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BILLFISH CHECK SHEETS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REC. 18-05

This document contains the Billfish Check Sheets listed below that were received from CPCs by **1 October 2021**. Submissions received after this date will be contained in **Addendum 1** in their original language only. Summary of Billfish Check Sheets contents are contained in **Annex 1**. Billfish Check Sheets from previous years, submitted in 2021, are contained in **Annex 2** in their original language only.

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Received</i>
ALBANIA*	X
ALGERIA**	X
ANGOLA	
BARBADOS**	X
BELIZE*	X
BRAZIL	X
CABO VERDE*	X
CANADA	X
CHINA, People's Rep. Of	X
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	
CURAÇAO	X
EGYPT	X
EL SALVADOR	X
EUROPEAN UNION*/**	X
FRANCE (SMP)*	X
GABON*	X
THE GAMBIA	
GHANA*	X
GRENADA	
GUATEMALA*	X
GUINEA-BISSAU	
GUINEA, Rep. of	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	X
HONDURAS*/**	X
ICELAND	X
JAPAN	X
KOREA, Rep. Of	X
LIBERIA	
LIBYA	X
MAURITANIA	
MEXICO	X
MOROCCO	X
NAMIBIA*/**	X
NICARAGUA	

NIGERIA	X
NORWAY	X
PANAMA	
PHILIPPINES*	X
RUSSIA	X
SVG*	X
SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE	
SENEGAL*	X
SIERRA LEONE	
SOUTH AFRICA	X
SYRIA	X
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO*	X
TUNISIA	X
TURKEY*	X
UK (OTs)*	X
UNITED STATES	X
URUGUAY	X
VENEZUELA	
BOLIVIA	
CHINESE TAIPEI	X
COSTA RICA	X
GUYANA*	X
SURINAM	X

*Billfish Check Sheets received **after the deadline** set by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1.

**Billfish Check Sheets which may require revisions to some responses.

Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: ALBANIA

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	NO		<p>Albania does not target blue marlin and does not have quota for that species.</p> <p>Albania's landings are 0.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	NO		<p>Albania does not target white marlin/spearfish and does not have quota for that species.</p> <p>Albania's landings are 0.</p>

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	NO		<p>Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.</p> <p>In our relevant domestic laws and regulations there is nothing regarding blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.</p> <p>These species do not appear in our fisheries.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		<p>Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish</p>

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish

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		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	NO		Albania does not target blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		Albania does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Albania does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	YES		0 catch data

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	NO		Albania does not target Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	NO		Albania does not target Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	NO		Albania does not target Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Species not recorded in Algeria.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Species not recorded in Algeria.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Not applicable		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries. Dead billfish can be kept, transhipped or landed within the landing limits.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition	Yes or no		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.

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		that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			If "Yes", please also explain your dead discard prohibition and rules concerning sale/entry into commerce here (N/A is not a permissible response).
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes or No or N/A (Not applicable)		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries. If exempted: obtention of confirmation from the Billfish Species Group. If "Yes", indicate the date that exemption was received, and for which species.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There is no active recreational fishery in this fishery.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There is no active recreational fishery in this fishery.

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19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		There is no active recreational fishery in this fishery.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		There is no active recreational fishery in this fishery.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Group of species not recorded in Algeria and not targeted by the Algerian fleet in the jurisdictional waters of third countries.

During the plenary of the meeting of Panel 4, Algeria requested exemption from this requirement, stating that the check sheet cannot be applicable, since, as explained, the billfish species group is not recorded in Algeria and is not exploited by third countries, given that Algeria does not issue any authorisations to the national fleet to exploit this resource in waters other than Algerian territorial waters.

The request for exemption is attached to this check sheet.

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Name of CPC: Barbados

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	<p>The Barbados Fisheries Division aims to reduce mortality in the longline fishery of sensitive species including blue and white marlins through:</p> <p>(1) Promotion of and eventual replacement of traditional ‘J’ hooks with non-offset circle hooks in the longline fishery, in an attempt to reduce mortality on the lines before haul-back. This is in keeping with the objective of improving product freshness for the target tuna species which will serve as a beneficial inducement for fishers to transition to circle hooks.</p> <p>(2) Complementary to this strategy is the safe release of live incidental catches and to this end the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations specifically mandate that vessels carry the necessary equipment and the crew be trained in best practices for safely extricating live incidental catches of protected species from longline gear to reduce injuring and increasing the animal’s survival while also not endangering the fishers.</p> <p>However it must be noted that while the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations have been completed following wide consultative review by government and</p>

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					industry stakeholders, they have not yet been submitted to Cabinet and are not yet in force but it is hoped that these steps will be completed shortly.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	Please see explanation above.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	Please see explanation above.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations specifically mandate that vessels carry the necessary equipment and the crew be trained in best practices for safely extricating live incidental catches of protected species from longline gear to reduce injuring and increasing the animal's survival while also not endangering the fishers.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	Please see note above.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	Please note that as stated earlier regulations to this effect are included in the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		If “Yes”, please detail the criteria in which the CPC can retain, transship or land dead billfish within landing limits.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Barbados places all landed marlins in the market for sale as food

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Annual Task 1 and Task 2 data are duly submitted.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	The mandate to carry the appropriate equipment and training of crew in its use to achieve this objective as per the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations applies to Recreational/sports fishers as well.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management regulations includes a very detailed regulation mandating that catches of all species, fishing effort and other fishing trip information should be recorded and reported for both commercial and recreational vessel, this includes for incidental catches and discards. The legislation does not use the term "logbook" as the use of other formats for recording this information such as electronic reporting formats are contemplated. A regulation also mandates participation by both commercial and recreational vessels in approved observer programmes including electronic monitoring.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	As noted above. A regulation mandating that the masters of all fishing vessels, including recreational, fully participate in any scientific observer programme authorized by the Chief Fisheries Officer including electronic monitoring programmes.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations includes regulations setting minimum sizes for marlins for the sport/recreational fishery and the sizes will be set in keeping with ICCAT specifications.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>Under Fisheries Act 1993 (amended 2000)</p> <p>12. (1) No person shall fish commercially in the waters of Barbados without a commercial fisherman's licence issued under this section.</p>	Separate licenses are required for “sport” fishing in local law whereby in the definitions for the Act recreational fishing is subsumed viz.: “sport fishing” means fishing for the purposes of recreation, personal consumption or competition;” whereby: “commercial fishing” means fishing for the purpose of selling all or any of the fish caught this implies that catches from sport/recreational fishing may not be sold but this is definitively stated in the draft 2021 Fisheries management regulations.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		If “Yes”, please provide here information on implementation (including monitoring, control, and surveillance measures) not otherwise covered elsewhere on this check sheet.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Standard recording of landings at fish markets. The vast majority of Barbados fisheries are small-scale and Barbados landings data collection system has been described in several earlier national reports. Landings statistics are submitted annually under the category of “handline”.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	As noted earlier the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations mandates reporting of this data by the sport/recreational fishery but details of the most appropriate recording and reporting procedures will be developed through a process of stakeholder consultations.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	As noted earlier the use of circle hooks in the longline fishery is being promoted and the relevant regulations in the Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations refer.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	The Draft 2021 Fisheries Management Regulations.	Barbados places all landed sailfish in the market for sale as food. No discarding takes place. All landings of sailfish are duly reported to ICCAT. However, the already detailed regulations aimed at improving such detailed recording of catch and effort including incidental catches refers.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		In several previous reports to ICCAT as well as in the Billfish Check Sheet for 2020. Again, the regulations aimed at improving such detailed recording of catch and effort including incidental catches refers.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES	<p>Vessels are prohibited from harvesting blue and white marlin. This measure has been implemented through legally binding fishing vessel circular BHSFU-018-2016 which was replaced by BHSFU-029-2019 (attached). All circulars are issued pursuant to Part VIII, Section 50(1)(c) of our HSFA 2013 which confers the power to make regulations.</p>	<p>There were NO catches of marlin from our industrial high seas fisheries in 2019. Our artisanal vessels do not target marlin. However, there are catches of marlin taken during recreational fishing and sport fishing tournaments. While the recreational fishery has a ‘catch and release’ policy, sport fishers retain their largest catch to be measured and weighed as a part of the tournament which is managed by the Belize Game Fisheries Association. Recreational and sport fishing in Belize is regulated by the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES	<p>This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.</p>	<p>There were NO catches of marlin or spearfish from our high seas operation in 2019. Our artisanal vessels do not target marlin/spearfish. However, catches of marlin during sport fishing tournaments are caught and released and only retained if the fish was dead when brought alongside the vessel. Sport fishing in Belize falls under the purview of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI) which does not currently have a data collection program in place. The Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit is in dialogue with</p>

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					the CZMAI to establish an information sharing agreement and the necessary data collection mechanisms for the requisite billfish data.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Marlins and spearfish are not caught industrially by Belize’s high seas vessels and are only retained by sport fishing vessels when the fish is dead when brought alongside the vessel. As such, landings for these species does not approach the relevant landing limits.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	NO		Belize has not yet set any regulations in place to codify this section of the regulation. Our vessels catch and report only a minimal quantity of billfish caught for commercial purposes. The management and regulation of billfishes is a cross-sectorial initiative and, as such, requires consultation for the implementation of measures. Nonetheless, Belize will be issuing regulations to implement this measure shortly.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	NO		Same explanation applies as per the above.

