**Billfish Check Sheet**

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| **Name of CPC:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_XXXXXXXXX (2024) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| Note: Each ICCAT requirement must be implemented in a legally binding manner. Just requesting fishermen to implement measures should not be regarded as implementation**, except where the ICCAT provision is non-binding.**  **Note that “non-applicable” or “N/A” may only be used as a response where this is provided as an option in the Status of Implementation column**. |

| ***Rec. #*** | ***Para #*** | ***Requirement*** | ***Status of implemen-tation*** | ***Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or***  ***links where this***  ***information is codified)*** | ***Notes/explanations*** |
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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 or No |  | If No, please indicate total landings and explain steps being taken to ensure landings do not exceed the ICCAT limit or adjusted limit applicable to the CPC (N/A is not a permissible response). |
| 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 or No |  | If No, please indicate total landings and explain steps being taken to ensure landings do not exceed the ICCAT limit or adjusted limit applicable to the CPC (N/A is not a permissible response). |
| 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 or No or  N/A (Not applicable) |  | If "No" or "N/A", explain the reason.  If “No”, please explain any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.  (N/A is only a permissible response if your CPC did not approach its landings limit, which includes CPCs without a specific landings limit and therefore subject to the generally applicable limit in para. 2). |
| 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 or No |  | If "No", please explain the reason.  If “Yes”, please explain how. Include any information on the best practices adopted for handling the release of live marlins caught (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. | Yes or No |  | If "No", please explain the reason.  If “Yes”, please explain how. Include any information on the best practices adopted for handling the release of live marlins caught (N/A is not a permissible response). |
| 19-05 | 7 | “CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.” | Yes or No |  | If "No", please explain the reason. If “Yes”, please explain how. Include any information on best practices for handling bycatch of marlins if those have been adopted (N/A is not a permissible response). |
| 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 or No |  | If "No", please explain the reason.  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? | Yes or No |  | 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) |  | If “Yes”, please explain the actions taken, including data submissions.  If "No", please explain the reason (and any implementation steps your CPC plans to take).  If “N/A”, please explain the reason.  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. | Yes or No or N/A |  | If "No" or "N/A", explain the reason.  If “No”, please explain any steps your CPC plans to take to implement this requirement. |
| 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 or No |  | If “Yes”, please explain actions taken.  If "No", please explain the reason (and any implementation steps your CPC plans to take).  (“N/A” is not a permissible response). |
| 19-05 | 11, 13, 14, 17 | Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish? | Yes or No |  | (N/A is not a permissible response). |
| 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 or No or N/A (Not applicable) |  | If "No" or "N/A", explain the reason.  If “No”, please also explain any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.  (“N/A” only a permissible response if your CPC has confirmed in this check sheet that it does not have any recreational 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? | Yes or No or N/A (Not applicable) |  | If “Yes”, please indicate what minimum size your CPC has set for each species, including if your CPC implements through a comparable weight limit.  If "No" or "N/A", explain the reason.  If “No”, please also explain any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.  (“N/A” is only a permissible response if your CPC has confirmed in this check sheet that it does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale 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? | Yes or No or N/A (Not applicable) |  | If "No" or "N/A", please explain the reason.  If “No”, please also explain any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.    (“N/A” may only be used if the CPC has confirmed in this check sheet that it does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale 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? | Yes or  No |  | If “Yes”, please provide here information on implementation (including monitoring, control, and surveillance measures) not otherwise covered elsewhere on this check sheet.  If "No", please explain the reason, and any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement. |
| 19-05 | 16 | Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish? | Yes or No |  | “N/A” is not a permissible response. |
| 19-05 | 16 | “CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.” | Yes or  No or  N/A (Not applicable) |  | If “Yes”, please briefly describe the data collection program.  If "No" or "N/A", explain the reason.  If “No”, please also explain any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.    (“N/A” may only be used if the CPC 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). |
| 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 or No |  | If "No", please explain the reason and any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement. |
| 16-11 | 1 | “Contracting Parties and Cooperating non‐Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) 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 or No |  | If “Yes”, please explain management measures taken or maintained to implement this requirement.  If "No", explain the reason, and any steps your CPC plans to implement this requirement.  (“N/A” is not a permissible response). |
| 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? | Yes or No |  | If yes, please explain actions taken.  If "No", please explain the reason (and any implementation steps your CPC plans to take).  (“N/A” is not a permissible response). |
| 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 or No |  | If “Yes”, please provide the information here, or if the information has been reported to ICCAT through means other than this check sheet, please indicate where.  If “No” the reason, and any implementation steps the CPC plans to take.  (“N/A” is not a permissible response). |