

**Information submitted by some CPCs in Section 2 - Part 2.2 of their Annual Report**  
(ICCAT Secretariat)

Section 2 – Part 2.2 of the 2024 Annual Report invites CPCs to inform the Commission of primary difficulties encountered in the implementation of and compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures.

The ICCAT Secretariat has summarized these issues and provided complete Section 2 – Part 2.2 information as reported in document COC\_311/2024 and its addenda. The goal of this summary is to assist the Compliance Committee (COC) in its consideration of the need for technical assistance that may be useful to Contracting Parties in compliance matters. **Table 1** provides a thematic summary of the issues, improvements, or requests encountered by each CPC. For further ease of reference, **Annex 1** includes the full excerpts that were extracted from all submitted Section 2.2 annual report information in their original version.

### **Reported challenges**

As in previous years, some CPCs continue to report the following challenges in implementing and meeting ICCAT requirements due to:

#### ***Limited administrative and technical resources***

Barbados, Belize, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Guinea (Rep.), Senegal, St Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom OT, and Venezuela.

#### ***Lack of human resources or institutional capacity***

Belize, Costa Rica, Egypt, Guinea (Rep.), Guyana, Liberia, Senegal, South Africa, St Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisie and United Kingdom OT.

#### ***Financial limitations***

Belize, Cabo Verde, Egypt, St Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, and United Kingdom OT.

#### ***Limited knowledge for administration, observers, or inspections***

Ghana, Guyana, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname, and United Kingdom OT.

#### ***Unsuitable IT or data management systems that diminish the quality of reported data***

Ghana, Guinea (Rep.), Honduras and Senegal.

#### ***Implementation of regulations or required information***

Cabo Verde, Chinese Taipei, Gabon, Guyana, Iceland, Senegal, and Trinidad and Tobago.

#### ***Observer programme***

Algeria, Angola, Cabo Verde, Costa Rica, Libya, Senegal, Sierra Leone.

#### ***Scientific activities or data collection***

Angola, Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea (Rep.), Guyana, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, Russia and Sierra Leone.

***Training, technical, or financial support***

Most of these same CPCs are still reported the need to build capacity that will improve implementation of monitoring programmes and compliance in conservation measures. The following CPCs and have requested assistance from ICCAT for the following:

Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Guyana, Honduras, Suriname and Syria.

***The unstable situation***

Some major events could affect the management and implementation of ICCAT requirements resulting in necessary changes in work methods and procedures due to each event's consequences.

Libya, Syria

- *Noted that this year, no CPCs has reported issues that were imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

***Notable efforts***

Many CPCs reiterated firm commitments to ensuring satisfactory implementation and compliance with the Commission's adopted measures and programmes despite the following challenges:

***High workload, implementation of programmes and legislation measures***

Albania, Algeria, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Chinese Taipei, Costa Rica, Egypt, Morocco, Panama, St Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Kingdom OT, and Venezuela.

***Coordination and staff availability***

Gabon, Ghana, Honduras, Russia, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom OT and Venezuela.

Commendably, despite high workloads and limited staff availability, the CPCs listed above are dedicating efforts to improving monitoring, scientific programs, national laws, and greater collaboration.

***New advances***

Since 2022, the ICCAT Secretariat has implemented the Integrated Online Management System (IOMS) as a technical feature developed for the purpose of efficiently streamlining the submission of Section 3 (Part I for Statistics and Part II for Management) of the annual reporting data with support and guidance from the ICCAT Secretariat. Despite that the Secretariat is no longer accepting other formats of submission for this section, only one CPC (Cabo Verde) mentioned encountering difficulty in using with the IOMS system.

***No difficulties***

Of the 49 CPCs that submitted Annual Reports that included Section 2 - Part 2.2, 19 reported neither encounter of difficulties, or no activities reported (Albania, Bolivia, Canada, China, Curaçao, El Salvador, European Union, France-Saint Pierre et Miquelon, Honduras, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Norway, Philippines, Russia, Türkiye, United States of America, and Uruguay).





