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Capacity building missions in ICCAT developing countries
(ICCAT Secretariat)

The Common Oceans Project Phase II has approved the ICCAT requests for funding for several projects and the Letter of Agreement with the FAO has been signed.

In addition to Port Inspection Training, the Secretariat included a request to fund four Compliance Missions, over a period of four years in order to assist developing countries with the most difficulties in complying with the reporting requirements contained in ICCAT Conservation and Management measures.

The Secretariat developed a short questionnaire which was circulated through ICCAT Circular #591/23 to determine which CPCs would be interested in receiving such assistance.

To date, three requests have been received (Egypt, São Tomé and Príncipe and Senegal). These requests are attached, and the Commission, as advised by the Compliance Committee, should determine the order of priority for these CPCs.

The Compliance Committee is therefore invited to review the requests and determine the most urgent case, in order to organize a compliance mission in 2024.

**Expression of interest in ICCAT compliance missions
and/or other assistance if available**

Contracting Party: Egypt

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1. Current fisheries (add rows as needed):

<i>Fishing area</i>	<i>Gear(s) used</i>	<i>Species caught</i>	<i>Target or bycatch</i>	<i>Approx No. of vessels involved</i>
Mediterranean	Purse seine Longline	BFT, ALB, SWO	BFT, ALB (target) SWO (bycatch)	Around 32 LL vessels, 2 purse seine vessels

If your CP does not currently have any fisheries, please indicate whether you have plans to develop any in the next five years, and if so, indicate the species to be targeted and the gears you expect will be used:

2. Other fishery-related activities (add rows as needed)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Currently ongoing</i>	<i>Planned for short term future</i>	<i>Planned for medium/long term future</i>
In-port Transhipment	No	No	No
At-sea Transhipment	No	No	No
Port Inspection	Done by national inspectors.		
Import of ICCAT species			
Export of ICCAT species	BFT	SWO	
Access agreements with third parties	Prohibited	No	No
Joint fishing activities	Yes, for BFT	Yes	Yes

3. Areas in which assistance with ICCAT reporting requirements is required. Additional information can be added in an annex if needed

(See <https://www.iccat.int/en/SubmitCOMP.html> and <https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html> for ICCAT reporting requirements)

	<i>ICCAT requirement</i>	<i>Difficulties encountered</i>	<i>Comments</i>
General MCS measures			
Species specific MCS measures	Applying Scientific Observer Program for BFT & SWO	Funding the scientific observer for BFT & SWO catching vessels for sampling	Need for the technical and financial support of ICCAT
Data collection and reporting	ST04 ST05 ST06-T2FM ST09	Funding for sampling	Need for the technical and financial support of ICCAT
Other (specify)			

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Contracting Party: São Tomé e Príncipe

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<i>Fishing area</i>	<i>Gear(s) used</i>	<i>Species caught</i>	<i>Target or bycatch</i>	<i>Approx No. of vessels involved</i>
Artisanal and semi-industrial fishing zone	Handline and small encircling net	Small tunas	Small tunas and billfish	Approximately 250 artisanal and semi-industrial fishing boats

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In-port Transhipment			
At-sea Transhipment			
Port Inspection		X	
Import of ICCAT species			
Export of ICCAT species			
Access agreements with third parties	Fishing protocol with the European Union Fishing agreement with OPAGAC		
Other (specify)			

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(We would like to have the technical support of ICCAT to provide advice when these agreements are discussed to help us make the most of them and therefore have a better management policy).

	<i>ICCAT requirement</i>	<i>Difficulties encountered</i>	<i>Comments</i>
General MCS measures		Shortage of well-trained technicians	
Species specific MCS measures		Shortage of well-trained technicians	
Data collection and reporting			
Other (specify)			

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Contracting Party: Senegal

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1. Current fisheries (add rows as needed):

<i>Fishing area</i>	<i>Gear(s) used</i>	<i>Species caught</i>	<i>Target or bycatch</i>	<i>Approx No. of vessels involved</i>
Purse seine fishery	Purse seine	Yellowfin, bigeye, skipjack	Sharks, small tunas, billfish, sea turtles	7
Rod and reel fishery	Baitboat	Yellowfin, bigeye, skipjack	Small tunas, sharks, billfish	6
Small artisanal longline fisheries	Longline	Swordfish	Sharks, yellowfin, billfish	3
Industrial longline fisheries	Longline	Swordfish	Sharks, yellowfin, billfish	2
Sport and recreational fishery	Handline	Billfish	Billfish	Unknown
Longline fishery	Longline	Swordfish	Tunas, billfish	2
Longline fishery (over 20 m)	Longline	Bigeye tuna	Tunas, billfish, sharks	Envisaged in the next 5 years. No number estimated yet.

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In-port Transshipment	Yes	Yes	Yes
At-sea Transshipment	No	Yes	Yes
Port Inspection	Yes	Yes	Yes
Import of ICCAT species	Yes	Yes	Yes
Export of ICCAT species	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access agreements with third parties	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other (specify)			

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General MCS measures	Port State measures	Implementation and update of procedures in line with ICCAT requirements	
	Flag State measures	Implementation and update of procedures in line with ICCAT requirements	
Species specific MCS measures	Tropical tunas, swordfish	Monitoring of catches	
	Albacore tuna	Monitoring of catches	
	Sharks	Monitoring of catches	
	Swordfish and marlin	Monitoring of catches	
	Bluefin tuna	Scientific quota utilization and monitoring procedure ICCAT requirements in this area	
Data collection and reporting	Electronic surveillance: Tuna purse seine vessels	Utilization of data collected	
	Support for improving the electronic system for collecting data from observers on board tuna vessels	Not all information is collected Example: sizes of bycatch species	
	Monitoring of sport and recreational fishing	Implementation of a sport fishing logbook to provide information on this fishery	
	FAD deployment form ST08	Difficulties in completing the information in form ST08_B	
Other (specify)			