

RESPONSES FROM IOMS TO M: BYC01 - TURTLES

(Report on implementation of Rec. 10-09, paras 1, 2 and 7, as amended by Rec. 13-11, and relevant actions taken to implement the FAO guidelines)

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ALBANIA	No		The Action Plan for the Conservation of Sea Turtles and their Habitats in Albania was adopted through a Ministerial Order No. 596, 22.11.2012
ALGERIA	No		L'Algérie a mis en place un programme de sensibilisation destinée aux professionnels de la pêche dans le but d'atténuer les interactions des engins avec les espèces de tortues marines ainsi que les oiseaux de mer.
BARBADOS	No	2020-09-15	
BELIZE	No	2022-03-01	Belize implemented the FAO Guidelines for Sea Turtles in 2008. In 2016 Belize revised its guidelines to include visual aids on turtle identification and handling and detangling equipment and procedures. It is now mandatory for vessels to have on board this data and all relevant equipment. The implementation of our observer program has aided in identifying the use of these measures by our vessels.
Bolivia	No	2022-09-29	Bolivia no dispuso de buques de pesca en el área del Convenio durante el período del presente informe que tuvieran interacción con tortugas marinas, por lo que no hubo datos que informar a la CICA. No hubo, por ende, una implementación operativa. No obstante, el Reglamento Boliviano de Pesca Marítima declara aplicables, con carácter supletorio, todas las medidas de ordenación de las OROP donde participa el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia, bien como Parte Contratante o bien como No Parte Contratante Colaboradora
BRAZIL	No		Brazil established the Interministerial Rule No. 74, November 2017, which establishes mitigating measures to reduce bycatch and mortality of sea turtles by fishing vessels.
CANADA	No		Canada's pelagic longline fleet has had a Code of Conduct in place since the early 2000's, and its adherence is a mandatory licence condition. Vessels flagged to Canada must carry on board safe handling, disentanglement and release equipment and it is mandatory for harvesters to release any incidentally harvested sea turtles in a manner that maximizes the probability of their survival. The pelagic longline fleet participated in a de-hooking certification course in 2007. A second training and certification program was conducted in March 2011 on the proper use of safe handling and release equipment and data recording protocols. Training is mandatory requirement for vessel operators/licence

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			holders. License conditions also require at least one member of the crew on board must hold a valid certificate identifying that they have successfully completed a DFO approved dehooking / disentanglement course. A copy of the valid certificate must be on board the vessel and be provided to a Fishery Officer upon request.
CAP-VERT	No		Cabo Verde sigue las recomendaciones de la FAO e de ICCAT, los armadores están informados sobre estas recomendaciones que deben ser respetadas en las operaciones de pesca
CHINA PR.	No		Refer to annual report of this year word part submitted on 2022/9/15
Chinese Taipei	No		See Section 4.3 of our Annual Report.
Costa Rica	No		En Costa Rica es obligatorio el uso de anzuelo circular en la pesca de grandes pelágicos (Reglamento a la Ley de Pesca y Acuicultura No 89436 No 36782-MINAET-MAG-MOPT-TUR-SP-S-MTSS, Capítulo XV, Artículo 56). Costa Rica no cuenta con flota de buques de cerco ni de arrastre en el Atlántico. La flota costarricense en el Atlántico es artesanal de menos de 20 metros de eslora. Se ha dado capacitación a tripulaciones para concientizar sobre buenas prácticas de manipulación y liberación.
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	No		
CURAÇAO	No		Our observers are trained by AZTI to apply best practices on sensitive species and other marine mammals in fishery operations. In case of any abnormality the observers will report to us to start an investigation.
EGYPT	Yes		LFRPDA is still working with GAFRD Decree No. 151/2012 in the following years prohibiting any fishing for sea turtles. If there is any accidental by-catch of sea turtle, it should be returned alive to the sea and reported to the concerned fisheries management office at the port, including the date and location of this accidental fishing.
EL SALVADOR	No	2022-08-30	El Salvador posee cobertura de observadores a bordo del 100% de sus viajes, habilitados para recopilar la información de interacciones. A pesar de que no existen interacciones con tortugas marinas relevantes, se posee un código de buenas prácticas para el manejo de capturas incidentales. Adicionalmente, existe convenio con la organización AZTI, para la evaluación del desempeño en la ejecución de las buenas prácticas y no se han recibido hallazgos de incumplimiento u observaciones negativas

