

Addendum to COC-305 Appendix 3

Issues with PNCs reported by the Regional Observer-Farms and Traps: Additional response from EU

PNC by Portugal (request number 001EU0711). The EU has not provided a response to that PNC. We would like to update the table with the following reply:

The release order issued after caging was not emitted based in one of the reasons foreseen in ICCAT Recommendation 21-08, Annex 10, point 2, a) and b).

The release was based in the fact that it was not possible to accommodate the fish concerned (5 BFT, with a total live weight of 615 kg) within the sectoral quota allocated in 2022 to the Portuguese traps.

The Portuguese authorities expressed their dissatisfaction with this PNC, complaining that the Regional Observer present both at the caging and referred release operation never made any mention to a possible non-compliance. The observer signed/certified the ICCAT release report and departed without making any written or verbal reference to an eventual PNC.