Boat ALEXANDER K (ATEU0CYP00015).

The PNC indicated by the Inspector lies in the fact that no video was taken when the second transfer from cage to cage reported in paragraph 'c' took place.

**02. Reply from the Owner of the vessel:**

The Owner of the vessel makes reference to Para 75. Of Rec 14-04

75. For transfers of live bluefin tuna as defined in paragraph 2.h), the master of the catching vessel or the representative of the farm or trap, where appropriate, shall ensure that the transfer activities shall be monitored by video camera in the water with a view to verify the number of fish being transferred. The minimum standards and procedures for the video recording shall be in accordance with Annex 8.

And makes emphasis on the words "where appropriate". In his opinion once the control transfer referred to in para 'b' above was successful and the video approved by the ROP on board it was not necessary to have a second video transfer for the simple movement of catch back into its original cage EU-MLT-009-MB.

**03. Position of CPC-LIBYA on the matter and actions taken:**

- a. Being that the ROP on the vessel did not include this incident as a PNC in his report (ref COC-305 *PNCs and Responses*) we are to understand that the ROP is of the same opinion as the Owner of ALSAFFA IV. Moreover the final results at caging in Malta with the stereoscopic camera system have confirmed the video results of the control transfer of the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.
- b. However the Owner is at fault in that because he did not notify this Authority about the Inspection that took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, which impeded us from being able to take immediate action on the matter.

A letter in concern has been sent to the Owner in this regard indicating that such negligence will not be tolerated a second time round.

MAURITANIA

Nouakchott, 25 September 2017

**To the Compliance Committee Chair**

**Subject: Compliance issues regarding Mauritania in 2016**

*Letter ref. S17 - 02464*

Dear Chair,

In reply to your letter referred to above concerning compliance issues identified in 2016, I have the honour to inform of the following:

- With regard to the (section 3) reporting table that was not submitted with the Annual Report, I hereby inform that Mauritania's report for 2016 was prepared in accordance with the ICCAT recommended format and transmitted to the Secretariat by the deadline. An acknowledgment of receipt was received on 23 September 2016 which did not mention that this table had not been submitted.

- With regard to completion of the Task I and II data forms that were not submitted in 2016, we confirm that Mauritania did not have a national tuna fleet before October 2016. The first longliners (two) flying the Mauritanian flag were authorised to fish for tuna in the Mauritanian EEZ by the Mauritanian authorities in October 2016. The raw data on the activity of these two vessels were transmitted to ICCAT in March 2017. ICCAT acknowledged receipt of these data and notified that it was willing to put them into the official formats. Task I and II data for the period 2014-2016 are attached to this e-mail.

- In relation to the North swordfish management plan which was not submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 of Rec. 13-02, we would like to point out that there is no local swordfish fishery which justifies the absence of a management plan for this species. The fishers who expressed an interest in targeting this resource have now abandoned the idea, claiming that there ongoing administrative issues (delay in implementation of catch certificates, new rules on resource access, etc.). As for the bigeye quota for which there is no management plan, due to lack of local fleet, a swordfish plan would provide legal cover for potential bycatch of fleets operating in the area of Mauritania.

- With regard to the compliance tables that were submitted late in 2016, we apologise for the delay in transmission of these tables and adequate measures will be taken to this end so that this situation does not reoccur. The compliance tables for 2017 are attached to this e-mail.

We hope that this response to your e-mail is sufficient for your purposes. Do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Head Delegate of Mauritania  
Mohamed M'Bareck Ould Soueilim

**Attachments:**

- Reporting tables of Mauritania in 2017
- Task I and II tables for the period 2014-2016
- Acknowledgement of receipt of 2016 reporting tables
- Acknowledgement of receipt of raw Task I and II data

NICARAGUA

8 September 2017

**Subject: Response to the prohibition on retaining ICCAT species in accordance with the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on penalties applicable in case of non fulfilment of reporting obligations* (Rec. 11-15)**

Dear Mr. Meski,

In 2014, 2015 and 2016 Nicaragua did not have a tuna fleet, nor flagged vessels operating in the ICCAT area, which is why we do not have any information to report.

However, we have attached herewith forms ST01 and ST02 for the requested years. You are kindly requested to update your reports accordingly.

We hope that this information update is sufficient to remove the current prohibition on retention.

Regards,

Edward Jackson Abella  
Executive Chair  
INPESCA

(signed and sealed)

SAO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

2 July 2017

**Subject: Reply to the letter of identification of 17 April 2017**

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter of identification of 17 April this year, the Directorate of Fisheries hereby informs of the following:

S. Tomé and Príncipe has undergone a period of successive changes of Government in recent years with successive changes of Director of Fisheries which we consider to be the main reason why the Annual Reports were not submitted to ICCAT.