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19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	YES	This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.	The domestic regulation governing interaction with blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish requires vessel owners to ensure that any incidental harvesting of these species that are alive at the time of harvesting are released in a manner that maximizes their survival.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		Same explanation applies as per the above.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	YES	This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.	There is no expressed provision to prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish that are caught in high seas fishing operations; however, these catches must be reported to the BHSFU in the normal catch reporting spreadsheet and entered into the fishing logbook. There are no restrictions for these products to be entered into commerce except for standard certification processes.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Belize does not catch blue or white marlin or spearfish for local consumption. However, we do report any catches of this species taken for commercial purposes in or Task 1 and 2 reports.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	NO		Although the Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit is the focal point for Belize at ICCAT, we do not manage or regulate recreational or sport fishing activities within our national jurisdiction. Nonetheless, we have signed an MOU with the relevant authorities to ensure the proper management of these species when taken through recreational or sport fishing activities in accordance with any management measures adopted by ICCAT.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		Belize has national regulations in place for the collection of catch data inclusive of billfishes via our monthly catch reporting requirements (logbooks) and, where appropriate, scientific observers. All catches of billfishes are reported to ICCAT in our Task 1 and 2 reports

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		Tour operators in Belize that offers recreational fishing tours interact with blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish. These operators employ a strict "catch and release" policy although there is no domestic legislation which mandates this requirement.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	NO		The competent authority which regulates sport and recreational fisheries was not cognizant of the requirements of this management measure. The BHSFU is engaged in dialogue with this authority to provide guidance for the effective implementation of this requirement. The necessary communications framework is also being established to ensure that this data is shared with the BHSFU for proper reporting to ICCAT.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	YES		The Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI), as the competent authority for the regulation of sport and recreational fisheries, has implemented minimum requirements for the retention of blue marlin and prohibits the retention of white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	NO		Recreational fishers in Belize catch blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish on a catch and release basis. The BHSFU is actively engaged in dialogue with the competent authority to ensure that the pertinent elements of this provision are fully implemented.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	YES	FVC-16/18	The BHSFU has reported Belize’s domestic regulations to the Commission.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		Sport and recreational fisheries interact with blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	NO		The competent authority which regulates sport and recreational fisheries is working to establish data collection programs that will collect the data that is needed to report to ICCAT in accordance with this measure.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	NO		<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish are prohibited species in high seas fisheries and NIL catches were reported in the Task 1 and 2 data submissions to ICCAT. The CZMAI, as the competent authority for the management and regulation of sport and recreational fisheries, is currently working to establish the necessary legal and operational framework that will fully implement the pertinent provisions of this measure.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	YES		<p>Belize has no recorded catches of or interactions with Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in its high seas fisheries. The CZMAI, as the competent authority for the management and regulation of sport and recreational fisheries, is currently working to establish the necessary legal and operational framework that will fully implement the pertinent provisions of this measure.</p>

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	YES		<p>Belize does not issue licenses which authorize the taking of Sailfish in its high seas fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area. It has also adopted regulations requiring the use of circle hooks and all recorded catches, inclusive of interactions with sailfish, if any, are reported in its Task 1 and 2 data submissions to the Commission.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	YES		<p>Belize collects data from its high seas fisheries through electronic catch reports and bound fishing logbooks. However, the taking of sailfish is not authorized and there are no recorded catches or interactions with sailfish in reports to the BHSFU.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES	<p>These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since Interministerial Rule Nº 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES	<p>These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since Interministerial Rule Nº 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.</p>	

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	YES	<p>Interministerial Rule N^o 74, 1st November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all Brazilian longline fishing vessels. Interministerial Rule N^o 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.</p>	
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	YES	<p>Interministerial Rule N^o 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.</p>	
19-05	6	<p>CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.</p>	YES	<p>Interministerial Rule N^o 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.</p>	

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19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	YES	Interministerial Rule N ^o 74, 1 st November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels	Yes
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	YES	Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.	
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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	YES	Interministerial Rule N° 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.	
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	YES	Recreational fisheries are also obliged to obey Interministerial Rule N° 12, of July 15, 2005, that establishes the mandatory release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part.	Sport Fishing tournaments that target marlins have been monitored since 1992, including by onboard observers.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the PROTUNA and Blue Shark research projects, including the presence of onboard observers.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	YES		Sport Fishing tournaments that target marlins have been monitored since 1992, including by onboard observers
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	NO	Recreational fisheries are also obliged to obey Interministerial Rule Nº 12, of July 15, 2005, that establishes the mandatory release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part. Minimum sizes, therefore, are not applicable to Brazil.	

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	YES	<p>Interministerial Rule N^o 12, of July 15, 2005, obliges the release of white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibits any sale of these species. This Rule is also applicable to the sport fishing.</p>	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	YES	<p>This information was already provided in Brazil's Annual Report, as well as here, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interministerial Normative Instruction No. 2, of September 4, 2006; establishing the satellite fishing vessel tracking program; - Normative Instruction No. 20, of September 10, 2014, and Normative Instruction No. 51, of 23 of October 7, 2019; establishing the forms and criteria for completing and delivering fishing logbooks. - Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the PROTUNA and Blue Shark research projects, including the presence of onboard observers. 	

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	YES	Besides the monitoring of landings and of catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction No. 20, of September 10, 2014, and Normative Instruction No. 51, of 23 of October 7, 2019, the artisanal fisheries are also being monitored within the scope of the PROTUNA research project, including the presence of onboard observers.	
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	YES		All data are being provided.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: ...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	YES	Interministerial Rule N ^o 74, of 1 st November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels in Brazil.	
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	YES	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches through fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction No. 20, of September 10, 2014, and Normative Instruction No. 51, of 23 of October 7, 2019, artisanal fisheries are also monitored within the scope of the PROTUNA research project, including the presence of onboard observers.	

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	YES	<p>Besides the monitoring of landings and catches through fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction No. 20, of September 10, 2014, and Normative Instruction No. 51, of 23 of October 7, 2019, artisanal fisheries are also being monitored within the scope of the PROTUNA research project, including the presence of onboard observers.</p>	

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	NO		<p>Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.</p> <p>Likewise, there is still no specific legislation regarding this group of species.</p> <p>Small-scale artisanal fisheries may take small quantities of billfish as by-catch, however, there is no statistical monitoring in place for billfish. Consequently, no information is available.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	NO		<p>Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde</p> <p>Likewise, there is still no specific legislation regarding this group of species.</p> <p>Small-scale artisanal fisheries may take small quantities of billfish as by-catch, however, there is no statistical monitoring in place for billfish. Consequently, no information is available.</p>

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	NO		Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	NO		Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers’ training.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving statistical monitoring and fishers’ training.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	NO		Not applicable as there are no fisheries targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, while also bettering statistical monitoring of small-scale artisanal fishing.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, while also bettering statistical monitoring of small-scale artisanal fishing.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	YES		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, while also bettering statistical monitoring of small-scale artisanal fishing.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES		<p>Marlin by-catch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted on 30/07/2021. In 2020, Canada did not land blue marlin. Canada discarded 75 kg dead and 168 kg live blue marlin.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES		<p>Marlin by-catch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted on 30/07/2021. In 2020, Canada landed 1,193 kg of white marlin. Canada discarded 172 kg dead and 940 kg live white marlin.</p>

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	YES	<p>Reference #1: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2020, “all live marlin must be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm.”</p>	<p>There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through by-catch, with the release of live marlins being required forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm.</p> <p>Dockside monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the monitoring company that inputs the data into centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which insures 100% coverage.</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	YES		<p>The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for the mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and increase the probability of post-release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO on a research program examining patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch.</p>

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	YES		The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for the mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and increase the probability of post-release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO on a research program examining patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	YES	Reference #2: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2020, "When using longline gear the licence holder/operator is must use corrodible, circle hooks." See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4	The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for thr mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and increase the probability of post-release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO on a research program examining patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		Canada does not permit transshipment in the ICCAT Convention area.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	NO		Canada does not prohibit dead discarding.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Canada complies with Recommendation 19-05 Para. 4 and thus does not require an exemption. There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through by-catch, with the release of live marlins being required forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There is no recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna-like species or shark fisheries. There are limited catch and release fisheries for tuna and sharks; interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish have not been reported in those fisheries.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		Marlin by-catch interactions are reported annually in the estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted on 30/07/2021.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		There is no recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna-like species or shark fisheries. There are limited catch and release fisheries for tuna and sharks; interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish have not been reported in those fisheries.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		There is no recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna-like species or shark fisheries. There are limited catch and release fisheries for tuna and sharks; interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish have not been reported in those fisheries.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		There is no recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna-like species or shark fisheries. There are limited catch and release fisheries for tuna and sharks; interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish have not been reported in those fisheries.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		There is no recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna-like species or shark fisheries. There are limited catch and release fisheries for tuna and sharks; interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish have not been reported in those fisheries.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	YES	<p>See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4</p> <p>Fishery (General) Regulations - SOR/93-53 (Section 65).</p> <p>Reference #3: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2020, “The licence holder / operator must have an approved vessel monitoring system (VMS) authorized by DFO on the vessel to fish under this licence.”</p>	<p>There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through by-catch, with the release of live marlins being required.</p> <p>Dockside monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the monitoring company that inputs the data into the centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which insures 100% coverage.</p> <p>At-sea observers are targeted for deployment on 10% of swordfish fishing trips despite no ICCAT requirements for observers on board swordfish vessels smaller than 20 meters. All discarding interactions (from both the observer reports and harvesters’ logbooks) are reported in the estimation of nominal</p>

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					<p>catch Task 1, Catch & Effort (Task 2) and National Observer Programme Data. All data submitted on 30/07/2021.</p> <p>All swordfish longline vessels carrying longline gear must have an operating Vessel Monitoring System on the vessel.</p> <p>Transshipping of all fish is prohibited by the Atlantic Fishery Regulations.</p> <p>The fishery is monitored through the Department's enforcement branch through the deployment of protection officers on land, sea and by air.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	YES		All of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish data is submitted annually as part of Task 1 and 2, and National Observer Programme Data. 2020 data submitted on 30/07/2021.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	YES	<p>See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4</p> <p>See Reference # 2 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 7</p>	<p>Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Atlantic sailfish. Nevertheless, the pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for the mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlins are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	NO		<p>Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with sailfish.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	NO		<p>Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with sailfish.</p>

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Name of CPC: CHINA

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES	<p>Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES	<p>Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.</p>	

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 3, catch limit: when the catch limit or quota are exhausted, the company and its fishing vessel must stop operation and the over-harvested fish must be released immediately.	Yes Observers on board the fishing vessel will help monitor the vessel to comply with the measures. Besides, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measure, raising their compliance awareness.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, sub-para 5: Fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate steps to cause no harm to marlin caught incidentally during release	

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. All tuna enterprises shall seriously comply with management measures, and earnestly work out training of relevant persons	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch: fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate measures to release sailfish and spearfish caught incidentally in a unharmed manner and to reduce mortality insofar as possible.	We encourage fishing vessels operating on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean to use circle hooks to reduce harm to sailfish and spearfish.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch and Para 3, quota: Longline vessels operating in the Atlantic Ocean are encouraged to use circle hooks, to reduce damage of sailfish and marlin caught incidentally All tuna enterprises and fishing vessels shall conduct fishing operations under the quota allocated by this Ministry,	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	NO		

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Not a coastal or small island CPC.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No such fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 2: Chinese tuna enterprises shall submit each vessel's logbook for last year to the Data Center of China Distant Water Fisheries	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		China does not have any non-industrial fisheries.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	YES		