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EUROPEAN UNION	No	2022-09-15	See Appendix II for more details on EU Member States.
FRANCE (St-Pierre et Miquelon)	No	2022-08-01	Il n'y a pas eu de capture accidentelle de tortues marines par FE SPM en 2021 ; chaque année les armateurs sont sensibilisés aux interactions de la flottille avec les tortues marines (changement d'hameçon)
GABON	No		pas de rapport.
GHANA	No	2022-07-30	Annual Report
GUATEMALA	No		No se tiene pesquerías con reportes de capturas fortuitas de estas especies
GUINEA ECUATORIAL	No		El Gobierno ha promulgado un Decreto ley que prohíbe la captura de las tortugas marinas en la zona del convenio.
GUINÉE REP.	No		cf. chapitre 5 du Rapport Annual
Guyana	No	2022-09-14	
HONDURAS	No	2022-09-29	
ICELAND	No		No directed fisheries for ICCAT species no measures to report. Discards of commercial species banned on all Icelandic fishing vessels. All catches to be reported in e-logbooks, including non-commercial species (seabirds and marine mammals). MFRI monitors and carries out research programs to assess compliance with discard ban.
JAPAN	No	2022-09-15	Our report on this matter is included in Annual Report Part 2.
KOREA REP	No		In 2021, the incidental bycatch of sea turtles by Korean longline fishery was no observed.
LIBERIA	No		For the reporting period, Liberia had two purse seine vessels operating in the ICCAT areas with 100% national observer coverage. No sea turtle incidents or interactions was report. However, the national observers have been trained on the safe release practices of sea turtles. The vessels are equipped with necessary equipment to safely release sea turtles at live. The vessels captains and crews were made aware of the safety practices.
LIBYA	No	2022-09-26	N/A
MAROC	No		Cf section7 du chapitre II du Rapport annuel.
MAURITANIA	No		Les réglementations en vigueur sont alignés aux directives de la FAO
MEXICO	No	2022-09-15	
NAMIBIA	No	2022-09-14	No sea turtles' catches were recorded in ICCAT managed fisheries in Namibia during the reporting period.
NICARAGUA	No		
NORWAY	No		There are no reports from the fisheries, or from the scientific community, on sea turtles in Norwegian waters. Norwegian waters are outside the area of distribution of sea turtles.

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PANAMA	No		Mediante Decreto Ejecutivo No. 160 de 2013, se establecieron medidas que se encuentran vinculadas a la Rec. 10-09, párr. 1, 2 y 7, tal y como fue enmendada por la Rec. 13-11 y acciones pertinentes emprendidas para implementar las directrices de la FAO.
PHILIPPINES	No	2022-09-15	See annual report
RUSSIA	No		Not applicable. Russia does not carry out longline and purse-seine fisheries in the Convention area and hence can take no by-catch. Based on the observer data, turtles did not occur in the trawl by-catches in 2021
SENEGAL	No		Protection intégrale des tortues marines, oiseaux et cétacés et l'interdiction de leur capture sont dans la législation des pêches. Formation des observateurs pour le recueil de données. Formation aux bonnes pratiques pour les capitaines et membres d'équipage sur les bonnes pratiques de la pêche sous DCP pour limiter les impacts sur les oiseaux de mer et d'autres animaux marins. Poursuite de la sensibilisation.
SIERRA LEONE	No		No information on seabirds. Sierra Leone does not have a longline fishery in the area to which the requirement pertains.
SOUTH AFRICA	No		Notification on turtle bycatch interactions submitted to ICCAT for the purpose of statistical reporting requirements on 2022/07/28. Turtle interactions are reported in logbooks by the longline fleet. Dehooking tools and procedures are specified in the Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions. The use of circle hooks is encouraged in the Large Pelagic Longline permit conditions.
St VINCENT & GRENADINES	No		All High seas vessels registered to St. Vincent and the Grenadines are required to comply with all management guidelines set forth by ICCAT as a licence condition. Additionally, St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently partaking in conversations with NOAA and the FAO in regards to improving legislation to reduce and prevent the bycatch of marine turtles among other things. By the end of this year, it is anticipated a new Fisheries Act will be submitted to the National Cabinet for review. This new act will ensure greater compliance with international conservation measures. In January 2017, there was a complete ban on the harvesting and disturbing of all life stages of marine turtles in the domestic laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
Suriname	No		Suriname does not have any tuna vessels operating in the ICCAT Convention area.
SYRIA	Yes		No catch or release of sea turtles
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	No		Refer to Sections 4 and 5.

