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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 5 October 2020. It should be noted that those submissions received for the first time after this date are contained in **Addendum 1** in their original language only.

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

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

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Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: Barbados

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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		11.5 T Barbados Fisheries Division is working with longline fishers to further promote and increase the use of non-offset circle hooks instead of traditional J hooks in an attempt to reduce mortality of 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	No		In tandem with the increased use of non-offset circle hooks fishers will have to be trained in the best practises for safely extricating these animals from longline gear to reduce injuring and increasing the

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			animal’s survival while also not endangering the fishers.
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		Barbados places all landed marlins in the market for sale as food
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		In tandem with the increased use of non-offset circle hooks fishers will have to be trained in the best practises for safely extricating these animals from longline gear to reduce injuring and increasing the animal’s survival while also not endangering the fishers.
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		Such observer monitoring exercises were conducted in the past but none were conducted during the reporting period. However the Barbados Fisheries Division will renew efforts to work with the Barbados Game Fishing Association to comply with this recommendation.

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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>	No		Legislation in this regard will be discussed with the Recreational fishers.
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>	<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</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		Relevant legislation submitted in previous section.

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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.		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 category of "handline".
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?	No		For commercial fisheries Barbados places all landed marlins in the market for sale as food No discarding of marlins takes place. As noted earlier landings from sport fishing for commercial purposes is not permitted under the Fisheries Act (1993)
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	Yes		Barbados Fisheries Division is working with longline fishers to further promote and increase the use of non-offset circle hooks instead of traditional J hooks in an attempt to reduce mortality of marlins.

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		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>	No		<p>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.</p> <p>However no further enhancements in the data collection system were implemented during the reporting period.</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>Barbados landings data collection system including the routine collection of landings statistics at markets for all fisheries as well as the targeted dockside post-trip interviews of vessel captains to collect detailed trip information and morphometric data of key species for the longline fleet has been repeatedly described in several earlier national reports.</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>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</p>

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					Fisheries Unit is in dialogue with 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 (Not applicable)		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	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.
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.

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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 interacts 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 are also being established to ensure that this data is shared with the BHSFU for proper reporting to the 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.
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.”	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

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		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			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.
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		Blue Marlin and while marlin/spearfish are prohibited species in high seas fisheries and NIL catches were reported in the Task I and II 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

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					provisions of this measure.
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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 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		Belize does not issue licenses which authorizes 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 I and II data submissions to the Commission.
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		Belize collects data from its high seas fisheries through electronic catch reports and bounded 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.

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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	These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since 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.	

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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° 74, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/ roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Recreational fisheries are also obliged to obey Interministerial Rule N° 12, of July 15, 2005, that established the mandatory release of white ( <i>Tetrapturus albidus</i> ) and blue ( <i>Makaira nigricans</i> ) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibited 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.

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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	Recreational fisheries are also obliged to obey Interministerial Rule N° 12, of July 15, 2005, that established the mandatory release of white ( <i>Tetrapturus albidus</i> ) and blue ( <i>Makaira nigricans</i> ) marlins that are alive by gear retrieval and prohibited dead discards, as well as any sale of these species, whole or in any part. Minimum sizes, therefore, are not applicable to Brazil.	
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	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 any sale of these species. This Rule is also applicable to the sport fishing.	
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 the Brazilian Annual Report, as well as here, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interministerial Normative Instruction No. 2, of September 4, 2006; establishing the satellite fishing vessel tracking program;</li> <li>- Normative Instruction No. 20, of September 10, 2014, and Normative Instruction No. 51, of 23 of October, 2019; establishing the forms and criteria for completing and delivering fishing logbooks.</li> </ul> <p>Brazilian tuna 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	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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	All data are being provided.	
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	Interministerial Rule N <sup>o</sup> 74, of 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels in Brazil.	

