## INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

## **14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Victoria, Canada 04-05 August 2023

## **DOCUMENT COR-14-01**

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED DURING THE PREVIOUS MEETING (13<sup>TH</sup>) OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE: PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES

At its annual meetings, the Review Committee (COR) makes recommendations to the Commission, many of which involve action by the staff. This document lists the recommendations currently requiring action by the staff and/or the Commission, and their current status: green: completed; yellow: in progress, incomplete; orange: pending of discussion in the Commission; red: no action.

	Recommendation, COR-13	Status (as of 30 June 2023)			
	Recommendations to the staff				
1.	To consistently include in the Compliance Report information on compliance with specific provisions during the previous five years and present it using tables, including color coded ones, to improve its readability.	Done.			
2.	To provide in the Compliance Report general figures and charts on overall compliance in IATTC, including the number of reported infractions versus the total number of sets or the number of trips, or the number of vessels in the EPO in a given year.	Done.			
3.	Include in the compliance report information on the implementation of Paragraph 3.d. of Resolution C-19-04, wherever any information on infractions is available.	Memorandum 0155-410 was sent to the IATTC CPCs on 7 April 2023 requesting specific information on the mitigation measures applied by their longline fleet for the protection of sea turtles. The corresponding information is included in the section on Resolution C- 19-04.			
4.	To report the lack of reply by CPCs on the investigation of possible cases of non-compliance identified by the Secretariat under paragraph 3 of Resolution C-11-07.	Letters were sent to the CPCs on 27 March 2023 to remind them of the cases that are pending conclusion because they have been either reported as under investigation or with no response for the last five years. Information on this matter is presented in Section 5 of the report.			
5.	To provide a table indicating the compliance by CPCs with the minimum observer coverage in long-liners over the previous five years.	This table was included in the Compliance Report in the section on Resolution C-19-08.			

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6.	To include in the Compliance Report a table on the implementation of Port State Measures under Resolution C-21-07.	This table is included in the Compliance Report in the section on Resolution <b>C-21-07</b> .	
7.	Regarding reporting obligations, to provide more concrete information in the Compliance Report on the specific data missing and not only the lack of reporting.	In the report, more attention was given to highlighting information needs, mainly regarding Resolution C-03-05 on data provision.	
8.	To send a Memo to CPCs at the latest 30 days after the conclusion of the 100 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission on the applicable modalities and deadlines for the notification of trips without observers in Resolution C-09-04.	Memorandum 0411-420, dated 28 August 2022, was sent to the AIDCP Parties and IATTC Members reminding them of the entire process for notification of trips without an observer on board.	
9.	To introduce improvements to Table 25 of document COR-13-02, notably to reflect the outcome of investigations and proceedings by CPCs, and consider its potential added value as a tool for CPCs to take action as appropriate. Only vessels with verified and unresolved infractions should be included in Table 25.	Done.	
10.	To provide compliance summary formats that facilitate reviewing CPC compliance per each resolution, as well as per CPC.	New formats have been developed and utilized, which are easier to understand and simplified for a more efficient review.	
11.	Implement the cross-listing procedures in Resolution C- 19-02 in part by seeking IUU vessel lists from other RFMOs, as appropriate.	The IUU cross-list with other RFMOs is published on the IATTC website. An initial list was submitted for consideration by the CPCs and feedback was received, and subsequently the IUU cross-list was posted. The list has been modified in accordance with updates submitted by other tuna RFMOs and comments received from CPCs.	
12.	On cross listing of vessels listed on other RFMO lists under Res. C-19-02, request that the Secretariat to develop procedures to ensure that all required elements relevant to cross-listing under paragraphs 18-24 are implemented, including circulating other RFMO vessel lists and supporting information upon receipt from that RFMO, providing CPCs with 30 days to object to any cross-listing, and upon conclusion of that 30 day period circulate an amended final IATTC IUU vessel list. Further, request that the Secretariat maintain appropriate contacts with the Secretariats of RFMOs listed in para. 21 of 19-02 and conduct follow-up as necessary to ensure that their final IUU vessel lists are sent to the IATTC Secretariat in a timely manner after adoption. Finally, request that the Secretariat circulate a list of all vessels added to the final IATTC vessel list to date via cross-listing as well as supporting information and provide CPCs with an opportunity to object within 30 days to their inclusion.	Document <b>COR-14-04</b> on the IATTC IUU list contains a specific section describing how the process for creating, reviewing, and updating the IUU cross-list has been carried out. The document highlights that: -The process to compile and publish the IUU cross-list as outlined in Resolution <b>C-19-02</b> has been carried out. -Memorandums have been sent periodically to the CPCs to inform them of changes in the list. -A collaboration mechanism has been established with other RFMOs to update and review these lists through the TCN network. -In the future, quarterly reports will be prepared to notify CPCs of changes in the cross-list.	

