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Information on implementation of scientific observer programmes as reported by CPCs

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The information in the table below shows the responses from CPCs to requirement S:GEN11, Information on implementation of Rec. 16-14. Most of the pertinent information will be contained in the Annual Reports themselves, but the summary gives an indication of whether or not it was provided. A list of those who submitted completed ST09 form is also included.

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Albania	Yes	2022-09-15	Albania has observer program data on discards, bycatch or incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Albanian fleet of trawlers and small pelagic purse seiners in the Adriatic Sea		No	Observer program is focused on discards, by-catch or incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Albanian fleet of trawlers and small pelagic purse seiners in Adriatic Sea
Algeria	No		No changes since last transmission	Answer should be Y = Applicable. No exemption from this requirement has been granted	No	No changes since last transmission
Angola	Yes			No response in IOMS	No	
Barbados	No		Barbados has not yet implemented an observer program. Nevertheless, the 2023 Fisheries Management Regulations mandates that the masters of fishing vessels participate in observer programs including electronic monitoring as stipulated by the Chief Fisheries Officer. Provision Rec. 16-14, 4 b applies in the case of Barbados vessels and in this context,		No	Barbados has not yet implemented an observer program. Nevertheless, the 2023 Fisheries Management Regulations mandates that the masters of fishing vessels participate in observer programs including electronic monitoring as stipulated by the Chief Fisheries Officer.

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			Barbados is examining ways to comply with Rec. 16-14.			
Belize	No	2023-03-09	Belize does not carry out alternative scientific monitoring as we have no small-scale vessels in our fleet unable to carry an observer.	Answer should be Y = Applicable	Yes	
Bolivia	No		Not Applicable Bolivia did not have an operating domestic observer program, nor did it use an alternative approach since it did not have fishing vessels authorized to operate in the Convention area during the period of this report.	No fisheries	Empty (N/A)	Bolivia does not have a domestic observer program, so it had no data to report.
Brazil	Yes	2023-07-31	2023-07-31		Yes	
Cabo Verde	No		No domestic observer program data in place (no active fishing on ICCAT species)	Cabo Verde has 6 authorised vessels on ICCAT Record and caught a total of 3,467 t of ICCAT species combined in 2022	No	No domestic observer program data to report (programs under implementation)
Canada	Yes	2023-07-31			Yes	
China PR.	Yes	2023-09-15			Yes	
Chinese Taipei	Yes	2023-04-21	2023-04-21; 2023-07-28		Yes	
Costa Rica	No		N/A. Costa Rica does not catch South Atlantic swordfish.	This response is not related to the requirement	No	
Côte d'Ivoire				No response in IOMS	No	

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Curaçao	Yes		Observers that operate on the Curaçao vessels are trained by AZTI and conduct according to ICCAT regulations and best practices.		Yes	
Egypt	Yes			No response in IOMS	Yes	
El Salvador	Yes	2023-07-24	Ref. CENDEPESCA Official communication #406. El Salvador vessels have 100% observer coverage during fishing trips. All observers belong to the Sea Eye program, they are assigned by Sea Eye.		Yes	
European Union	No		No information to report	Believe answer should be Y = applicable. Some information contained in text part of AR	Yes	
France (St-Pierre et Miquelon)	Yes	2023-07-25	25 July 2023		No	No implementation program in 2022
Gabon	No		No activities in 2022		No	No activities in 2023
Gambia, The				No response in IOMS	No	
Ghana	Yes		Annual Report		No	
Grenada				No response in IOMS	No	
Guatemala	No		Not applicable. Guatemala has no small vessels and no scientific observer program.	Answer should be Y = Applicable. No exemption from this requirement has	No	Guatemala does not have a domestic observer program, but a company provides this service to the vessel

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				been granted. Requirement not related to small vessels		
Guinea Bissau				No response in IOMS	No	
Guinea Ecuatorial				No response in IOMS	No	
Guinea Republic				No response in IOMS	No	
Guyana	No		No active fishing conducted for tuna.		No	No active fishing conducted for tuna.
Honduras				No response in IOMS	No	
Iceland	No		No such fisheries		Empty	N/A no directed fisheries, nothing to report. Empty report submitted 2022-06-29
Japan	No		N/A No Japanese small-scale vessel operates in the ICCAT Convention area.	Answer should be Y = Applicable. No exemption from this requirement has been granted. Requirement not related to small vessels	Yes	
Korea rep	Yes	2023-07-28			Yes	
Liberia	Yes	2023-09-18			No	
Libya	No		BFT caught live and transported to other farming CPCs		No	BFT caught live and transported to other farming CPCs
Maroc	Yes	2023-07-31			Yes	

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Mauritania				No response in IOMS	No	
Mexico	Yes	2023-07-11			Yes	
Namibia				No response in IOMS	Yes	
Nicaragua				No response in IOMS	No	
Nigeria				No response in IOMS	No	
Norway	Yes	2019-02-15	This information is provided in Part II, Section 4 of the Norwegian Annual Report.		Yes	
Panama	Yes	2023-07-21			Yes	
Philippines	No		Not applicable. This CPC has no active fleet in the ICCAT area of Convention from 2015 to present.	No fisheries	N/A	No domestic observer program data to report (programs under implementation)
Russia	Yes	2023-07-12	Observers covered 18% fishing days of trawl fisheries (2023-07-12)		Yes	
STP				No response in IOMS	No	
Senegal	Yes		Senegal has a Fisheries Protection and Surveillance Department (<i>Direction de la Protection et de la Surveillance des Pêches - DPSP</i>), which is responsible for taking observers on board vessels.		No	Not yet available. IT development is needed to meet their demand
Sierra Leone				No response in IOMS	No	
South Africa	Yes	2023-07-31			Yes	

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St Vincent & Grenadines	No		SVG did not deploy any scientific observers in 2022. This is because the vessels were chartered to Namibia in this year.	No chartering arrangement between SVG and Namibia was reported in 2022. SVG reported through Task 1 a total of 790 t of ICCAT species caught in 2022.	No	SVG did not deploy any scientific observers in 2022. The vessels were chartered to Namibia during this year.
Suriname	No		N/A. Suriname is not involved in any scientific observer program.	No fisheries	N/A	We recently (in May 2023) started the observer program on fishing trawlers with bycatch KGM and BRS, so there is no data on ST09 available for the year 2022.
Syria	No		Quota transferred for farming		No	Domestic observer program data is very limited
T&T				No response in IOMS	No	
Tunisie	Yes	2023-07-18			Yes	
Türkiye	Yes	2023-07-26	Sent to ICCAT on 2023/07/26 in the report named "Report_on_GEN11_SHK01_BYC04_BY C05_TUR2022". Sent to ICCAT on 2023/07/26.		Yes	
UK	Yes		2023-09-15		Yes	
United States	Yes	2023-09-14	This information is provided in the U.S. Annual Report		Yes	No fleet activity in 2022.
Uruguay	No		No fleet activity in 2022.	No fisheries	N/A	
Venezuela				No response in IOMS	Yes	