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	YES	Implementation Guideline on the Management of Distant Water Fishery National Observer Programme	Observers on board the fishing vessel must collect all the scientific data required, including sailfish, and we report the Task 1 and 2 data collected by the observer to ICCAT.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	YES		We describe our data collection programmes in our annual report.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES	Decree hereto is currently being formulated	<p>Most billfish catches are normally dead.</p> <p>For the Purse Seiners fishing in the Atlantic Ocean</p> <p>Billfishes are released as soon as possible and dead billfishes retained.</p> <p>According to the data in Form ST09, the observed catch of BUM was 15 MT, with only ten specimens released, eight dead and two alive, and the rest retained (129 individuals).</p> <p>In recreational fishing, no blue marlin has been landed in any of the local tournaments. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released.</p> <p>With respect to artisanal fishing, we are in the process of formulating a TOR to initiate data collection on catches in general and possible blue marlin catches.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES	See above	<p>No WHM were reported.</p> <p>In recreational fishing, in no white marlin has been landed in any of the local tournaments. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released.</p> <p>With respect to artisanal fishing, we are in the process of formulating a TOR to initiate data collection on catches in general and possible white marlin catches.</p>
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	N/A		Curacao did not reach or approach its landing limits.
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	YES	P.B. 109 , P.B. 74	All of Curaçao's purse seiners are implementing a code of good practice, which calls for the timely release of live bycatch.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	YES	National Maritime Law	Curaçao has hired the services of AZTI as a provider to train the crew and observers on the implementation and monitoring of provisions related to the Code of Good Practice.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	YES		Specific Guidelines to minimize post release mortality of by-catch and in particular marlins are under development.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	YES		Purse seine by-catch of billfish is not significant and inevitable. While all specimens that arrive alive on deck are promptly released, most specimens arrive dead on deck. In general, dead specimens are retained to avoid food waste. They are not commercialized but unloaded in Abidjan, as they represent an important source of protein for the local population.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	NO		Curaçao does not prohibit dead discards. However, discards of dead billfish are rare, for the reasons expressed before. However, all dead marlins are landed and distributed among local crew for their own consumption.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		In recreational fishing, no blue marlin has been landed in any of the local tournaments. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		Data collected by observers and reported through Form ST-09
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		

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19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	NO	See above	
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	NO	See above	

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	YES		No data available. With respect to artisanal fishing we are in the process of formulating a TOR to initiate data collection on catches in general and possible blue and white marlin catches.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	NO		See above. Once the consultants have been selected implementation could initiate. This has been budgeted.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	YES		Data for purse seiners are collected and reported through Form ST-09.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	YES		<p>In 2020 there was 1.5 MT, 52 specimens of sailfish caught as by-catch, all dead and retained.</p> <p>Curacao does not target sailfish in commercial fishing.</p> <p>All sailfishes caught in recreational fishing are tagged and released.</p> <p>With respect to artisanal fishing, no data is available. Furthermore, we are in the process of formulating a TOR to initiate data collection on catches in general and possible blue and white marlin catches.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	YES		<p>All this is already in place, with data reported through Form ST09. Refer to other Billfish for details, the same applies to all species.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	YES		<p>All this is already in place, with data reported through Form ST09. Refer to other Billfish for details, the same applies to all species.</p>

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Name of CPC: EGYPT

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES		
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES		

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		No records were reported for these species as there were no fishing activities.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	NO		No records were reported for these species as there were no fishing activities.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	NO		No records were reported for these species as there were no fishing activities.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	NO		No records were reported for these species as there were no fishing activities.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		No vessels are authorized to catch and retain on board, transship, or land these species.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	NO		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		No records or local consumption of these species.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreational activities are carried out for these species.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	NO		No records for these species were reported.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational activities are carried out for these species.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		No recreational activities are carried out for these species.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		No recreational activities are carried out for these species.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	NO		No records were reported for these species.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		No artisanal or small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		No artisanal or small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	NO		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention	NO		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.

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		objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	NO		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	NO		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities in 2020.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 10 t, as established in this paragraph of Recommendation 19-05.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 2 t, as established in this paragraph of Recommendation.

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19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Reported catches do not come close to the limit.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		There is a code of good practices in purse seine fishing, which applies associated species release techniques. These help reduce mortality by releasing these species. However, the lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught are not available as the only apply to longline fisheries.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		There is a code of good practices in purse seine fishing, which applies associated species release techniques. These help reduce mortality by releasing these species. However, some of the manoeuvres described in Annex 1 are not performed as they only apply to longline fisheries.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		There is a code of good practices in purse seine fishing, which applies associated species release techniques. These help reduce mortality by releasing these species.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Purse seiners are authorized to retain on board and land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that cannot be released alive and are dead when taken on board, as long as landing limits are respected.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		There are no small-scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		The El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect this information and it is provided to ICCAT on an annual basis.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	<p>Article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion states that “in addition to this law, the provisions of international law and conventions signed and ratified by El Salvador will also be fulfilled, in addition to the regulations of this law and complementary rules issued by CENDEPESCA to this effect, in the framework of fishing conservation, management and preservation provisions, as well as those related to aquaculture.”</p>	In accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion, this regulation integrates all binding provisions adopted by ICCAT into national law.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		There are no artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes		<p>They have been implemented in accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion. Nonetheless, specific regulations are being developed for dissemination and agreement.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>The El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect this information and it is provided to ICCAT on an annual basis.</p>

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		No data is collected as we do not have an artisanal fleet in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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Name of CPC: EUROPEAN UNION

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Fishing opportunities applicable for EU fishing vessels are established on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Annex I D of the Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2020.</p> <p>Annex ID of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provided the landing limits for blue marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2021.</p>	The adjusted landing limit of BUM for EU in 2020 was 449.80 tons. EU caught 138.82 tons of BUM in 2020, and under-harvest 310.98 tons.

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19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Annex I D of the Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit of 0 tons for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2020.</p> <p>Annex ID of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters established a landing limit for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2021.</p>	<p>The adjusted landing limit of WHM for EU in 2020 was of 55.00 tonnes.</p> <p>EU caught 3.07 tons of BUM in 2020, and under-harvest 29.53 tonnes.</p>

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).</p> <p>Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding. 2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</p>	

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law. Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	Some EU-Member states request that the owner of their vessels provide in the context of the authorisation process with information on release mechanisms, such as dehookers, lifting devices, bolt cutters, etc.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law including provisions about training to the crewmembers on proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques. Additionally, pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding	Missing Notes/Explanations: “Yes”, please explain how. Include any information on the best practices adopted for handling the release of live marlins caught.

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				upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 27</p> <p>1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding.</p> <p>2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin</p>	

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				<i>and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</i>	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	<p>Annex I D of the Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin and white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2020.</p> <p>Annex ID of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters established a landing limit for blue and white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2021.</p>	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding. 2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</p>

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 28 Landing of blue marlin and white marlin beyond the fishing opportunities</p> <p><i>When a Member State has exhausted its quota, that Member State shall ensure that the landings of blue marlin and white marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel are not sold or entered into commerce. Such landings shall not count against EU catch limits as set out in paragraph 2 of ICCAT Recommendation 2018-04.</i></p>	<p>Art 15 (landing obligation) of the Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy prohibits the discard of blue and white marlins in the ICCAT Convention area. Those landings will not count against the limits established in § 1 of Rec 18-04/19-05.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the</p>	Yes		<p>The EU has non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadelupe or Martinique.</p> <p>Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission</p>

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		Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. See below
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 into EU law. Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, provides the obligation to vessels of 10 meters' length overall or more to keep a fishing logbook of fishing	Missing Notes/Explanations: If "Yes", please explain actions taken.

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				<p>operations and vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more to have an electronic logbook, indicating for each fishing trip, all quantities of each species caught including for blue shark.</p> <p>Additionally, vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more shall have a fully functioning device which allows that vessel to be automatically located and identified through the vessel monitoring system (VMS). This Regulation also provides the obligation to EU Member States to perform cross-checking, analysis and verifications of VMS, logbook, sales data, etc.</p> <p>According to Regulation 1224/2009, catches by recreational fisheries shall be monitored based on a sampling plan.</p> <p>See information on data collection below.</p>	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		The EU has recreational fisheries that may interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 29 1. Member States whose vessels are engaged in recreational fisheries of blue marlin and white marlin shall maintain a 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin tournament landings.</p>	
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 29 2. In recreational fisheries of blue marlin a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply. 3. In recreational fisheries of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.</p>	In recreational fisheries of blue marlin a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply and of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 29 4. It shall be prohibited to sell or to offer for sale any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin caught in recreational fisheries.</p>	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>Implementation of the provisions of the 18-04/19-05 Recommendation are communicated to ICCAT through this form – check sheet and the annual report every year.</p>
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		<p>Catches of billfish are mainly by-catches of the industrial surface longline segment targeting swordfish and sharks.</p> <p>The EU has also non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadalupe or Martinique.</p>

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	<p>Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019.</p> <p>Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.</p>	<p>The Regulation 2017/1004 establishes rules on the collection, management and use of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries sector within the framework of multiannual Union programmes.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 requires collection of data for all types of fisheries to assess the impact of Union fishing activities on marine biological resources and on marine ecosystems in Union waters and outside Union waters. Those data consist of biological data on stocks caught by Union commercial fisheries in Union and outside Union waters and by recreational fisheries in Union waters; as well as data related to incidental by-catch including all birds, mammals and reptiles and fish species protected under Union legislation and international agreements.</p>

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019.</p> <p>Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.</p>	<p>Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.</p> <p>Blue marlin, white marlin and spearfish are included in table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 such as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority.</p> <p>The EU has provided Task 1 and Task 2 data to ICCAT on 08/04, 07/05, 31/05, 02/06, 04/06, 08/06, 25/06, 02/07, 05/07, 07/07, 09/07, 15/07, 16/07, 19/07, 22/07, 26/07, 28/07, 29/07, 30/07, 17/08, 18/08 and 07/09/2021.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species.</p> <p>(“N/A” is not a permissible response).</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture</p>	<p>Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.</p> <p><i>Istiophorus albicans</i> are included in table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 such as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority.</p>

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				sectors for the period 2017-2019. Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.	
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		An EU-wide framework for the collection of fisheries data (DCF) is in place since the early 2000s. Under this Framework, co-financed between the European Commission and the EU Member States and implemented by the relevant research institutes and ministerial departments in each EU coastal Member State, a complete set of information pertaining to the fleets (catch, effort and economic indicators) is compiled. In the ICCAT Convention area, this information includes sailfish. In order to ensure a harmonized and coherent collection of the information, scientists of the different EU Member States concerned by ICCAT fisheries hold every year a coordination meeting during which sampling schemes are

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					<p>fine-tuned and, where possible, some tasks are shared. Such data is regularly made available to scientists in order to run their researches and constitute the basis for the EU contribution to the stock assessment processes undertaken by the ICCAT SCRS.</p> <p>In the context of the new EU multiannual programme, applying as from 2017, concerned EU-Member states (France, Spain and Portugal) give high priority to the sampling of <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> including the species relevant to Rec. 16-11.</p>

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

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.

