

Compliance-related capacity building initiatives offered by the CPCs

(submitted by the ICCAT Secretariat)

At the 2023 meeting of the Compliance Committee, the Chair proposed creation of a meeting document that could serve as a repository for compliance-related capacity building opportunities from both within and outside of ICCAT (including from CPCs and other organizations).

As a first step towards building this repository, the Secretariat invited CPCs to report any compliance-related capacity building initiatives currently on offer. For this purpose, ICCAT Circular # 08174/2024 was distributed and a form therewith for CPCs to include any capacity building or technical assistance opportunities in which the CPC plays a role that involves building capacity in fisheries governance, management, and science of potential relevance to ICCAT, even if not directly targeted at international fisheries or ICCAT.

The initiatives received have been compiled in **Appendix 1** for review by the Compliance Committee, and will eventually be made available on the ICCAT website. From that time, inclusion of initiatives from non-governmental organisations could be considered.

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| EU | Participatory surveillance. | Support the responsible authority through the local participatory surveillance brigades, which monitor the application of co-management initiatives and measures in small-scale fishing. | National administration of Senegal. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Implementation of ERS. | Management of the fleet. | National administration of: Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, São Tome and Principe, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau (ongoing). | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Maritime surveillance. | Support the responsible authority to monitor fishing activities and reinforce surveillance equipment and materials. | National administration of: Senegal, Mauritania, Gabon, São Tomé and Principe, Guinea-Bissau, Cabo Verde. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Science/research. | Help covering the costs of scientists working along the coast to collect and process statistical data. | National administration of: Senegal, Mauritania, São Tome and Principe, Guinea-Bissau, Cabo Verde. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Maritime surveillance. | Support the maritime patrols for surveillance. | National administration of: Gabon, Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, São Tome and Principe, Cabo Verde. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |

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| EU | Extension of the VMS system to small-scale fishing boats. | Surveillance/management of the fleet. | National administration of: Gabon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Strengthening the resources and capacities of fishing brigades and surveillance centres. | Surveillance. | National administration of: Gabon, Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, São Tome and Principe, Cabo Verde. | N/A Sectoral support offered as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the EU. | N/A |
| EU | Joint patrol and sharing information in relation with fight against IUU. | Strengthen ocean governance including by strengthening the resources and capacities of fishing brigades and surveillance centres. | National administration in West Africa: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo. | Contact the EU delegation. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Joint patrol and sharing information in relation with fight against IUU. | Strengthen institutional cooperation at national and regional level in monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) and the fight against IUU fishing, while developing the capacities of actors in the sub-region. | National administration of: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), São Tomé and Príncipe. | Contact the EU delegation. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Set up of a regional VMS. | Establish a regional framework for collecting vessel positions within CRESMAC with a view to regional centralisation of VMS data. | National administration of: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), São Tomé e Príncipe. | Contact the EU delegation. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |

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| EU | Review of national legislative framework to align it to international framework. | Facilitate, where necessary, an update of national legal frameworks with a view to internalising international decisions (CMS, RFMO, CITES, access to water, licensing). | National administration of: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), São Tomé and Príncipe. | Contact the EU delegation. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Participatory Surveillance. | Establish effective participatory surveillance mechanisms for small-scale fishing communities to help deter, prevent, and eliminate IUU fishing. | National administration in West Africa. | Contact the EU delegation. | EJF website |
| EU | Support participation in PSMA meetings. | To strengthen the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures and complementary instruments and tools. | Members of PSMA. | Contact the EU delegation. | N/A |
| EU | Provision of technical assistance to strengthen policy/legal, institutional, operational and enforcement frameworks and capacities. | To strengthen the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures and complementary instruments and tools. | Members of PSMA. | Contact the EU delegation. | N/A |
| EU | Provision of technical assistance to assess, develop and strengthen national information exchange systems. | To strengthen the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures and complementary instruments and tools. | Members of PSMA. | Contact the EU delegation. | N/A |

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| EU | Implementation of CMM. | Provide technical assistance to RFMOs to design capacity building activities and training with the aim to improve beneficiaries' capacity to comply with conservation and management measures adopted. | IOTC secretariat. | N/A | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Improvement of data collection and reporting. | Provide technical assistance to beneficiaries on data collection, analysis and reporting to improve their capacities to comply with obligations stemming from RFMO membership. | National administration in western Indian Ocean: Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania. | N/A Restricted geographically to countries in the western Indian Ocean. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Joint patrol and sharing information in relation with fight against IUU. | Strengthen ocean governance including by strengthening the resources and capacities of fishing brigades and surveillance centres. | National administration in western Indian Ocean: Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania. | N/A Restricted geographically to countries in the western Indian Ocean. | Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture EU-funded projects- State of play |
| EU | Development of electronic tools for ROS data management and reporting at national level. | Improvements will be made to data collection, reporting and management of Regional Observer Scheme data at national and regional levels by developing tools to support data management and reporting. | National administration of selected IOTC members. | N/A Offered by IOTC secretariat on a capacity need basis. | IOTC website |
| EU | Training on e-reporting system. | Streamlined reporting and management of compliance data by training compliance officers in the use of the eMARIS reporting system. | National administration of selected IOTC members. | N/A Offered by IOTC secretariat on a capacity need basis. | IOTC website |