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	Recommendations to the Committee				
13.	To structure the discussions by the Committee on the assessment of individual cases on possible non- compliance by resolution instead of by CPC. Ensure this also allows for a review of additional information provided by CPCs in their compliance responses (e.g., information included as "Additional Information" on the compliance webpage or within the Questionnaires).	The Compliance Report is structured to allow for a resolution-by-resolution review of possible non-compliance and it includes the responses to possible infractions provided by the CPCs.			
14.	To add a permanent point on the agenda of the Committee to continue working on possible improvements to the compliance process. Further action could also include the amendment of Resolution C-11- 07 based on proposals by CPCs or to convene an intersessional meeting aimed at, among other things, identifying improvements to the compliance review process and types of information that would be helpful (as well as revising current information presented to the COR to make it more helpful) for reviewing implementation of IATTC measures. This may include new templates, and automated or online reporting systems and databases that reduce reporting burden for both CPCs and the Secretariat or a ranking of the severity of compliance infractions to guide the activities of the COR.	<ul> <li>This item was added to the current agenda of the Review Committee and will continue to be added.</li> <li>A ranking of the severity of infractions has been proposed in the Compliance Report.</li> <li>A procedure to allow individual CPCs to provide appropriate updates in a timely manner is being developed.</li> </ul>			
15.	Establish a provisional Compliance Report to which the Commission should outline its response in the final Compliance Report.	The provisional report of the 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting was prepared; the Secretariat is awaiting comments, edits and corrections from the CPCs in order to incorporate them and produce a final report.			
	Recommendatio	ons to the CPCs			
16.	To ensure that the minimum percentage of observer coverage in long-liners is met and recall the importance of data collection to promote the long-term sustainability of the stocks.				
17.	To encourage the relevant CPCs to notify the Secretariat at the latest 3 months after the conclusion of the 100 meeting of the Commission of the conservation measures applicable (i.e., either IATTC or WCPFC ones) for their vessels registered in both organizations and fishing in the overlap area under Recommendation C-12-11.	CPCs were reminded of this obligation through Memorandum 153-410 dated 5 April 2023. The responses received can be found on the IATTC website here: <u>Management/IATTC-WCPFC-overlap-area</u> .			
	Recommendations to the Commission				
18.	To renew Cooperating Non-Member status to Bolivia and Liberia and to defer the decision on the renewal of Indonesia and Chile to the Commission, noting that they did not attend the Committee meeting but that they meet the requirements (COR-13-03). To remind all applicants	The Commission renewed the Cooperating Non- Member status for 2022-2023 for Bolivia, Liberia, Indonesia, Chile and Honduras .			

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	of the obligation to attend the meetings of the Committee.	
19.	To remove the vessel Patricia Lynn from Annex 3 of document COR-13-04 REV and approve the Provisional IUU list, noting the on-going proceedings initiated by Colombia and the commitment by Colombia to report on the status of the investigation at the latest at the 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee.	Done.
20.	To task the IATTC Staff and the SAC with clarifying the most precise reporting metrics (i.e., effective days of fishing vs hooks deployed) in Resolution C-19-08.	This issue was reviewed at the 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the SAC in May 2023, but no consensus could be reached on a proposed recommendation to use the number of fishing hooks deployed as the sole parameter.
21.	To clarify Resolution C-04-05 and C-05-03 regarding the obligation to retain sharks on-board.	Issue under consideration.
22.	To task the WG on FADs with considering and potentially recommending clarifications or revisions to Resolution C-19-01 to facilitate the monitoring of mesh size obligations, the design of the underwater part or the responsibilities of vessels that have opportunistic interactions with non-compliant FADs	T. This issue was discussed during the meeting of the WG in May 2023 and, as a result, a recommendation was made , which was endorsed by the SAC (see document IATTC-101-03).
23.	To develop specific measures for repeated offenses by individual vessels in Table 25 of COR-13-02.	To be considered by the Committee still, in a manner consistent with the provisions of Resolution <b>C-22-02</b> on compliance that was adopted taking in account these recommendations.