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

(ICCAT Secretariat)

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

Only four 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	2	2	Yes
Chinese Taipei	1	<u>1</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Japan	1	0	n/a
Korea	0	n/a	n/a
Namibia	0	n/a	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

Sixty-three 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 2024	No. PNCs	Responses
Albania	2	0	n/a
Algeria	34	5	5
EU	64	25	11 (+ 14 pending procedures)
Libya	15	0	n/a
Morocco	5	1	1
Norway	7	1*	5
Tunisia	54	18	0
Türkiye	26	13	13

^{*} At the time of writing, not all reports had been received due to the late start of Norway's 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 37 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).

СРС	Number of traps/farms deployments in ROP since 1 October 2023	No. PNCs	Responses
Albania	3	0	n/a
EU	44	35	34
Morocco	8	0	n/a
Tunisia	8	1	0
Türkiye	9	1	1

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