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Issues of potential non-compliance arising from ICCAT Regional Observer Programmes and Responses

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1. Infractions reported by observers under the Regional Observer Programme for Transhipment

Seven incidences were reported as potential non-compliance as shown below. Responses to all were received. Where applicable, CPCs took follow up action; in some cases, no PNC was found and hence no action necessary. The details of the PNCs and the responses are contained in **Appendix 1**.

Table 1. Summary of PNCs under the ROP transhipment

CPC	No. PNCs	Responses	Action taken by CPC
China	5	5	Yes
Chinese Taipei	6	6	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	0	n/a	n/a
Japan	5	5	Yes
Korea	0	n/a	n/a
Namibia	1	1	Yes
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1	1	Yes (n/a)

The full reports of the observers deployed under the ROP_transhipment can be found on ICCAT web page.

2. Infractions reported by observers under the Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna

2.1 Vessels

Fifty-one PNCs were issued by observers on board purse seine vessels. A summary of the PNC reports and responses, as well as actions taken where appropriate, can be found in **Appendix 2**.

Table 2. Summary of PNCs under the ROP – BFT (Vessels)

СРС	Number of vessels participating in ROP in 2021	No. PNCs	Responses
Albania	2	0	n/a
Algeria	29	0	2
Egypt	1	0	n/a
EU	66	31	31
Libya	15	7	5
Morocco	4	0	n/a
Norway	5	*	n/a
Syria	1	0	0
Tunisia	48	6	6
Türkiye	26	7	7

^{*} None at the time of writing, but not all reports received due to later fishing season.

The observer reports of deployments on purse seine vessels are available in **Annex 1**.

2.2 Farms and traps

The observers reported a total of 47 potential non-compliance issues since the last Commission meeting. A summary of the PNC reports and responses, as well as actions taken where appropriate, can be found in **Appendix 3**. **Table 3** below shows a summary of the reports.

Table 3. Summary of PNCs under the ROP – BFT (Traps and farms).

CPC	Number of traps/farms deployments in ROP since 1 October 2021	No. PNCs	Responses
Albania	4	1	1
EU	54	42	41
Morocco	6	1	1
Tunisia	9	0	n/a
Türkiye	12	3	3

The observer reports of deployments on farms and traps are available in **Annex 2.**