Personally, I have held the post of Director for almost three years and we are in the process of reorganising the sector.

We recognise the importance of ICCAT and are committed to improving communications with this Organisation. We have made some achievements:

- We have reactivated the statistics sector – with ICCAT support – which we believe to be an important sector, by providing new equipment, and training interviewers / supervisors at several landing points; we believe that this has significantly improved the results obtained since 2015.
- Regarding the overharvest of white marlin, please be informed that these data have been estimated successively since 2005, as the fisheries statistics and data collection service was inoperative.
- With EU support, the control and surveillance sector has been equipped with new VMS monitoring equipment, which enables us to receive catch data electronically, and inspectors and onboard observers are undergoing training.
- Currently, within the framework of a collaboration with ORTHONGEL we have been able to embark our observers on EU vessels for training purposes.
- We have entered into a bilateral agreement with vessels of the association AGAC.
- In November 2016, we signed up to the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures, to fight against IUU fishing.

Regarding the compliance table, we recognise our error in not adding the information on white and blue marlin. We have therefore attached herewith the corrected compliance table for its analysis and approval.

Regards,

(Signed)

(Sealed)

Engineer Joao Gomes Pessoa Lima

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND & FISHERIES  
Fisheries Division

9 October, 2017

Dear Mr. Campbell

**SUBJECT: Letter of identification for overharvests of blue and white marlins**

The Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago conveys its compliments to the Commission and its Secretariat and reaffirms its commitment to management of the Atlantic tuna and tuna-like fisheries for the benefit of existing and future generations.

Reference is made to your Letter of Identification dated 17 April 2017 which seeks a response from Trinidad and Tobago on the compliance deficiencies noted by the Compliance Committee for the country.

Firstly, please be assured that Trinidad and Tobago is committed to contributing to global efforts relating to the conservation and management of fisheries resources, and in this particular context those resources of the Convention Area under ICCAT's management purview. We also acknowledge the considerable efforts and progress made by the ICCAT to improve implementation of its fisheries conservation and management recommendations.

*Recurring and significant overharvest of blue marlin and white marlin*

Management of Trinidad and Tobago's recurring overharvest of blue and white marlins is hampered by 1) the country's outdated fisheries legislation which does not provide for the implementation of regulations to prohibit landings or curtail fishing effort and 2) by the Fisheries Division's limited human resource capacity. The outdated legislation is seen as the most important issue requiring the attention of the government. As such Trinidad and Tobago is currently participating in the FAO funded project TCP/TRI/3601/C1 - TCPF "Strengthening Fisheries Legislation in Trinidad and Tobago – Focus: IUU Fishing" which will review the current draft Fisheries Management Bill (2015). Although the stated focus of the project is IUU fishing, attention will be paid to all shortcomings of the Bill in relation to Trinidad and Tobago's implementation of international obligations as a coastal, flag, port and market State. The project began in July 2017 and will run for one and a half years, ending in December 2018. Project outputs include a revised final Draft Fisheries Management Bill and Regulations, and final draft National Plan of Action-IUU Fishing. The lack of capacity at the Fisheries Division-for data collection, scientific analysis and monitoring, control and surveillance-is a critical limitation which in the current economic climate is proving difficult to address. In spite of these circumstances the Fishing Division is continuing to engage the administration on the recruitment of scientific staff and the establishment of a fisheries inspectorate.

In the context of the above, and in addition to the use of alternative bait by the longline fleet to minimise the capture of marlins, further informal conservation and management measures have been adopted for the species. These measures, which were agreed to by the longline fleet stakeholders, include: prohibition of export of blue and white marlins with effect from April 2016; prohibition of landing of marlins whether live or dead when caught with effect from August 2016 and requirement for captains to record marlin catch at sea with effect from November 2016, a progression from the trip reporting system to a logbook system. The Fisheries Division is required to conduct inspections to monitor compliance and in all

instances the penalty for non-compliance is revocation of the fishing licence. Additionally, the major game fishing association in the country has agreed to prohibit the sale of marlins at its tournaments. We believe that these measures are having a positive effect. Following a period of steady increase in marlin landings of the longline fleet between 2010 and 2014 a substantial decline in the landings has been observed in 2015 and 2016. In fact, landings of blue marlin declined by 27% between 2014 and 2015 and 46% between 2015 and 2016. Over the respective time periods landings of white marlin declined by 17% and 38%. The overall landings of blue and white marlins declined by 61% and 48% respectively between 2014 and 2016. The above-mentioned management measures will be sustained and it is anticipated that as a result, the declining trends in landings of marlins will continue in the coming years; particularly since marlins are not targeted by the longline fleet.