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					The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Catch and landing data extracted from logbooks and the results of observations are used to analyse risks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational fisheries.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational fisheries in SPM
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		No recreational fisheries in SPM

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		No recreational fisheries in SPM
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Information reported via fishers’ logbooks
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No (under way)		<p>Recruitment of a new fishery monitoring manager by the administration</p> <p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2020 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>Data is collected through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting obligations applicable to fishers - On-board observer programmes - Landing and marketing controls

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Name of CPC: GABON

Note: Note: Each ICCAT requirement must be implemented in a legally binding manner. Just requesting fishermen to implement measures should not be regarded as implementation.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i>. Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes.	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGPA of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text establishes quotas according to métier and that billfish belong to the partly protected species. In addition, retention is prohibited for tuna fisheries.
19-05	2	<p><i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits</i>. Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in</p>	Yes.	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGPA of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text establishes quotas according to métier and that billfish belong to the partly protected species.

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		paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?			
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A (not applicable)		Limit not exceeded. No catches recorded for 2020.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes.		For tuna fisheries, release into the water of live specimens is strongly encouraged in fishing licenses. It remains to establish minimum standards for handling specimens.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain an CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.			We do not have a national tuna fishery. For foreign vessels, it is the responsibility of the flag CPC.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”			No national tuna fishery. However, this is strongly advised for foreign vessels fishing in Gabonese waters.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.			Partially protected species. No retention for foreign vessels.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No.		Dead discards are recorded.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures	Yes.		Task 1 information collected under this provision is transmitted to ICCAT, in the case of the artisanal fisheries.

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		taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes.		
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes.		Daily collection sheet under the national observer programme.
19-05	11, 13,14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes.		For 2020, the fishery was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”	Yes.		A specific collection programme for this fishery is being developed.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	<p>“For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No.		No retention of specimens for the recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes.		
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p>	Yes.		Catches taken by the artisanal fishery are transmitted via Task 1.

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes.		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes.	Landings of the artisanal fisheries are monitored daily and information on billfish is collected.	
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes.		

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No.		No fishery targeting billfish.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes.		A project to improve the data collection system is ongoing (training and equipment).

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes.		We have specific sheets for billfish at landing points in the artisanal fishery.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are within limit and recorded on the relevant compliance table.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are very low and rare.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	As and when available this will be complied.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Catches are from artisanal fishery.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Catches are from artisanal fishery.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	No bycatch in artisanal fishery.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No discards in the fishery for incidental catches of marlin.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	No discards in the fishery for incidental catches of blue and white marlin.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010	<p>Catches are from artisanal fishery.</p> <p>Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2.</p>
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreational fishery.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010	<p>Artisanal fishery</p> <p>No discards in the fishery for incidental catches of blue and white marlin.</p>

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		No recreational fishery.
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Ensure that quotas are not reached and juvenile caught alive are released in the best possible manner per out domestic regulation.

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Artisanal fishery
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Stratified sampling scheme adopted from FAO is used to estimate landings from the artisanal fleet using random stratified system to estimate catches.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Taking steps to limit excess catches especially juveniles with measures to release live sailfish.

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		or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	<p>Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment.</p> <p>However, there are no live and dead discards.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>FAO ARTFISH programme</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes.		
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes.		

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19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes.		
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes.	Vessels have handling and release protocols for marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes.	Vessels have handling and release protocols for marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes.	Guatemala undertakes efforts to minimize post-release mortality of marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>	

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No.	These species are not targeted and bycatch on board at landing are not traded.	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes.	The relevant authority considers what is established in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing contained in Article 11 - post-catch and trade practices.	Guatemala’s current regulations prohibit dead discards. It is also prohibited to trade these specimens and they are intended to be a food source in developing coastal countries where the landings take place.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (not applicable)	Guatemala does not have this type of fisheries.	

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A (not applicable)	Guatemala does not have this type of fisheries.	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes.	Scientific Observers Programme.	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No.		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (not applicable)	Guatemala does not have this type of fisheries.	
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A	Guatemala does not have this type of fisheries.	"N/A", Guatemala does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with the species blue marlin or white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			"N/A" Guatemala does not have minimum size requirements for the species blue and white marlin.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A	The relevant authority considers what is established in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing contained in Article 11 - post capture and trade practices.	<p>Guatemala does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with the species blue marlin or white marlin/<i>Tetrapturus spp.</i></p> <p>The CPC prohibits intentional capture and fishing, as well as trade of species declared to the threatened or in danger of extinction.</p>
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes.	General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture Decree 80-2002 and its regulations, Government Decision 223-2005.	Guatemala informs the Commission of the action taken to implement the provisions of this Recommendation through laws and national regulations, which includes monitoring, control and surveillance measures.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No.		Guatemala does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with the species blue or white marlin / <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Guatemala does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with the species blue or white marlin / <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes.		Guatemala provides its estimates of live and dead discards and other available data, which include onboard observer data on landings and discards of blue and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> , annually.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: ... (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes.		Through the database and onboard observer reports, Guatemala ensures implementation of management measures to support conservation of this species, in accordance with the ICCAT Convention objective.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes.		Guatemala undertakes efforts to collect the catch data for this species, including live and dead discards.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes.		Tuna vessel owners operating in the Convention area undertake action and efforts with the support of the onboard observers programme, to implement this recommendation.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, not even longline vessels that specifically fish this species.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor carry specifically fishes this species.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (not applicable)		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A (not applicable)		Equatorial Guinea does not have any sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have any sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have any sport and recreational fisheries for these species.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have any sport and recreational fisheries for these species.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have any sport and recreational fisheries for these species.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Since Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, or specifically fishes these species, it does not submit this information to ICCAT.
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Since Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species, it does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	N/A		Since Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species, it does not have an established collection programme for these data.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		<p>Since Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species, it cannot provide estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>Since Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, nor specifically fishes this species, it has not implemented management measures to support conservation of this species. Nonetheless, the small number that appear in some reports come from the artisanal fishery that we are working on in the draft fishing management plan for Equatorial Guinea.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p>	No		<p>This is difficult as we do not specifically fish this species.</p>

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		As we do not have a fishing fleet that targets this species, it is difficult to describe the corresponding data collection programmes.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No		<p>No or N/A is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of blue marlin species, therefore there are no landings to report; zero catches.</p> <p>(N/A is not a permissible response).</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No		<p>No or N/A is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of white marlin/roundscale spearfish species, therefore there are no landings to report; zero catches.</p> <p>(N/A is not a permissible response).</p>
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A		<p>N/A is indicated because Honduras does not have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no releases of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish to report.</p>

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		No or N/A is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no standards for the handling and release procedure of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish capable of implementation by any fishing vessel. (N/A is not a permissible response).
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no mitigation, release, identification or handling measures for marlin species applicable to Honduran-flagged fishing vessels.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there is no action to minimize mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish that are released by Honduran-flagged fishing vessels.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No or N/A is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no Honduran-flagged fishing vessels to authorize for the measure referred to. (N/A is not a permissible response).
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no Honduran-flagged fishing vessels to which this measure applies.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		N/A is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of ICCAT species. Therefore, there are no catches to report.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture (Decree No. 106-2015); articles 41 and 42. 41. Vessels that engage in touristic and sport fishing: ... Touristic and sport fishing must comply with the fisheries management provisions on protected species and responsible fishing practices. Billfish species are subject to the catch and release technique.	Yes is indicated because the national regulations (General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture) set out measures for sport fishing; in addition, in practice, it is only authorised to engage in sport fishing using the gear circle hooks, to prevent harm to the species on release.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorized or flagged fishing vessels for capture of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish, regulated by ICCAT. Therefore, there are no catch data to collect.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Yes is indicated because of the wide distribution of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish species that can be found in the Caribbean Sea due to their high migratory capacity. Therefore, the recreational fisheries referred to as sport and touristic (recreational) are likely to interact with these species. However, it is not a fishery that operates regularly, nor have tournaments been held under this category. It is also informed that

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					blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish species have not been reported this year in the sport and touristic fishery.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		<p>No is indicated because sport and tourist fishing tournaments involving blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish have not been held; this is why 5% scientific observer coverage has not been applied.</p> <p>Therefore the 5% coverage requirement has been met.</p> <p>However, it is intended to regulate this activity in detail in the Regulations of the General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture, which are in the process of being developed.</p>
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		<p>No is indicated, given that retention is not permitted in sport fishing in Honduras, only photograph and release.</p> <p>Therefore, the minimum size requirement does not apply, since retention and sale are not permitted.</p> <p>However, it is intended to regulate this activity in detail in the Regulations of the General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture, which are in the process of being developed.</p>

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		<p>Yes is indicated, given that it is not permitted to retain or sell any species caught in the sport or tourist fishery in Honduras, only photograph and release.</p> <p>Therefore, the no sale provision has been implemented.</p> <p>However, it is informed that it is intended to regulate this activity in detail in the Regulations of the General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture, which are in the process of being developed.</p>
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture (Decree No. 106-2015)	<p>No is indicated because we are currently working on updating the regulations of the General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture; however, control and surveillance measures are frequently taken through support from the Honduran Naval Force in jurisdictional waters, as well as monitoring through regional operations of the General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture.</p> <p>This information is not currently submitted to ICCAT.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No is indicated because the authorised fisheries of the non-industrial category have not reported interactions with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish species.

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					It should be noted that authorised non-industrial fisheries carry out their activities within 8 nautical miles, the advanced artisanal ones (5 t maximum tonnage) and the basic artisanal ones (5 t maximum tonnage) within 3 nautical miles, through diving, artisanal fishing with cord, trammel artisanal fishing, which does not affect billfish catches.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		No is indicated because in the artisanal and small-scale fisheries in Honduras there is no indication of directed catch or bycatch of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Therefore, there are no catch data for the species referred to.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		No is indicated because retention is not permitted in the sport fishery and there are not any fishing vessels authorised to catch blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish species; in addition, the scientific observer coverage has not been applied as explained above and given that sport fishing tournaments have not been held; on account of the above, there are no catches to report. Zero catches have been reported in the compliance annual report.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>			<p>No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorised or flagged vessels for catches of ICCAT species. Therefore there are no Honduran-flagged vessels that can implement the management and conservation measures for Atlantic sailfish <i>Istiophorus albicans</i>.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorised or flagged vessels for catches of Atlantic sailfish <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> to report.</p> <p>Given that there are no authorised fishing vessels for the catches referred to, it is not currently possible to collect data.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>No is indicated because Honduras does not currently have authorised or flagged fishing vessels for catches of ICCAT species. Therefore, data collection programmes for marlins are not currently being implemented.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	YES		No catches - No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	YES		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	NO		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fisheries. There were no ICCAT pelagic longline vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Icelandic flag in 2019 or 2020. Will be included in annual regulation for ICCAT fisheries when relevant.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	NO		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	NO		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	NO		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	NO		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	YES		All discards of dead fish that has commercial value is banned on all Icelandic fishing vessels. No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Not applicable to Iceland.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreation or sports fisheries for any ICCAT billfish species.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	YES		All catches of Icelandic fishing vessels are to be recorded in electronic logbooks and weighed and recorded at landing. Dead discards not allowed. No catches of blue marlin, white marlin or roundscale spearfish have ever been recorded by Icelandic fishing vessels.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	NO		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		NA. No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		N/A. No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		NA. No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	YES		Description of MSC and legislation for fishing by Icelandic vessels submitted with Annual Report. No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	N/A		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish.