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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 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	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	
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	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	

## Billfish Check Sheet

## Name of CPC: Canada

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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 I) and catch and effort (Task II). All data submitted 30/07/2020. In 2019, Canada landed 56 kg of 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 I) and catch and effort (Task II). All data submitted 30/07/2020. In 2019, Canada landed 1,428 kg of 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. 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 per cent coverage.</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>	No		<p>Canada does not prohibit dead discarding.</p>

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19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlin/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 mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and to 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 in a research program examining patterns of by-catch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating by-catch.
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 is 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 is 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	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 recreational or sport fishery harvesting tuna, tuna like species or shark fisheries. There is 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	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 is 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>	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. 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 per cent coverage.

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					At-sea observers are targeted for deployment on 10 per cent of swordfish fishing trips despite no ICCAT requirements for observer's on board swordfish vessels smaller than 20 meters. All discarding interactions (from both the observer reports and harvesters's logbooks) are reported in the estimation of nominal catch (Task I), catch and effort (Task II) and national observer programme data. All data submitted 30/07/2020. All swordfish longline vessels carrying longline gear must have an operating vessel monitoring system on the vessel. Transshipping of all fish is prohibited by the Atlantic Fishery Regulations. The fishery is monitored through the Department's enforcement branch through the deployment of protection officers on land, sea and by air.
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

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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		All of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish data is submitted annually as part of Task I and II, and national observer programme data. 2019 data submitted: 30/07/2020
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>	Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Atlantic Sailfish. Nevertheless, the pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species by-catch rates and to 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
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		Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with sailfish.

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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		<p>Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with sailfish.</p>

## Billfish Check Sheet

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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 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/ <i>Tetrapturus</i> spp. combined."	They did not exceed 2 t, as established in this paragraph of the Recommendation.
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	N/A		Reported catches do not come close to the limit.

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		of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
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		
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.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		We do not have any 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		We do not have any recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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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		We do not have any recreational 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 any 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 <i>"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."</i></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.

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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		We do not have any artisanal 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		We do not have any artisanal small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
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		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.

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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 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		The El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers gather all this information, which is provided to the Commission on an annual basis.
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.

## BILLFISH CHECK SHEET

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 ID of Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 of 30 January 2019 fixing for 2019 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 2018.</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 the landing limits for blue marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2020.</p>	<p>The adjusted landing limit of BUM for EU in 2019 was 528.00 tons. EU caught 79,62 tons of BUM in 2019, and under-harvest 448,38 tons.</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	<p>Annex ID of Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 of 30 January 2019 fixing for 2019 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 of 0 tonnes for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2019.</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 of 0 tons for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2019.</p>	<p>The adjusted landing limit of WHM for EU in 2019 was of 27.60 tonnes.</p> <p>EU caught 0,70 tons of BUM in 2019, and under-harvest 26,90 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>	
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</p>	Yes	<p>Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures</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</p>

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		<p>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>		<p>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>the ICCAT Convention area. Those landings will not count against the limits established in § 1 of Rec 18-04/19-05.</p>
19-05	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</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 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</p>	

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				<p><i>marlin (Makaira nigricans) and white marlin (Tetrapturus albidus) that are alive by the time of boarding.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></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.
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</p> <p><i>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.</i></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-Fork Length (LJFL)	Yes	Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management,	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

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		<p>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>		<p>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>	<p>conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.</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>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</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>

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		and surveillance 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		Catches of billfish are mainly by-catches of the industrial surface longline segment targeting swordfish and sharks.  The EU has also non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadalupe or Martinique.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes	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.  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.	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.  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

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				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.	as data related to incidental by-catch including all birds, mammals and reptiles and fish species protected under Union legislation and international agreements.
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>Task I and Task II 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 I and Task II data to ICCAT on 15/04/2020, 15/06/2020, 25/06/2020, 26/06/2020, 30/06/2020, 01/07/2020, 02/07/2020, 03/07/2020, 08/07/2020, 13/07/2020, 16/07/2020, 27/07/2020, 28/07/2020, 31/07/2020, 06/08/2020,</p>

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				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.	18/08/2020, 21/08/2020, 26/08/2020, 01/09/2020, 04/09/2020, 15/09/2020
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>	N/A		EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this 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 I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p>	Yes	Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector	Task I and Task II data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.