Consistent with our efforts to improve monitoring, control and surveillance of the national fleet, in May 2017 Cabinet approved implementation of a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for all non-artisanal fishing vessels, including longliners. Contingent on the availability of funds, it is anticipated that the VMS services would be procured in 2017-2018, and that the system would contribute to improved data collection and monitoring of Atlantic tuna and tuna-like fisheries, through *inter alia*, implementation of an electronic logbook system.

In an effort to improve Trinidad and Tobago's efficiency in reporting, the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries began participating in the 5-year project "GCP/INT/228/JPN – Fisheries Management and Marine Conservation within a Changing Ecosystem" in mid-2016. The objectives of project activities in Trinidad and Tobago are to enhance capacity within the agencies responsible for fisheries management in the areas of database development and maintenance and utilisation and analysis of data and to develop a harmonised fisheries management information system.

*Part I of the annual report had several "N/A" without any explanation*  
This was an oversight which will be rectified in the future.

*The statistical document data under Rec. 01-21 and Rec. 01-22 were received late*

This situation resulted from the severe staff shortage at the Fisheries Division. We are committed however, to continuing to work towards timely reporting. It is to be noted that in 2016, of the 21 reports for which information or data were available for Trinidad and Tobago, 11 reports (52%) were submitted on time, 9 reports (43%) were submitted late and 1 report was not submitted. In comparison, in 2017, of the 23 reports for which information or data were available for Trinidad and Tobago, 16 reports (70%) were submitted on time, 6 reports (26%) were submitted late and 1 report was not submitted. Included among the 6 late reports are two pertaining to TRO 2006 and SWO 3001 – Data from ICCAT statistical documents programs which we acknowledge are outstanding.

*No response to Letter of Identification of February 2016*

With respect to Trinidad and Tobago's response to the February 2016 Letter of Identification, we wish to advise that official response was submitted on 14 October 2016 (30 days before the commencement of the Commission meeting on 14 November 2017) to the Chair of the Compliance Committee and copied to the Secretariat. Through request from the Secretariat via email of 17 October 2017, a version of the response in MS Word was submitted to facilitate translation of the response.

We sincerely appreciate the Commission's reminder of the potential sources of financial assistance for improved data collection and reporting, the Project GCP/INT/228/JPN (mentioned above) being one such opportunity from which we are currently benefitting. A critical requirement however, remains the requisite staffing to conduct the range of activities identified previously.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes to reassure the Compliance Committee of its commitment to improving its management regime. We kindly request the understanding and support of the Committee on these matters, bearing in mind the severe challenges we continue to experience and the recent improvements in statistical reporting and reduction in landings of marlins in spite of these challenges. We take this opportunity to wish the Committee success in its 2017 deliberations.

The Trinidad and Tobago Delegation extends assurances of its highest consideration

Yours sincerely

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Director of Fisheries/  
Trinidad and Tobago Head Delegate



**TUNISIA**

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Subject: Re: SUBJECT: ICCAT EMAIL #2464/17 – LETTER CONCERNING COMPLIANCE ISSUES IN 2016 - TUNISIA

Dear Sirs,

In reference to the letter of 17 April 2017 from the Compliance Committee Chair concerning compliance issues in relation to some reports and data required under ICCAT recommendations for 2016, I have the honour to inform that Tunisia has always made considerable efforts to meet reporting requirements for the Commission and the SCRS.

It should be noted that the compliance issues referred to above are essentially due to the large number and complexity of the reporting requirements of the Commission and the research and statistics groups (SCRS) which necessitate a specific set of logistics and organisation and any change can lead to disruption in reporting, as has occurred for 2016. Tunisia sent an e-mail to ICCAT ([info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int)) on 6/04/2016 informing of the appointment of the new General Director and providing the new e-mail address.

The remarks made at the Compliance Committee meeting held in Vilamoura, Portugal, in 2016 were taken into consideration when producing the reports and declarations for 2017.

Finally, I would like to express our full willingness to cooperate actively to carry out all the activities of common interest in accordance with the relevant provisions governing the fishing activities under ICCAT's management.

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Our Ref. No : 67852565-730[ICCAT-2]  
Subject : Letter Regarding Late Vessel List  
Submission in 2016

.../.../2017

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Dear Mr. Campbell,

With reference to your letter dated 17 April 2017 (ref.no.2464) in regard to "Late Vessel List Submission by Turkey in 2016", I would like to confirm that the authorized list of SWO-MED vessels was submitted with some delay on 26 January 2016 and a clarification was sent to the Secretariat (on 29 January 2016) pointing out the fact that the unavoidable delay occurred in submitting the required data/information was caused by technical issues arising from the recent updating and integration works on Ministry's web-based information system.