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		objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	NO		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Fishery Act article 33.	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Fishery Act article 33.	

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	Japan instructs fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, Japan distributes a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	Japan instructs fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, Japan distributes a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	Japan instructs fishermen to release marlins/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean. Fishery Act article 33.	Japan establishes domestic TACs of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish in accordance with Rec. 19-05. FAJ prohibits all fishermen to catch those stocks when the total amount of landing is approaching the TAC.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan is not a developing coastal CPC and does not have any small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	The ministerial order 14 and 26.	The ministerial order 14 and 26 require all tuna vessels operating in the Atlantic Ocean to submit catch report to FAJ, which includes the number and weight of the catch by species, the numbers of hooks etc. Biological data, such as length of fish caught, is collected by scientific observers. FAJ submitted Task 1 Nominal catch data including estimates of discards on 07/29/2021.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Japan explains, in its national report, how to comply with the catch limit established by the recommendation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Japan does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”	Yes		

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		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	Japan instructs fishermen to release Atlantic sailfish alive.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Japan is currently considering a methodology to estimate live and dead discards based on data collected by observers.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		Japan reported its data collection programs such as national observer programmes including through its national report.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</p>

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</p>
19-05	6	<p>CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</p>

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Korea is collecting and analyzing relevant data and information including historical release/discard statistics, fishing gears used and handling practices onboard. Any progress in this work will be reported to the Commission in due course.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Korean longline vessels may catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead provided that daily catch reports and transshipment/landing reports are submitted to the relevant authority of Korea in a timely manner.
19-05	9	<p>"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Korea is not a developing coastal CPC.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational or sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		All information/data on catch, effort and discard/release were submitted in Task 1 and 2 data.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels make mandatory daily catch reports, including discard/release data, through electronic reporting system. FMC of Korea receives transshipment/landing reports prior to and after completion of such activities. Korea analyzes all available information including catch reports, transshipment reports and landing reports.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		"N/A" is not a permissible response.

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Korea does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in ICCAT Convention Area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)	All information/data on catch, effort and discard/release were submitted in Task 1 and 2 data.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels must release all blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish that are alive by the time of boarding in a manner that maximizes their survival. Korean longline vessels are encouraged to use circle hooks and almost all of the vessels are using circle hooks.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)</p>	<p>Korea improved the data reporting system to collect the catch data on not only retained catch but also live and dead discards and has been implementing the electronic reporting system.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)</p>	<p>Please see Section2 of Annual report part.</p>

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Name of CPC: LIBYA

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in programs their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i>. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF)</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	2	<p><i>White marlin/roundscale combined landings limits</i>. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_d</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin. Regarding annual landing limits, Mexico would either apply or not

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		relevant marlin compliance table)?		etalle.php?codigo=5341045&fec ha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.	apply the adjustment years in the event that they are exceeded, and in this case the Commission would be timely notified.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained. Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014 establishes that "species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained". This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna</p>

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					fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No.	No law or domestic regulation has been implemented.	In Mexico, implementation of this type of management measures must be considered and implemented with the production sector, as well as development of a study on the economic impact that this could cause, and government support must be secured to facilitate the implementation process. However, during 2020, this could not be carried out due to the impact of the SARS-COV 2 (COVID) pandemic, and it was not possible to take a direct approach due to the restrictions, but it is hoped that this will be implemented for 2021.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	No law or domestic regulation has been implemented.	In Mexico, implementation of this type of management measures must be considered and implemented with the production sector, as well as development of a study on the economic impact that this could cause, and government support must be secured to facilitate the implementation process. However, during 2020, this could not be carried out due to the impact of the SARS-COV 2 (COVID) pandemic, and it was not possible to take a direct approach due to the restrictions, but it is hoped that this will be implemented for 2021.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	On 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.	Paragraph 4.2 of NOM-23 establishes that "commercial longline tuna fishing may only be carried out with large vessels, operating one surface drift tuna longline per vessel. The characteristics of authorised longlines are as follows: a) Maximum length of 60,000 metres B) 100% circle hooks No. 16/0 c) A maximum of 800 hooks per longline". The use of circle hooks has minimised post-release mortality of marlins.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained.</p> <p>Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained”. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.</p>

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained.</p> <p>Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained”. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can</p>

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					be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (not applicable)	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained.</p> <p>Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023/PESC-2014 establishes that "species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained". This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of</p>

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					our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).	Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good survival conditions. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory

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				Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.	fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019 (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF). On 25 November 2013 the "MODIFICATION to the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995" (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013) was published in the DOF	Mexico designates 9 species exclusively for sport fishing in a 50-nautical mile coastal strip, measured from the line used to measure the territorial sea: 6 of these are billfishes (including 4 different species of marlin; sailfish and swordfish) and 3 similar species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish), within a 50-nautical mile strip from the base line used to measure the territorial sea.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019 (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF). On 25 November 2013 the "MODIFICATION to the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate	Mexico designates 9 species exclusively for sport fishing in a 50-nautical mile coastal strip, measured from the line used to measure the territorial sea: 6 of these are billfishes (including 4 different species of marlin; sailfish and swordfish) and 3 similar species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish), within

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				recreational/sport fishing activities in waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995" (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013) was published in the DOF.	a 50-nautical mile strip from the base line used to measure the territorial sea. Significant progress has been made in encouraging and regulating sport/recreational fishing. The entire fishing permit application process is carried out electronically. Touristic sport/recreational fishing service providers must present a fishing logbook, where they report any operational incidents and the number of fish caught.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Another of the measures adopted by Mexico to help the blue and white marlin species recover is the sanctions on the sale of these species caught in sport/recreational fishing, based on Article 55, part XI of the General Law on Sustainable Fishing and Aquaculture (LGPAS), which establishes that the Department of Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Food (LGPAS) will revoke the	

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				license or permit of any holder that sells sport/recreational catches under any legal title.	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area [Rec. 18-05], CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the Billfish Check Sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	Mexico fulfills the obligations acquired in the framework of ICCAT by including this information in the National Report.	Every year, Mexico meets the management measures established by ICCAT, and compliance and monitoring is reviewed in coordination with the COC chair and Secretariat staff.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage in fishing trips.	Work is currently being planned in coordination with artisanal fisheries to find out whether they register bycatch of these species. The work will be carried out in 2020.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report.	Work is currently being planned in coordination with artisanal fisheries to find out whether they register bycatch of these species. The work will be carried out in 2020.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was	Mexico has presented information as requested by the Commission. In particular, catch, fishing effort and size data are provided for Task 1 and Task 2, and dead discards and live

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		<p>scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>		<p>published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>releases are reported. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage in fishing trips.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: ...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019”</p>	<p>In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch</p>

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		<p>stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>		<p>(https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the official journal of the federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.</p>
16-11	3	<p>“CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.”</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Official Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented.</p> <p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	Morocco has closed the blue marlin fishery for a period of 5 years.

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19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	Morocco has closed the white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	Morocco takes all the measures necessary to ensure that all blue marlin and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> that are alive at the time of boarding are released into the water in a manner that maximizes their chances of survival.
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter,</p>	Yes	<p>Dahir No. 1-14-95 du 12 rajeb 1435 (12 May 2014) regarding the enactment of Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.</p>	The Department encourages vessels to promptly release individuals of marlin taken as bycatch, in a manner that causes the least harm possible, all while duly considering the safety of all crew members.

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		dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco,	Due to the fact that national regulations prohibit fishing and retaining these species on board, fishers proceed to return them to the water in the event that they are taken on board.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	The Dahir of 23 November 1973, which establishes the maritime fisheries, as amended and supplemented by Law 15-12 of 2014.	The marketing of these prohibited species is not authorised.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The Department encourages operators to promptly release individuals of marlin taken as bycatch.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	N/A	Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation as amended and supplemented; Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973), which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> are prohibited.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b)	N/A	Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.

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		in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	N/A	<p>Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation as amended and supplemented;</p> <p>Dahir No. 1-14-95 of 12 rejeb 1435 (12 May 2014) regarding the enactment of Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	The fishing of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish is prohibited.

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				Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.

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19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published</p>
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	<p>Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Offical Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented.</p> <p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes</p>	<p>Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures The Department of Maritime Fisheries has strengthened the control infrastructure at seas, in ports and on landing. Therefore, the marlin species fishery has a control infrastructure, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Control at landing ports, fishing sites and fish markets. - Vessel control by satellite (positioning and tracking device "VMS"). - At sea control of vessels is carried out by the

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				the maritime fisheries regulation.	<p>control authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A system of reporting of catches on landing and monitoring of trade flow through the catch certification procedure. <p>To ensure effective catch monitoring, including for marlin species, the Fisheries Department has also invested since 2011 in a wholly computerised catch certification process, which ensures full traceability from landing to export. Computerisation of the process enables information on catch flow to be made available and better exploitation for more effective and efficient control and verification, with the overall objective of deterring illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	N/A	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	N/A	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco has closed the blue marlin/white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery for a period of 5 years.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	N/A	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Sailfish are not caught in Morocco.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	N/A	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	Sailfish are not caught in Morocco.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	N/A	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	Sailfish are not caught in Morocco.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No		<p>Up to approximately around 2013-2015 Namibia was experiencing low catches of her albacore (ALB) and swordfish (SWO) country quota. It is standing practise at ICCAT that quota determinations are based on historical catches. Namibia therefore opted to increase her chances by landing her full ICCAT quota by increasing the number of longline vessels. This is what may have led to the over catching of bycatch of blue marlin (BUM). Moreover, our internal investigations seem to support the possibility of misidentification of the BUM species. It is therefore requested for ICCAT to consider increasing the BUM bycatch limit to the average of what has been recorded over the years where it was over the limit allocated to Namibia.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No		Namibia has no exemption to release live BUM/WHM/SPF.
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	N/A		Namibia has no exemption to release live BUM/WHM/SPF.
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	No	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.			
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Namibia has no exemption to release live BUM/WHM.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Namibia do not have recreational and sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	N/A		Namibia does not authorize recreational fisheries on blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	N/A		Namibia does not authorize blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish tournaments.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Namibia does not authorize recreational fisheries on blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Namibia does not authorize recreational fisheries in blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		Namibia does not authorize recreational fisheries in blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Namibia does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Namibia does not have non-industrial fisheries with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels.</p>

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No	No regulations or domestic laws for this because it's not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No	No regulations or domestic laws for this because it's not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws.	No pelagic longline vessels in the country because all our vessels are shrimping vessels.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have - readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew - a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	No regulations or domestic laws to support it.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	No regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	No regulations or domestic laws.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	No laws/regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	No	No laws/ regulations.	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		Blue marlin is not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits of Atlantic blue marlin.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes		White marlin is not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits of Atlantic white marlin.