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		Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?		<p>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><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>
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>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</p>

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					<p>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 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>

## Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: GABON

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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. For 2019 we have not recorded any white marlin catches.
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. For 2019 we have not recorded any white marlin catches.

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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 2019.
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.

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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.	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGPA of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	Good practices are indicated on a poster on fishing vessels.
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."  Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No.		Lack of resources, we manage to cover 5%. Action is currently being taken with recreational fishery operators to pool efforts for better surveillance of these 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/spearfish."  Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No.		In 2019, we have not imposed minimum sizes because it is prohibited to retain billfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue	Yes.		The individuals that are caught are immediately released.

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		<p>marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</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.	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGPA of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	In 2019, a text classifying aquatic animals has been used to manage resources subject to quota. Billfish belong to the partly protected species. Indeed, it is prohibited to retain them onboard sport fishing vessels, and the same applies for industrial fishing vessels.
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.		Billfish belong to bycatch. In addition, on each landing of these species, the vessel identification is reported, the species are identified, and the

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					measurements i.e. weight and length are reported. The fishing area and the day are indicated on the sheet.
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</p>	No.		No vessels targeting billfish.

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		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?	Yes.		The onboard observers programme has been strengthened and there has been a reinforcement of inspectors in order to improve the data collection system.
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.		In 2019, we did not describe the data collection programme because we did not have a specific programme for billfish. The same data, i.e. weight of catch, vessel identifier, catch area are collected thereunder. A specific programme will be implemented in 2020.

## Billfish Check Sheet

## Name of CPC: GHANA

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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	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	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</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 bycatch in artisanal fishery.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		No recreational 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		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>	No		No recreational fishery.

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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		No 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> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</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>	Ensure that quotas are not reached and juvenile caught alive are released in the best possible manner per out domestic regulation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	Artisanal fishery
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	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	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010	Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1

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		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?		General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	and II 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 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	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.
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?	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 II to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.
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		FAO ARTFISH program

## Billfish Check Sheet

## Name of CPC: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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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 or specifically fish 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 or specifically fish this species.
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	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, not even longline vessels that specifically fish this

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		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.”			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 or specifically fish 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 or specifically fish 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 recreational fisheries that interact with these species.
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		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational fisheries for these species. Consequently, there are no data collection programmes in sport and recreational fisheries for these species

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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		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational 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?	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational fisheries for these 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		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not provide this information to ICCAT.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not have

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		marlin/roundscale spearfish?			artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue 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		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not have an established collection programme for this data.
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?	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea cannot provide estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, 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 live	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea has not implemented management measures to support the 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.

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		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>	No		This is difficult as we do not specifically fish this 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		As we do not have a fishing fleet that targets this species, it is difficult to describe the corresponding data collection programmes.

## Billfish Check Sheet

## Name of CPC: ICELAND

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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		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	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		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
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 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

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			annual regulation for ICCAT fisheries when relevant.
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	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.
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>	N/A		Na. no recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish

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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		Na. 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
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		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

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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>	N/A		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for billfish
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 interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery - no quota for 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 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		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)

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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		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	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	Ministerial Order Article 17	
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	Ministerial Order Article 17	
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	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the Atlantic Ocean.	

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
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	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.
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>	N/A		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	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.

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		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?			
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		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.
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		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		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	Yes		

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		<p>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>			
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 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		Japan reported its data collection programs such as national observer programmes including through its national report.
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.

## Billfish Check Sheet

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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>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>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>8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;</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>	No (Korea does not prohibit.)		
19-05	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</p>	Yes		<p>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.</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 (Korea does 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>	N/A		Korea does not have any 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		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.