Correspondingly, vessel registrations made by Ministry's provincial directorates from different regions – including vessels those targeting SWO-MED – had sporadically been interrupted due to the said process of renovation and integration works at the Turkish Fishery Information System (SUBİS). Since acquiring the data on registered vessels from particular regions retarded temporarily, by extension, processing and submitting these data to ICCAT had to delay as well.

I would like to report that necessary measures have already been taken to avoid repetition of such incidents during the course of last year and no late vessel list submission – pertinent to Rec.16-05 – has taken place regarding the SWO-MED fishery as a consequence.

In 2016, reporting and recording of authorized E-BFT Catching Vessels and E-BFT Other Vessels was made in a timely fashion pertinent to Rec.14-04. Nevertheless a retarded request for extension of authorization period of an E-BFT Other Vessel's was made to the Ministry by an operator stating that utilization of the concerned vessel was required essentially in respect to an irrecusable towing operation with a view to realize live E-BFT transfer from cages of a neighbor farm. It was identified by the ministry that the vessel in question had no previous record of IUU fishing, and also it had no capacity or suitable fishing gear to be able to catch E-BFT.

As a result of the evaluation made by the ministry, the vessel was regarded to have no potential to engage in any IUU fishing activity, and the extension request was decided to be forwarded to the Secretariat as it was estimated that the operator was inadvertently omitted to inform our authority of the expired extension in due time.

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As part of the necessary administrative measures taken to avoid repetition of similar incidents; the operator has been instructed by the Ministry, as necessary, to take much care of the procedures required by the Ministry in line with Rec.14-04.

As a consequence, I would like to emphasize that no late submission of any E-BFT fishing vessels has taken place during the 2017 fishing season in accordance with Rec.14-04.

Yours sincerely,

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UK (OT)

9 October 2017

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Dear Mr Campbell,

**Subject: Reported Deficiencies From 2016**

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 April 2017, on behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), highlighting the UKOT compliance deficiencies from 2016, which were reported during the 20<sup>th</sup> Special meeting of the ICCAT in November 2016.

I would firstly like to assure you that the United Kingdom Overseas Territories (UKOTs) strongly support the work of the Compliance Committee and believe that the work is essential to conserving the fish stocks within ICCAT's remit. In your letter, you have highlighted the following deficiencies.

- The annual report was not updated and contained many references to 2014 and 2015;
- Compliance tables were submitted late (Rec. 11-11);
- The BCD annual report was not submitted (Rec. 11-20).

With regards to the reporting obligations and data submission, the UKOTs understand that more thorough checks should have been made to the annual report before submission. We also recognise that the compliance tables were submitted after the deadline (some of the information was provided on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016, but the complete information was not submitted until 19<sup>th</sup> September). Our records show that the BCD was submitted on 20 November 2016 (confirmed in my email exchanges with ICCAT on 25 April 2017).

The UKOTs recognise the importance of full compliance with ICCAT obligations. To improve reporting in future, we have established additional reporting and communication procedures between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the UKOTs. So far, these changes have led to some improvements in the submission of data within the given deadlines, and we will continue to make this a priority to ensure full UKOT compliance in the coming months leading up to the annual meeting.

Kind regards,

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CHINESE TAIPEI

**Subject: Reply to the Letter of Concern Dated 17 April 2017**

Dear Mr. Campbell,

In response to the letter of concern dated 17th April 2017, we would like to explain the case of our annual list of large scale pelagic longline vessels (LSPLV) authorized to transship at sea required under Rec. 12-06, in which one carrier vessel named Futagami was included retroactively.

As we submitted our LSPLV Transshipment Authorization list (No.IS/41) on 31 December 2015, the said vessel was still in process of transferring its flag from Vanuatu to Liberia, and its authorization for at-sea transshipment was expired on the same day, resulting in its non-inclusion into our list. Nevertheless, it was an oversight for us not adding this vessel back to the list after its completion of flag-transferring procedure.

On 31 March 2016, we submitted our request for observer deployment and transshipment for the said vessel to the Secretariat, whereas the Secretariat did not bring to our attention that this vessel was not included in the list at that moment until we submitted our revised request on April 14. However, our liaison staff did not receive the email from the Secretariat, which might be caused by the exception of the mail system, leading to a postponement of tackling this problem. Upon receiving the Secretariat's re-notification on April 22, we revised the list immediately and sent it (No. 16/10) to the Secretariat on the same day.

We appreciate the Secretariat's assistance in this case and apologize for the administrative error. With positive actions taken, we continuously make our best efforts to ensure that no such case will happen again.

Therefore, we sincerely hope the Compliance Committee and the Commission can recognize our constant efforts and commitment in cooperating with ICCAT, and accordingly grant Chinese Taipei the Cooperating Status as before.