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		<p>Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Thus, the landing limits has not been approached, and there has not been a need to take appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 4.</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	No	<p>Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15)</p> <p>Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)</p> <p>The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements)</p> <p>Regulations relating to landing and sales documents.</p>	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.</p> <p>Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 5.</p>
19-05	6	<p>CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.</p>	No	<p>Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15)</p> <p>Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)</p> <p>The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements)</p> <p>Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.</p>	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.</p> <p>Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 6.</p>

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19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		No blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.
19-05	9	<p>"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Hence, Norway has no recreational and sport fisheries targeting marlins.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.	Not applicable. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If a Norwegian vessel catches marlin, Norway will report these catches to ICCAT. The national observers on board the Norwegian vessels fishing for BFT shall report on all bycatches, also including live releases.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish from the recreational fisheries.

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational fisheries.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)	<p>N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational fisheries.</p> <p>Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a minimum size requirement consistent with the minimum size in Rec. 19-05 para 11b).</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		<p>N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational and sport fishery.</p> <p>Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a no sale provision in the recreational and sport fisheries consistent with Rec. 19-05 para 11c).</p>

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)	<p>Yes, Norway provides the information in this check sheet.</p> <p>However, blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norway does not implement domestic law or regulations on species which are not found in their own waters.</p> <p>Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, the regulation will be changed so that the measures in Rec. 19-05 are implemented. Information on these measures will be provided to ICCAT in the billfish check sheet.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		Yes. Norway submitted the Task 1 and 2 data to ICCAT 21/06/2021. No bycatch of blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish has been recorded in the Norwegian fishery.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>a) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.</p> <p>b) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.</p> <p>Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of this species in Norwegian waters.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>No. As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect. Norway does not have a data collection programme for this species.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Section 32 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>Sec. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided that they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, that they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department. Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines. Provided, furthermore, that landing</p>	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches.

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				<p>ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Same as above.	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A (Not applicable)	Same as above.	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Same as above.	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Same as above.	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States. As a matter of recent practice, the captain and crew member undertake pre-departure seminars.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Same as above	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management

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					measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States. As a matter of recent practice, the captain and crew member undertake pre-departure seminars.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Same as above.	Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	Same as above	<p>Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States. Since this recommendation is a prohibition, the Philippine flagged fishing vessel is prohibited to land dead discards.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit</p>	Not applicable		<p>“N/A”, Philippines is not a coastal state in the Convention area.</p>

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		application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		"N/A", Philippines did not have an active fleet in the Convention area in 2020 and therefore did not have recreational or sports fishing.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		N/A, Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have any catches.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Philippines did not have an active fleet in 2020 and therefore did not have recreational fisheries
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	Same as number 1	The Philippines has a catch documentation system in place. Section 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of

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					<p>regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>Sec. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned. Provided, however, that they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department. Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines. Provided, furthermore, that landing ports established by</p>

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					<p>canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites. Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>Sec. 38. Reportorial Requirements. - Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by</p>

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					the vessel's captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		The Philippines did not have any recreational and sports fisheries in the Convention area for 2020
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Philippines did not have any recreational fisheries in 2020. Therefore, it did not have any fisheries that interacted with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish).

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>Section 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>Sec. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, that they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, that they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department:</p>

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					<p>Provided, further, that the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines:</p> <p>Provided, furthermore, That landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers.</p> <p>Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the</p>

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					<p>RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>Sec. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Philippines is not a coastal state within the Convention area and therefore does not have artisanal/small scale fisheries in the Convention area.

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19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Not applicable		Philippines confirms that it does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the Convention area and therefore did not have any fisheries that interacted with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish).
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Section 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows: Sec. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, that they comply with the safety, manning

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					<p>and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, That they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department: Provided, further, that the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, that landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as</p>

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					<p>overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>Sec. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes		<p>Section 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>Sec. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, That they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department:</p>

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					<p>Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines:</p> <p>Provided, furthermore, that landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers.</p> <p>Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the</p>

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					<p>RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>Sec. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions. However, please take note that the Philippines did not have any active fleet in the Convention area in 2020.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Same answer as above.

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Please take note of the answer above. In addition, the latter provision is also being implemented through Section 31 of Fisheries Administrative Order Number 198-1 Series of 2018 which reads:</p> <p>Section 31. Reportorial Requirements and Catch Documentation. Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel's captain and transmitted to BFAR manually on a quarterly basis. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions. The fishing log sheets or daily record of fish catch shall be submitted to the BFAR Regional Office upon the completion of the fishing trip and the data therein shall be analyzed and used for fisheries management.</p>

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Name of CPC: RUSSIA

Rec. #	Para #	Requirement	Status of implementation	Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)	Notes/explanations
19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin. Therefore, no landing was carried out. Blue marlins are not found in bycatches.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of White marlin/roundscale spearfish. Therefore, no landing was carried out. White marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in catches.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized longline and purse seine fishery of blue marlin and white marlin /roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and White marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler catches.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatches. There is usage of lifting devices, bolt cutters, dehookers/disgorgers and line-cutters to safely release the live marlins caught.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins. Marlins are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins/roundscale spearfish. Marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler by-catches.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	Russia does not have pelagic longline and purse seine vessels. Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not encountered in the trawler bycatch.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not encountered in the trawler by-catch.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized, recreational and sport fisheries fishery of billfish. Billfish are not encountered in the trawler by-catch.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are not encountered in the trawler by-catch. Data are collected by observers at sea in accordance with the observer programme.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There are no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not encountered in the trawler bycatch.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlin and white marlin are not encountered in the trawler by-catch.

		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>). Atlantic sailfish are not encountered in the trawler bycatch.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There is no specialized fishery of sailfish. Sailfish are not encountered in the trawler bycatch.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	Order of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of Russia after the ICCAT annual meeting.	There are no ICCAT fisheries of Billfish. Russian observers annually collect data on by-catch during trawl fishing. Billfish are not encountered in the trawler by-catch. Observer program is submitted to the ICCAT (2019/08/02).

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Name of CPC: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Note: Each ICCAT requirement must be implemented in a legally binding manner. Just requesting fishermen to implement measures should not be regarded as implementation.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No		<p>Total landings: 8.98 tons.</p> <p>A Billfish Management Plan will be drafted and implemented.</p>

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26 ft pirogues.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		The criteria in which the vessels can retain, transship or land dead billfish within landing limits will be implemented
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data submitted 2021/08/01.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Data collected via logbooks and scientific observer program. Scientific Observer placed on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently working on developing a methodology for estimating dead and live discards of marlins/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A)		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”	N/A)		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.

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		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Monitoring of logbooks and implementation of scientific observer program.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised

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					on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		A review will be made of the current measures so that new measures can be developed for the conservation of Atlantic sailfish in accordance with Recommendation 16-11.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p>	Yes		Data being reported as Task 1 and Task 2 data.

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		<p>In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.</p> <p>High seas</p> <p>The captain of each vessel maintains a log of the daily catch and transmits the data to the vessel owners. The data is then sent to the Fisheries Division for analysis. The logbooks capture information such as the position (latitude, longitude) of the vessel, date, numbers of fish caught, catch and effort (weight, species, hooks) and size (length frequency) data.</p> <p align="right">- ICCAT Annual Report</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		<p>Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference.</p> <p>An in port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the sport fishery action is being taken.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes		<p>Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference.</p> <p>An in port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the recreational fishery action is being taken.</p>
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A		<p>Senegal was not near its landing limit.</p>

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	This decision provides for some handling and release obligations adequate for marlins but does not specify detailed procedures on this subject.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Training courses are not yet operative.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Good practices remain to be promoted and disseminated among the crews.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is prohibited for longliners and purse seiners to target marlins. Vessels are required to land accidental catches of dead marlin.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual	No		

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		<p>Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A (not applicable)		The Senegalese artisanal fishery does not catch marlin.
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	Les principes sont dans l'arrêté de transposition de la rec. 19-05.
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is an obligation under the Decision on transposition of ICCAT Rec. 19-05. The provisions of the Decision concern the logbook, establish the information to be included in the logbooks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	<p>Yes, for blue marlin.</p> <p>No, for white marlin.</p>		

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		No minimum scientific coverage, to be established by the regulations.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		It is prohibited to sell catches from the sport/recreational fishery.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p>	No	Law 2015-18 of 13 July 2015 and Decree 2016-1804.	The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		A data collection programme for the artisanal fishery exists and covers these species. In addition, within the framework of EPBR, collection on size data of billfish landed has been strengthened at the main landing sites. See Annual Report transmitted on 16/09/2021.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish	No		Sailfish are fished by part of the artisanal fishery. It is envisaged to strengthen the established data collection infrastructure to improve implementation of this requirement.