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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>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<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.</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>	No (Korea does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin 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		<p>Korea does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in ICCAT Convention Area.</p>
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>	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)</p>	

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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>....</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>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Korean longline vessels are encouraged to use circle hooks and almost all of the vessels are using circle hooks.</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>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)</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.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation	Yes	<p>Distant Water Fisheries Development Act</p> <p>Article 16 (Reporting on Results of</p>	Please see Section2 of Annual report part.

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		Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?		Fishing Operations)	

## Billfish Check Sheet

## Name of CPC: MEXICO

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	<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" (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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" (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) 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 relevant marlin</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" (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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" (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) 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 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 apply the adjustment years in the event that they are exceeded.

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19-05	4	<p>compliance table)?</p> <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>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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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” (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) 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 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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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” (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) 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. 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	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	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" ( <a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a> ) 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.
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" ( <a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a> ) 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" ( <a href="http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&amp;fecha=25/11/2013">http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&amp;fecha=25/11/2013</a> ) 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."	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" ( <a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a> ) was published in the Official Journal of the Federation (DOF). On 25 November 2013 the "MODIFICATION to the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-017-PESC-	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

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?		1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995” ( <a href="http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&amp;fecha=25/11/2013">http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&amp;fecha=25/11/2013</a> ) was published in the DOF	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” ( <a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a> ) 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 license or permit of any holder that sells sport/recreational catches under any legal title.	
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and	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

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		<p>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>			<p>ICCAT, and compliance and monitoring is reviewed in coordination with the COC chair and Secretariat staff.</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>	No	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	N/A	<p>Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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>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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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”</p>	<p>Mexico has presented information as requested by the Commission. In particular, catch, fishing effort and size data are provided for Task I and Task II, and dead discards and live 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>

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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>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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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” (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) was published in the DOF.</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.
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>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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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”</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.

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				<p>(<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) was published in the DOF.</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” (<a href="https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019">https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&amp;fecha=10/05/2019</a>) 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” (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&amp;fecha=16/04/2014</a>) 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 – <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>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>	The landing limits for blue marlin are applicable for Morocco.
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 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>	Total landings of white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> (Combined) for Morocco (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) are within the applicable limit contained in paragraph 1.

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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.	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 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	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	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</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.	The Department encourages operators to promptly release individuals of marlin taken as bycatch.

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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.	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.
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.	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	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.	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	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 (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><b><u>Monitoring, control, and surveillance measures</u></b></p> <p>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"> <li>- Control at landing ports, fishing sites and fish markets.</li> <li>- Vessel control by satellite (positioning and tracking device “VMS”).</li> <li>- At sea control of vessels is carried out by the control authorities.</li> <li>- A system of reporting of catches on landing and monitoring of trade flow through the catch certification procedure.</li> </ul> <p>To ensure effective catch monitoring, including for marlin species, the Fisheries Department has also</p>

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					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.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	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.	Very low quantities of white marlin are taken as bycatch by artisanal fishers.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	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.	Annual submission of detailed Task I and Task II data, in accordance with the ICCAT data reporting requirements procedures.

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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.	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.	Annual submission of Task I and Task II data on marlin discards, if applicable, in Morocco’s annual reports, in accordance with the ICCAT data reporting requirements procedures.
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 actions: ...</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.	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.	If sailfish are caught, these are submitted annually with the Task I and II data, in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements procedures.

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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 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.	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.	If sailfish are caught, these are submitted annually with the Task I and II data, in accordance with ICCAT data reporting requirements procedures.
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.	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 data collection programmes are described and transmitted to the SCRS/Species Group.

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## Name of CPC: NORWAY

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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		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	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		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.
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	N/A (Not applicable)		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

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			there has not been a need to take appropriate measures in accordance with rec 18-04 paragraph 2.
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>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.</p> <p>However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.</p>
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	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 in the Norwegian ICCAT 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	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

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		<p>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>			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)		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	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)		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 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		<p>No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in Norwegian 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 landing obligation cover these species as well.</p>

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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		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	“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		Yes. Norway submitted the Task I and II data to ICCAT 21/06/2018. No bycatch of blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish was recorded.
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		a) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.  b) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.  Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of this species in Norwegian waters.