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| EU | Training on PSM. | Training national PSM and PSC inspectors to strengthen regional and national interagency coordination to combat IUU fishing and fisheries related crimes. | Port inspectors of selected IOTC members. | N/A Offered by IOTC secretariat on a capacity need basis | IOTC website |
| EU | Capacity-building and training of MCS Officers. | Emphasis on the enforcement of port state controls and coastal fisheries regulations. | MCS Officers of countries in the western Pacific Ocean. | N/A Restricted geographically to countries in the western Pacific Ocean. | N/A |
| EU | Review of legislative national framework to align it to international framework | Facilitate, where necessary, an update of national legal frameworks with a view to internalising international decisions. | | N/A Restricted geographically to countries in the western Pacific Ocean. | N/A |
| EU | Operational Support. Training and capacity building in control and inspection activities. | Improved coordination and enhanced regional surveillance. Increased inspection capacity and detection. | Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo. | N/A | West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme (WASOP) Starting November 2024 – 2028 (tbc) |
| EU | Operational support and joint inspections at sea and at farms. | To assist in the implementation of existing Joint Inspection schemes and current CMMs. | | N/A | General cooperation and assistance under existing inspection schemes |
| EU | <u>Online regional information seminars on CATCH software.</u> | <u>The information seminars explain in detail the legal changes to the EU catch certification scheme and also gives a presentation of CATCH.</u> | <u>Around the world</u> <u>- Acceding countries (June)</u> <u>- Oceania (July)</u> <u>- East Asia & Eastern Indian Ocean (September)</u> <u>- Americas (October)</u> <u>- West Africa (October)</u> <u>East Africa & Western Indian Ocean in November and</u> | <u>If ICCAT colleagues want to participate, they will have to contact the competent authorities notified under the IUU regulation for their countries.</u> | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52023XC0413(01) |

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| | | | <u>neighbouring countries to the EU in December.</u> | | |
| Japan | ICCAT/Japan Capacity-building Assistance Project (JCAP). | To improve the capacity of data collection, reporting and effective implementation of ICCAT management measures. Details can be found in ICCAT Circular #06563/2024. | Developing coastal CPCs. | Contact the ICCAT Secretariat with an application form. | info@iccat.int |
| Japan | Training Course on Stock Assessment and Management (SAM) by the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF). | To upgrade the capability of governmental officials responsible for the formulation and implementation of resource management schemes as well as to improve the accuracy of fisheries catch statistics and other data. Details can be found in ICCAT Circular # 06924/2024. | Governmental officials from developing coastal CPCs. | Contact the OFCF. | headoffice@ofcf.or.jp |
| Japan | Deployment of a centralized web-based application ("Calipseo") to manage national administrative and fisheries dependent data. | To support the capacity to integrate diverse data sources and produce fisheries statistics for evidence-based policy making, as well as for fulfilling reporting obligations to national institutions, regional fisheries bodies or management organizations and to FAO. The platform has been largely developed with financial support from Japan. | National Fisheries Authorities of FAO members. | Contact the FAO. | https://www.fao.org/fishery/en/statistics/software/calipseo |
| United States | Observer Safety Training Standards. | | | | https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/dam-migration/observer_safety_training_standards_062020.pdf |

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| United States | Species Identification Guides for Tunas, Swordfish and Billfish. | | | | https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-fishery-compliance-guides |
| United States | Safe Handling and Release Guide for Turtles, Marine Mammals and Protected Shark Species. | | | | https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/outreach-materials/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-safe-handling-release-and |
| United States | Careful Catch and Release Brochure. | | | | https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/outreach-materials/careful-catch-and-release-brochure |
| United States | International Cadets at the United States Coast Guard Academy. | To prepare international maritime leaders to address the most complex challenges of our time, those that require transnational solutions and long-term cooperation between nations, including protection of ocean resources. | Young people who are citizens of nations other than the United States. 36 positions annually. | Contact International Cadet Coordinator at 860-701-6753 | https://uscga.edu/admissions/international-cadets/ |
| United States | United States Coast Guard International Training Handbook. | International Training and Leadership Development. | | intl@uscg.mil ; 202-372-4450 | https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-International-Affairs-and-Foreign-Policy-CG-DCO-I/Programs/Training-Leadership-Development/ |

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| United States | United States Coast Guard Mobile (Exportable) Training Teams. | Operational Training in Your Country. Covers multiple mission areas, including living marine resource protection. | Annually train more than 1,000 International Military Students; can also be held regionally with two or more participating nations to promote regional cooperation. | intl@uscg.mil ; 202-372-4450 | https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-International-Affairs-and-Foreign-Policy-CG-DCO-I/Programs/US-Training-Leadership-Development/Mobile-Training/ |
| United States | Residential training of International Military Students. | To help meet core mission requirements and improve operational performance. Provides hands-on, performance-based courses. | Open to International Military Students. | intl@uscg.mil ; 202-372-4450 | https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-International-Affairs-and-Foreign-Policy-CG-DCO-I/Programs/US-Training-Leadership-Development/Resident-Training/ |

Additional information:

EU: In grey, capacity building activities offered outside the geographical area of ICCAT, but relevant for best-practices comparison.