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		mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Ongoing.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		Data are provided through statistical forms, reports.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board. Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	9	<p>"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	<p>No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board.</p> <p>Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.</p>
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	All operators are required to record daily catches in the onboard logbook. The logbooks capture estimated round and dressed weight (species dependent) of all fish retained per day, the geographical coordinates (1 × 1 degree blocks), gear used and bait used (live bait, fresh or frozen).
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Only the Large Pelagic Longline fishing sector interact with Marlins and as indicated above, the operators are not permitted to retain Marlins on board.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Only the Large Pelagic Longline fishing sector interact with Marlins and as indicated above, the operators are not permitted to retain Marlins on board.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		All the information is submitted as part of ICCAT Data Exchange Submission (Task 1 & Task 2), where applicable.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Sailfish are designated as secondary species in the Tuna Longline sector. As such, there's little or no interaction with them.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	<p>Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook.</p> <p>Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.</p>

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	<p>Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook.</p> <p>Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.</p>

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Name of CPC: Syria

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of blue marlin was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of white marlin was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational and sport fisheries in Syria.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting billfish species. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Syrian vessel only targeting small pelagic species. No catch of bill fish was recorded previously.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Syria does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria. No catch of bill fish was recorded previously.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		No catch of sailfish was recorded previously in Syria.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		No sailfish fisheries in Syria. No catch of sailfish was recorded previously in Syria.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		No billfish fisheries in Syria. No catch of billfish was recorded previously in Syria.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Likely yes.		<p>Although total landings have not been estimated for Trinidad and Tobago's artisanal fleets as a result of staffing limitations associated with the data collection programmes, it is highly unlikely that Trinidad and Tobago's blue marlin landings limit would have been exceeded in 2020 as a result of the prohibition of landing of blue marlin (whether live or dead when caught) by the non-artisanal longline fleet from August 2016 to December 2020.</p> <p>An informal measure, based on policy, has been adopted for the non-artisanal longline fleet; the penalty for non-compliance is revocation of the commercial fishing authorisation.</p> <p>Additionally, the export of blue marlin was prohibited over the period August 2016 to December 2020. This measure is implemented under a Trade Ordinance. The Fisheries Division, being responsible for the recommendation of the granting of trade licences for food fish (fresh/chilled/frozen) to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment, ceased issuing such recommendations for the export of blue marlin over the period mentioned above.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Likely yes.		<p>See explanation immediately above.</p> <p>Note that landings of white marlin/roundscale spearfish by the non-artisanal longline fleet are prohibited for 2021.</p>
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	No		See explanation above.
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	No		See explanation above.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		See explanation above.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		See explanation above.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		See explanation above.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Trinidad and Tobago does not prohibit dead discard of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		Trinidad and Tobago submitted Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		See explanation above.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		See explanation above. The Fisheries Division will be seeking to implement a logbook programme and a pilot observer programme, beginning in 2022, contingent upon the availability of human resources and funding.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	No		Trinidad and Tobago does not meet the 5% scientific observer coverage requirement. The Fisheries Division will be seeking to implement a pilot observer programme, beginning in 2022, contingent upon the availability of human resources and funding.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		Tournaments targeting blue marlin and white marlin implement minimum size restrictions by weight.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		The major game fishing association in the country has agreed to prohibit the sale of blue marlin or white marlin at its tournaments – four of the six annual tournaments targeting pelagic species.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		1) Artisanal multi-gear fishery 2) Recreational fishery

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19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		<p>The Fisheries Division implements:</p> <p>1) A landing site sampling programme for the artisanal multi-gear fleet. Resulting from a change in administrative policy that began in October 2015, the Division is experiencing a lack of human resource capacity which has negated representative coverage of landing sites. The Division is involved in active engagement with the administration on the necessity to expand the Division’s human resource capacity.</p> <p>2) A game fishing tournament data collection programme through which 100% data are collected at four of the six annual tournaments targeting pelagic species.</p> <p>The Ministry began participating in the 5-year project “GCP/INT/228/JPN – Fisheries Management and Marine Conservation within a Changing Ecosystem” in mid-2016, which thus far has provided:</p> <p>1) recommendations for improving the fleet data collection systems,</p> <p>2) development and testing of a scalable database structure, and</p> <p>3) training of personnel in R.</p>

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					A draft report on the review of the current fisheries data collection and statistical systems – which was conducted jointly under projects GCP/INT/228/JPN and GCP/SLC/202/SCF – was developed and includes recommendations for improving the data collection systems for the artisanal and non-artisanal fleets. These recommendations are aligned with those presented by Dr Freddy Arocha on improvement of Trinidad and Tobago’s data collection for ICCAT species (Arocha 2014), and will be prioritised for implementation based on resource availability. As follow-up to the review of the data collection and statistical systems, a workshop was conducted by the FAO in February 2021 to develop a new Trinidad and Tobago data collection scheme.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		<p>Trinidad and Tobago has provided all available data: Task 1 fleet statistics, Task 1 nominal catches and Task 2 catch and effort statistics, by the deadline.</p> <p>An observer programme has not yet been implemented, however, the Fisheries Division will be seeking to implement a pilot observer programme, beginning in 2022, and contingent upon the availability of human resources and funding.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		Tournaments targeting sailfish implement minimum size restrictions by weight.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>Trinidad and Tobago has reported data on catches of sailfish annually as part of its Task 1 and 2 data submission.</p> <p>The Fisheries Division will be seeking to implement a logbook programme and a pilot observer programme, beginning in 2022, contingent upon the availability of human resources and funding.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		Trinidad and Tobago's data collection programmes have been described in its Annual Reports.

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Name of CPC: TUNISIA

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	5	“CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have readily available on deck and easily accessible by crew, a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught.”	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	6	“CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.”	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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19-05	8	“CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.”	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	10	“Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs, or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4 provided these CPCs (a) submit Task I and Task II data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.”	N/A (not applicable)		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A (not applicable)		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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19-05	12	“CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.”	No		No specific data collection programme for these species.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries for these species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species. No specific data collection programme for these species.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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		<p>that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this</p>	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish

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		measure using the billfish check sheet.” Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/ roundscale spearfish
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish

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		live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Tukey has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		<p>Reported in Task 1 & 2 data as follows</p> <p>Bermuda catches – 1212kg St Helena catches – 36kg</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined)</p>	Yes		<p>Reported in Task 1 & 2 data as follows</p> <p>Bermuda catches – 214kg</p>

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		within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?			
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes		<p>UK-OT interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release.</p> <p>St Helena fishery is pole and line only.</p> <p>Ascension and Tristan da Cunha are not flagging vessels. Ascension has declared a large scale Marine Protected Area (MPA) and Tristan da Cunha has not had pelagic fisheries in its EEZ since 2018.</p> <p>The 18m longliner licensed to fish in Bermuda in prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the Fisheries Regulations 2010.</p> <p>Other UK-OTs have not implemented to date but have no active fisheries.</p>

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practise for handling and release of billfish.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes or No		Guidance on fish handling has been provided to the UK-OTs.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		St Helena is pole and line only. UK-OT interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release.

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					<p>Ascension and St Helena do not have ICCAT fisheries.</p> <p>The 18m longliner licensed to fish in Bermuda is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the Fisheries Regulations 2010.</p>
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		<p>The longliner flagged to Bermuda is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the Fisheries Regulations 2010.</p> <p>License conditions under The Fishery Limits (Licensing of Fishing) Order, Fisheries Limits Ordinance, CAP 88 prohibit the taking of blue and white marlin.</p>
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	No		UK-OTs do not prohibit dead discarding.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Data submitted as Task 1 and Task 2 for UKOTs.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practise for handling and release of billfish.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Data submitted as Task 1 for UKOTs.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)	<p>BVI – SI 20 of 2003 requires catch release for BUM and WHM from sports fisheries. http://www.bvi.gov.vg/file-type/legislation?page=6 to date</p> <p>British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos and Bermuda have tournament landings.</p> <p>Resource challenges have precluded implementation of this requirement to date.</p> <p>The UK-OTs are reviewing the tournament landings and considering how observer coverage can be achieved within the limited resources available to the UK-OTs.</p> <p>Ascension are reviewing inshore legislation in 2021. Offshore environment is an MPA.</p> <p>For recreational fishing in St Helena, all billfish will be catch and release only and this will be embedded in the new Fisheries legislation due to be enacted in Nov-Dec.</p>	
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-	No	<p>Bermuda – Fisheries Regulations 2010 have blue (114kg) white (23kg) marlin size limits.</p> <p>BVI recreational marlin fisheries are catch release.</p> <p>Not all UK-OTs have implemented to date.</p>	

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		Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?		For recreational fishing in St Helena, all Billfish will be catch and release only and this will be embedded in the new Fisheries legislation due to be enacted in Nov-Dec. Ascension are reviewing inshore legislation in 2021. Offshore environment is an MPA.	
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	BVI recreational marlin fisheries are catch release. Bermuda - Fisheries Regulations 2010, Regulation 18(1) prohibits the sale of all fish from vessels without a commercial license – www.bermudalaws.bm St Helena Environmental Protection Ordinance s.20 Schedule 2 prohibits the sale of WHM without a fishing license - http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Environmental-Protection-Ordinance.pdf British Virgin Islands (BVI) SI 20 of 2003 (Fishery Regulations) – all recreational catches of BUM and WHM are catch release. For recreational fishing in St Helena, all Billfish will be catch and release only and this will be embedded in the new Fisheries legislation due to be enacted in Nov-Dec.	
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance	Yes		The UK-OTs have completed analysis of all of its ICCAT obligations.

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		measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.” Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Artisanal fisheries in Bermuda have minimal by-catch of marlin species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Data collection is explained in the annual report and notes within T1 and 2 data submissions.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Reported in Task 1 & 2 data as follows Bermuda: BUM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dead discards - 91kg - Live discards - 13,384kg WHM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No dead discards Live discards - 558kg
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management	No		The UK-OTs have not implemented this requirement to date, and there were no catches of SAI in 2019.

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<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
		measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		The UK-OTs have not implemented this requirement to date, and there were no catches of SAI in 2019. The UKOTs continue to enhance data collection, including ongoing science programmes at St Helena and electronic monitoring trials in Bermuda.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		The UK-OTs have not implemented this requirement to date, and there were no catches of SAI in 2019.

Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: UNITED STATES

Rec. #	Para #	Requirement	Status of implementation	Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)	Notes/explanations
19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).</p> <p>U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit in 2020.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	See response above for details on landings for billfish.	

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes	<p>Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2)).</p>	<p>NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes, as well as safe handling, in education and outreach efforts, including brochures and compliance guides provided to tournament operators, at sport fishing expos, and to law enforcement.</p> <p>The United States prohibits retention of billfish in its commercial fisheries for ICCAT species.</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	Yes	<p>Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2))</p>	
19-05	6	<p>CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.</p>	Yes	<p>Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. These requirements are described in a compliance guide that is circulated to all permit holders in Atlantic highly migratory species fisheries. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2))</p>	

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19-05	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</p>	Yes	<p>As noted above, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2), (f) (1)).</p>	
19-05	8	<p>CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.</p>	N/A	<p>This paragraph does not apply to the United States because we do not allow purse seine or longline vessels to retain billfish.</p> <p>In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).</p>	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	N/A		<p>As noted above regarding paragraph 2 of Rec 19-05, in the United States, billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear. Retention is prohibited by other gear types. Data on dead discards is collected and reported to ICCAT as required.</p>