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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 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		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.
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. 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.

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Name of CPC: REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

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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		Catch of blue marlin has never been reported or collected.
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		Catch of blue marlin has never been reported or collected.

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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	Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2018 And Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulation 2019	Sierra Leone is not a flag state Sierra Leone law prohibits the retention of marline on board and if caught, it should be released
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	Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2018 And Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulation 2019	Sierra Leone law prohibits dead discards, landings of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce markets.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2018 And Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulation 2019	Sierra Leone law prohibits the dead discards, the landings of marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce markets.
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		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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>	(Not applicable)		For now, Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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 (Not applicable)	Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2018 And Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulation 2019	<p>Sierra Leone law prohibits the dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce markets.</p> <p>For now, Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white</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>	No		There are Observers onboard fishing vessels, dock observers at landing sites and ports as well as inspectors and enumerators to ensure that the fishing for marlin are monitored
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.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Sierra Leone does not have any non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white. Not data recorded.
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		Not available 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>	Yes		There are Observers onboard fishing vessels, dock observers at landing sites and ports as well as inspectors and enumerators to monitor this 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 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		Fisheries Observers will be trained 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.
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		Fisheries Observers will be trained 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.”

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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	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	<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	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	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	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	South African Domestic Legislation prohibits any discard of dead fish	<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	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</p>	Yes	South African Domestic Legislation prohibits any discard of dead fish	<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>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).</p>
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</p>	Not applicable		<p>Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).</p>

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		<p>catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</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>	Not applicable		Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/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>	Not applicable		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.

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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		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	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		All the information is submitted as part of ICCAT Data Exchange Submission (Task I & Task II), where applicable.
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	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	“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?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook.  Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.

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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	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook.  Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.
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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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species.
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	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species.

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species.
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.
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 this species.
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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this 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)	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species.

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		for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."  Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
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 this 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		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this 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."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
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	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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		<p>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>			
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 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		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 program for the collection of data 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?	Yes	Reported in Task I & II data as follows  Bermuda catches – 1212kg St Helena catches – 36kg	
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	Yes	Reported in Task I & II data as follows  Bermuda catches – 214kg	

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		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)?			
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>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 is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the <a href="#">Fisheries Regulations 2010</a>.</p> <p>Other UK-OTs have not implemented to date but have no active fisheries.</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	No	UK-OTs do not prohibit dead discarding.	

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		commercial fisheries.”  Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of 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.”	Yes	St Helena is pole and line only.  UK-OT interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release.  Ascension and St Helena do not have ICCAT fisheries.  The 18m longliner licensed to fish in Bermuda is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the <a href="#">Fisheries Regulations 2010</a> .	
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.”  Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No or N/A (Not applicable)	BVI – SI 20 of 2003 requires catch release for BUM and WHM from sports fisheries. <a href="http://www.bvi.gov.vg/file-type/legislation?page=6to date">http://www.bvi.gov.vg/file-type/legislation?page=6to date</a>  British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos and Bermuda have tournament landings.  Resource challenges have precluded implementation of this requirement to date.  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.  Ascension are reviewing inshore legislation in 2021. Offshore environment is an MPA.  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.	

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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><a href="#">Bermuda – Fisheries Regulations 2010</a>                      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> <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> <p>Ascension are reviewing inshore legislation in 2021. Offshore environment is an MPA.</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>BVI recreational marlin fisheries are catch release.</p> <p>Bermuda - Fisheries Regulations 2010, Regulation 18(1) prohibits the sale of all fish from vessels without a commercial license – <a href="http://www.bermudalaws.bm">www.bermudalaws.bm</a></p> <p>St Helena Environmental Protection Ordinance s.20 Schedule 2 prohibits the sale of WHM without a fishing license - <a href="http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Environmental-Protection-Ordinance.pdf">http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Environmental-Protection-Ordinance.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="#">British Virgin Islands (BVI) SI 20 of 2003</a> (Fishery Regulations) – all recreational catches of BUM and WHM are catch release.</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	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</p>	Yes	<p>The UK-OTs have completed analysis of all of its ICCAT obligations.</p>	

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		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?			
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 TI and II 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 I & II data as follows  Bermuda: BUM: – Dead discards – 91kg – Live discards – 13,384kg  WHM: – No dead discards – Live discards – 558kg	

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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	The UK-OTs have not implemented this requirement to date, and there were no catches of SAI in 2019.	
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.”	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.	

