

Responses from CPCs to Letters sent in 2023 from the Chair of the Compliance Committee

Appendix 2 contains additional follow-up responses to the 2023 letters sent by the Chair of the Compliance Committee that were requested by the Chair to be included in addition to 2024 responses. These responses were received by **11 October 2024** from Panama and Syria.

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2022 Commission Meeting			
CPC: PANAMA			
AREA OF DEFICIENCY	SPECIFIC ELEMENT	REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN SINCE 2022 MEETING	DATE MISSING DATA/INFORMATION SENT (if applicable)
CATEGORY A			
<i>Compliance Tables</i>	Rec. 16-16: Compliance tables received late (14 September 2022).	The delay in submission was due to structural changes that Panama was carrying out for compliance with conservation and management measures on the resources. We currently carry out controls on data reporting, and therefore there have not been any delays in the submissions.	Not applicable.
<i>Capacity, size, gear, time, area restrictions</i>			
CATEGORY B			
<i>Annual Report</i>			
<i>Statistical Data</i>	Rec. 21-01: Some statistical data received late. Historical data on FAD sets submitted, but the number of sets was aggregated (a breakdown is needed for ST03).	Panama was making changes and modifications to the structure for monitoring and submission of reports in general. Panama has currently submitted these reports without delay. The historical data submitted on FAD sets were corrected. A breakdown was submitted.	Not applicable.
<i>Other reports – Shark and Billfish Check Sheets</i>	Rec. 19-02: Monthly/quarterly tropical tunas reports received late (2021 data were received on 11 October 2022).	The monthly and quarterly reports are currently submitted without delay.	Not applicable.

		Panama was making changes and modifications to the structure for monitoring and submission of reports in general.	
CATEGORY C			
<i>MCS-species related</i>			
<i>MCS-general: Port Controls</i>			
<i>Vessel Controls</i>			
OTHER			
Response to COC Chair letter from previous year?			

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CPC: SYRIA			
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CATEGORY A			
<i>Compliance Tables</i>			
<i>Capacity, size, gear, time, area restrictions</i>			
CATEGORY B			
<i>Annual Report</i>			
<i>Statistical Data</i>			
<i>Other reports – Shark and Billfish Check Sheets</i>			
CATEGORY C			
<i>MCS-species related</i>			
<i>MCS-general: Port Controls</i>			
<i>Vessel Controls</i>			
OTHER			
Response to COC Chair letter from previous year?	No reply was received in response to last year's letter regarding national scientific observer requirements (Rec. 16-14). The letter was sent following the 2021 decision making process.	According to Rec. 16-14 Para 4 b, and due to the fact that majority of fishing vessels belonging to the artisanal sector the national observer program for sampling from the fleet was implemented by distributing observers in all landing centers on the Syrian coast to monitor and record catch of all landed boats. The data collected through this program have been used to quantify the composition, disposition, and quantity of the total catch of fisheries in Syria.	We confirm that all information and data collected by the national observer program will be reported to ICCAT Secretariat every year.