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TUNISIE	No		inclus dans le rapport annuel
TÜRKIYE	No	2022-09-12	<p>Catching, retaining on board, landing, transporting, storing, selling, displaying or offering for sale the following sea turtle species have been prohibited within the framework of Article 16 of Notification No. 5/1 Regulating Commercial Fisheries (2020-2024); <i>Caretta caretta</i>, <i>Chelonia mydas</i>, <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> and <i>Trionyx triunguis</i>.</p> <p>During the sea turtle breeding season necessary measures, including navigation controls at sea, shall be taken by the Ministry in the vicinity of spawning grounds of sea turtles. For instance, boats shall not exceed 8 miles speed within 1 nautical mile from a sea-turtle breeding zone between the periods 1 April – 30 September.</p> <p>The Ministry has actively participated in "Understanding multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation a collaborative approach" project that has been implemented with the project's partners ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN Med, MEDASSET, RAC/SPA in the Mediterranean Basin. Project duration is from September-2017 to October 2022.</p> <p>Project objectives are to develop a standard data collection method to determine the capture rates of non-target species by widely used fishing gear (demersal trawl, gillnets, longlines) in the Mediterranean Basin, to contribute to the development of good practice examples that will reduce the rates of bycatch of marine mammals, seabirds, sea turtles and cartilaginous fish with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>In the scope the project, sensitive species bycatch data collection and bycatch mitigations methods test studies are done. In addition, good practice guide for the handling of sea turtles, and identification guide of vulnerable species caught incidentally in Mediterranean have been prepared for the fishermen and inspection officers.</p>
UNITED KINGDOM	No		There were no reports of Sea turtle bycatch by UK or UKOT's vessels in 2021
UNITED STATES	No	2022-09-15	<p>Information submitted on 2022-09-15 via the Annual Report; U.S. regulations adopted in 2004 for all U.S. Atlantic pelagic longline vessels include: mandatory attendance at protected species safe handling release and identification workshops, mandatory bait specifications, use of circle hooks (size of hook depending on fishing locale), and the mandatory possession and use of sea turtle handling and release gear on board all vessels with pelagic longline gear. The United States continues to modify the suite of</p>

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			disentanglement and release gears required to be onboard longline vessels as new gears and information on best practices are developed. Information on these issues is also included in the 2022 U.S. swordfish management plan. Sea turtle interactions in the U.S. pelagic longline fleet are reported annually to ICCAT.
URUGUAY	Yes		Sin actividad en 2021. De todas formas, Uruguay promueve en su flota pesquera el uso de equipos que permitan liberar, desenredar y manipular de forma segura las tortugas marinas capturadas. Para esto, en algunas oportunidades, observadores a bordo han llevado los equipos necesarios a bordo para entrenar a los pescadores en el uso de los mismos.
VENEZUELA	No		El Programa de observadores de Venezuela en el año 2021 estuvo inactivo.