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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	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

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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>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 2019.</p>	<p>We note that paragraph 8 is absent from this check sheet, which details the criteria in which CPCs can retain, transship or land dead billfish within landing limits. This paragraph does not apply to the United States because we do not allow purse seine or longline vessels to retain billfish.</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>See responses above for details on landings for billfish.</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>Under U.S. regulations, 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)).</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 commercial ICCAT fisheries.</p> <p>In addition, we note that paragraph 10 is absent from this check sheet, which details exemption criteria for certain CPCs from paragraph 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>	No		<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 and data on dead discards is collected and reported to ICCAT as required.</p>
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</p>	<p>In addition to paragraph 7, these regulations also apply to paragraphs 5 and 6, which are notably absent from the check sheet, by implementing safe handling and live release procedures for</p>

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				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)).	Atlantic billfish that are not retained.  Regarding paragraph 11a, which is also absent from the check sheet, 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 (50 CFR 635.21(f)(1)), as circle hooks have been shown to minimize post-release mortality and maximize post-release survival.
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	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).	The United States meets or exceeds the 5% requirement each year.

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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>	Yes	<p>In 1999, the United States implemented minimum size requirements, which 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>	
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 (<a href="https://www.iccat.int/en/pubs_biennial.html">https://www.iccat.int/en/pubs_biennial.html</a>)</p> <p>Specific monitoring and enforcement efforts include at-sea boarding, dockside monitoring, observer programs, and, where appropriate, penalties for infractions.</p>

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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		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.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	No (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).	<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:  <a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program</a></p> <p>For information on the LPS:  <a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey</a></p> <p>For information on Tournament registration and reporting:</p>

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					<p><a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments</a></p> <p>For reporting by recreational anglers:  <a href="https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports">https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports</a></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 methodology to estimate longline discards and Large Pelagic Survey methods and estimation methodology.</p>
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	50 CFR 635.5(a) and (d); and 635.7	<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>

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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	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>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 almost all billfish catches alive. NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes in education and outreach efforts.</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 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: <a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/about-marine-recreational-information-program</a></p> <p>For information on the LPS: <a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys#large-pelagics-survey</a></p> <p>For information on Tournament registration and reporting: <a href="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-tournaments</a></p> <p>For reporting by recreational anglers: <a href="https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports">https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports</a></p>

## BILLFISH CHECK SHEET

## Name of CPC: URUGUAY

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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.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2018, 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</p>	Yes.		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2018, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.

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		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	"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 2019, 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." Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of 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."	Yes.		Uruguay encourages in all its fisheries the release of live individuals, trying to cause the least damage possible. For this, it is recommended in the longline fisheries to cut the line as close as

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					possible to the individual without bringing it onboard. In any case, the Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2019, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
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>	N/A		Does the CPC 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.

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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		Uruguay does not have 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>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2019, 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 recreational 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.

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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>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2019, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
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 2019, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> ).

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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		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2019, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> ).

## Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: CHINESE TAIPEI

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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		
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		
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	N/A		The landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019 were 40 and 3 tons, respectively, which are not approaching the limits.