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		This paragraph only applies to developing coastal CPCs, which excludes the United States.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	<p>Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait or natural/artificial bait combination (50 CFR 635.21(f)(1)). Circle hooks have been shown to minimize at-haulback mortality and maximize post-release survival of billfish.</p> <p>In addition, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2), (f) (1)).</p>	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	In addition to observer coverage described in association with para 19-05 paragraph 13, below, U.S. anglers must report all recreational billfish landings. All billfish tournaments are selected for reporting. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(1) and (3); and 635.7.	Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and recreational tournament reporting. Data are reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		N/A
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	<p>In addition to observer coverage, U.S. recreational anglers must report all non-tournament landings of Atlantic blue marlin, Atlantic white marlin, roundscale spearfish, and Atlantic sailfish, to NOAA within 24 hours of that landing. Landings information is also collected from catch card reports from North Carolina and Maryland; and individual billfish intercepted by the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS) and Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Tournament operators are required to register tournaments with NOAA and report Atlantic billfish landings within a week of the tournament (50 CFR 635.5(c) and (d)); 635.71(c)(6).</p>	<p>The United States meets or exceeds the 5% requirement each year.</p>
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	<p>In 1999, the United States implemented minimum size requirements that are consistent with the requirements in Rec. 19-05 (50 CFR 635.20(d); 635.71(c)(5)).</p>	<p>Blue marlin: 99 inches (251 cm), LJFL</p> <p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish: 66 inches (168 cm), LJFL</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)). The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific).</p>	

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>Beyond completion of this check sheet, which includes citations to relevant U.S. laws and regulations, the United States has consistently provided information on the steps we have taken to implement this and previous billfish recommendations through our Annual Report, which are available on the ICCAT website (https://www.iccat.int/en/pubs_biennial.html)</p> <p>Specific monitoring and enforcement efforts include at-sea boarding, dockside monitoring, observer programs, and, where appropriate, penalties for infractions.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		<p>While some parts of the U.S. recreational fleet may be considered small-scale under some definitions, that is not how we understand the term to be used in this recommendation. Nevertheless, information on data collection programs for non-tournament marlin/spearfish fishing is provided below.</p>
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (but for clarification of the situation, see “Notes/explanation” section in row just above)	All U.S. recreational vessels catching blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. All tournament operators are required to report all blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. See U.S. regulations at 50 CFR 635.5(c)(2) and (d).	The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports.

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					<p>For information on the MRIP: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program</p> <p>For information on the LPS: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey</p> <p>For information on Tournament registration and reporting: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments</p> <p>For reporting by recreational anglers: https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports</p> <p>Note: Paragraph 16 also requires CPCs to present to the SCRS their statistical methodology used to estimate dead and live discards for their fleets by 2020. The United States has submitted documents to the SCRS describing its methodology to estimate longline discards and Large Pelagic Survey methods and estimation methodology.</p>
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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided these data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>In addition to observer coverage described in association with para 19-05 paragraph 13, below, U.S. anglers must report all recreational billfish landings. All billfish tournaments are selected for reporting. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(1) and (3); and 635.7.</p>	<p>Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and recreational tournament reporting. It is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.</p> <p>This explanation is also responsive to the requirements of paragraph 12 of Rec. 19-05.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>Only persons who have been issued a valid permit and are participating in a tournament may possess or take a sailfish shoreward of the outer boundary of the Atlantic EEZ. Sailfish may only be harvested by rod and reel. No person shall take, retain or possess shoreward of the outer boundary of the EEZ a sailfish taken from its management unit that is less than 63 inches (160 cm), LJFL. 50 CFR 635.19(c)(2); 635.20(d)(3); 635.21(f)(1); 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(1), (4), (5), and (7)).</p>	<p>In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish, including sailfish. The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products, including sailfish, throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific). Sailfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear.</p> <p>In 1999, the United States implemented a minimum size for sailfish of 63 inches (160 cm) LJFL. Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits or natural/artificial combination baits, to minimize sailfish and other billfish post-release mortality. U.S. recreational anglers voluntarily release</p>

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					almost all billfish catches alive. NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes in education and outreach efforts.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of released billfishes, including sailfish, is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.</p> <p>50 CFR 635.5(a), (c)(2), and (d); 635.7</p>	<p>Additional information on the improvement of reporting can be found above in response to Rec. 19-05 paragraph 13.</p>

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of all released billfishes (including blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish) collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.</p> <p>50 CFR 635.5(a), (c)(2), and (d); 635.7</p>	<p>The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports.</p> <p>For information on the MRIP: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program</p> <p>For information on the LPS: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey</p> <p>For information on Tournament registration and reporting: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments</p> <p>For reporting by recreational anglers: https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports</p>
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BILLFISH CHECK SHEET

Name of CPC: URUGUAY

Rec. #	Para #	Requirement	Status of implementation	Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)	Notes/explanations
19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i>. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish,
19-05	2	<p><i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits</i>. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/dCPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caughtisgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	No		Uruguay does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Uruguay does not have sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.			The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish. Therefore, to date, national laws or regulations have not been implemented for billfish species.
19-05	16	Does the CPC have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Uruguay does not have industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	3	<p>“CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation”</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2020, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes		

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19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020 were 112.4 and 17.72 tons, respectively, which are not approaching the limits.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have encouraged our fishermen to implement, to the extent possible, the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, if the marlin/spearfish are alive at haul-back. The safety of crew is the top priority when releasing marlins/spearfish. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have informed our fishermen of the proper handling and releasing techniques, and that the safety of crew is the top priority when conducting those procedures. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	<p>Article 21 and 40 of the <i>Regulations for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation</i></p> <p>Article 21 For the purpose of these Regulations, the species with catch limit (hereinafter referred to as "fish species with catch limit") means bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna, south Atlantic albacore tuna, north Atlantic swordfish, south Atlantic swordfish, blue marlin, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.</p> <p>Article 40</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have promulgated regulations to allocate each vessel an individual catch limit. As per the regulations, once the individual catch limit is exhausted, fishermen must live release or dead discard the Atlantic white marlin/spearfish and blue marlin. 2. To minimize the post-release mortality, we have encouraged our fishermen to use circle hooks or cut the line by the board to release the live catch.

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				In the event that the quota of the fish species with catch limit is exhausted, any tuna longline fishing vessel shall immediately discard any subsequent catch of such species and shall record the amount of discard on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Catches caught by our longliners operating in the ICCAT Convention area are mostly dead at haul-back.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		We are not a developing CPC, and did not apply for the exemption, either.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We implement paper and electronic catch logbook, national and regional observer program, as well as transshipment and landing declaration scheme to collect and compile, data required by ICCAT. 2. The data submission is in accordance with the requirements of ICCAT.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p>	Yes		1. To ensure the catch amount of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish do not exceed the respective limit, we have promulgated regulations to allocate each vessel an individual catch quota. As per the regulations, once the individual

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			<p>catch quota is exhausted, fishermen must live release or discard dead the concerned catch.</p> <p>2. Compliance with individual vessel quota is monitored through the electronic logbook system, our national observer program, transshipment and landing measures, and port inspection scheme.</p> <p>3. We further analyze observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</p> <p>4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		We do not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes		We have encouraged our fishermen to use circle hooks.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 38 of the <i>Regulations for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation</i></p> <p>In the event that any tuna longline fishing vessel leaves a port, its captain shall daily report catch data through the E-</p>	<p>1. We have a separated column of “sailfish” from “other billfishes” in the logbook system since 2009, for improving data collection of sailfish.</p> <p>2. In addition to paper logbook, we have also</p>

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				logbook system designated by the competent authority, and shall also fill in the logbooks designated by the competent authority. Catch reports shall be filled in completely and accurately, and where the catch amount is zero, catch reports shall be filled in as well.	<p>implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information.</p> <p>3. We deploy observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data.</p> <p>4. We further analyze the observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</p> <p>5. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>1. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information.</p> <p>2. We deployed observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data.</p>

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					<p>3. We further analyze the observer data and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</p> <p>4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		For 2020, a total of 15.152 t (fifteen tons one hundred and fifty-two kilograms) of blue marlin was recorded as being landed in the Costa Rican Caribbean. All vessels fishing that species in the Caribbean Sea of the country are artisanal less than 20 metres in length.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		There are no records on the fisheries statistics databases of the Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture for either of these two species in 2020. Roundscale spearfish is not reported in the literature for the Costa Rican Caribbean.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries, therefore, does not apply paragraph 4, according to what is established in paragraph 10 of Recommendation 19-05.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		The practice of releasing species has not been carried out since Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal fisheries.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The practice of releasing species has not been carried out since Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal fisheries.

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19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		The practice of releasing species has not been carried out since Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal fisheries.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal fisheries.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the	Yes		Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries, therefore, does not apply paragraph 4. Costa Rica will request exemption for the small scale fishery.

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		SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436, Chapter VII Sport Fishing, Article 68	Costa Rica does not have mechanisms or adapted infrastructure to collect reliable data on sport and recreational fisheries. However, it is important to highlight that these fisheries are catch and release. There are no records of interaction of this fishery with white marlin and roundscale spearfish. The vessels with which sport and recreational fishing is carried out do not exceed 10 m in length.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Records have not been kept in logbooks, since these have not been implemented to date. However, steps are being taken to implement fishing logbooks and other forms that will be used during fishing trips.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their</p>	Yes	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436	Yes it is provided. We are in the process of submitting the information to ICCAT.

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		<p>implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal fleet using longline gear (14 vessels) that interacts with tuna, dolphinfish, shark and some billfish. The information of fishing trips is recorded in the landing inspection form (FID). This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”	No		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.

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		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: ...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.” Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436, Chapter VII, Article 76.	As stated in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law sailfish in Costa Rica is of touristic and sporting interest.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Not implemented, but, we are in the process of implementing forms to improve data collection.

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal of the artisanal fleet using longline gear (14 vessels) that interacts with tunas, dolphinfish, shark and some billfish. Information on fishing trips is recorded in the landings inspection form (FID). This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Letter to operator attached.	Please note that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of blue marlins.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Please note that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of white marlins.

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes		Please note that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of blue marlins.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		By way of letter from the department.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The Department will work with the Company to implement these measures.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		While this is noted in letter to company the use of cameras and observer programmes will reinforce this measure.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		This will be addressed however it must be noted that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of blue marlins.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		This will be addressed however it must be noted that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of blue marlins.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Please note that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of white marlins.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in Guyana.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		As noted in the Annual Report measures are being put in place for this data collection.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (Not applicable)		There are no recreational fisheries in Guyana.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A (Not applicable)		There are no recreational fisheries in Guyana.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		There are no recreational fisheries in Guyana.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		This is partially done by logs books but as stated in the Annual Report other measures will be put in place to address this issue.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Guyana does not have any small scale or artisanal interacting with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Guyana has confirmed in this check sheet that it does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		There are no sport/recreational fisheries in Guyana.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		This is not a species caught in Guyana.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		This is not a species caught in Guyana.

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		This is not a species caught in Guyana.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin in 2020.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching white marlin in 2020.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in 2020.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in 2020.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in 2020.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.

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		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020. However, Suriname is in the process of updating their National fishing legislation to be able to comply with relevant ICCAT conservation and management measures.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2020.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2020.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in 2020.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in 2020.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching billfishes in 2020. However, Suriname is in the process of implementing a new Fisheries Information System in Suriname: Calipseo.