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		manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
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	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"> <li>1. The Fisheries Agency has 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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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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	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		We do not have any 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		We do not have any recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
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		We do not have any recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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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	<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 22 The quota for individual tuna longline fishing vessel in the Atlantic Ocean shall be promulgated by the competent authority in accordance with the conservation and management measures.</p> <p>Article 40: In the event that the quota of the fish species with catch limit is</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure the catch amount of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish do not exceed the respective limit, the Fisheries Agency has promulgated regulations to allocate each vessel an individual catch quota. As per the regulations, once the individual catch quota is exhausted, fishermen must live release or discard dead the concerned catch.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. We further analyze reports submitted by observers and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</li> <li>4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</li> </ol>

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				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	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 any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the 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 I and II 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	Yes		We have encouraged our fishermen to use circle hooks.

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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 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-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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Fisheries Agency has separated a column of “sailfish” from “other billfishes” in the logbook system since 2009 and in the E-logbook system, for improving data collection of sailfish.</li> <li>2. 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 the Fisheries Agency can have the near real-time information.</li> <li>3. We deploy observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data.</li> <li>4. We further analyze the reports submitted by observers and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</li> <li>5. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</li> </ol>
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook</li> </ol>

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		Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?			<p>system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that the Fisheries Agency can have the near real-time information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. We deployed observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data.</li> <li>3. We further analyze the reports submitted by observers and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards.</li> <li>4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.</li> </ol>

## BILLFISH CHECK SHEET

## Name of CPC: COLOMBIA

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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>	No		<p>Fishing operations have not commenced in the ICCAT areas (zero catches were reported for 2019), therefore the provisions contained in Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented.</p> <p>While fishing operations have not been carried out in the ICCAT areas and the provisions of Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented, in the case of sport fishing the provisions of the IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) on catch and release in the EEZ have been complied with.</p>
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,</p>	No		<p>Fishing operations have not commenced in the ICCAT areas (zero catches were reported for 2019), therefore the</p>

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		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)?			provisions contained in Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented.  While fishing operations have not been carried out in the ICCAT areas and the provisions of Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented, in the case of sport fishing the provisions of the IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) on catch and release in the EEZ have been complied with.
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	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	No		Fishing operations have not commenced in the ICCAT areas (zero catches were reported for 2019), therefore the provisions contained in Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented.  When activities are commenced, all measures provided for by ICCAT will be complied with.

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		dead discard of 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		Fishing operations have not commenced in the ICCAT areas (zero catches were reported for 2019), therefore the provisions contained in Rec. 19-05 have not been implemented.  When activities are commenced, all measures provided for by ICCAT will be complied with.
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?	No		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	No		

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		LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."  Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			Action will be commenced for compliance with ICCAT recommendations for the recreational fishery of 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?	Yes		Action will be commenced for compliance with ICCAT recommendations for the recreational fishery of these 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		Action will be commenced to provide information on these species to ICCAT in compliance with ICCAT recommendations.
19-05	16	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Action will be commenced to provide information on these species to ICCAT in compliance with ICCAT recommendations.

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19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		In Colombia, the AUNAP has implemented the SEPEC Programme (Columbian Fisheries Statistics System) to record information on the major landing sites of the artisanal fishery of the Caribbean coast.
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		Action will be commenced to provide information on these species to ICCAT in compliance with ICCAT recommendations.
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</p>	No		Action will be commenced to comply with the management measures established by ICCAT for conservation of this species.

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		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		Action will be commenced to comply with the management measures established by ICCAT for conservation of this 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 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		Action will be commenced to comply with the management measures established by ICCAT for conservation of this 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		Action will be commenced to comply with the management measures established by ICCAT for conservation of this species.

## Billfish Check Sheet

Name of CPC: SURINAME

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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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin in 2019.
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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching white marlin in 2019.
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	N/A		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in 2019.

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		safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
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 marlin/spearfish in 2019, therefore Suriname does not prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish.
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 marlin or white marlins/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname had no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
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		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention	N/A		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that

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		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?			interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
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		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching billfish in 2019.
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 2019.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Suriname does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white

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					marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2019.
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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching billfish in 2019.
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 2019.
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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching Atlantic sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> ) in 2019.

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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		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, catching Atlantic sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus albicans</i> ) in 2019.