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Billfish Implementation Check Sheets received in accordance with Rec. 18-05

This document contains the Billfish Check Sheets listed below that were received from CPCs by **11 October 2024**. Submissions received after this date will be contained in **Addendum 1** in their original language. Summary of Billfish Check Sheets contents are contained in **Annex 1**. The translations of these are available on the [2024 Commission meeting document website](#).

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Received</i>
ALBANIA***	X
ALGERIA	X
ANGOLA	X
BARBADOS	X
BELIZE***	X
BRAZIL**	X
CABO VERDE***	X
CANADA	X
CHINA, People's Rep. Of***	X
COSTA RICA	X
CÔTE D'IVOIRE**	X
CURAÇAO**	X
EGYPT	X
EL SALVADOR	X
EQUATORIAL GUINEA***	X
EUROPEAN UNION	X
FRANCE (SPM)	X
GABON**	X
GAMBIA (THE)*	
GHANA	X
GRENADA*	
GUATEMALA**	X
GUINEA, Rep. of**	X
GUINEA-BISSAU*	
HONDURAS**	X
ICELAND***	X
JAPAN	X
KOREA, Rep. Of***	X
LIBERIA	X
LIBYA***	X
MAURITANIA*	
MEXICO	X
MOROCCO	X
NAMIBIA	X
NICARAGUA***	X
NIGERIA***	X

NORWAY	X
PANAMA	X
PHILIPPINES	X
RUSSIA	X
SVG	X
SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE***	X
SENEGAL***	X
SIERRA LEONE**	X
SOUTH AFRICA	X
SYRIA	X
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**	X
TUNISIA	X
TÜRKIYE	X
UK	X
UNITED STATES	X
URUGUAY**	X
VENEZUELA**	X
BOLIVIA***	X
CHINESE TAIPEI	X
GUYANA**	X
SURINAME	X

* Billfish Check Sheets **have never been submitted** as stipulated by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=4).

** Billfish Check Sheets **received after the deadline** set by Rec. 18-05, paragraph 1 (n=12).

*** No Billfish Check Sheets submitted (n=13) in 2024, either confirmed to be the same as those of last year (2023) (n=8) or the 2023 versions re-used (n=5).

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: ALBANIA (2024)

Rec. #	Para #	Requirement	Status of implementation	Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)	Notes/explanations
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting <i>blue marlin</i> and do not have quota for that specie. Albania landing is 0.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting <i>white marlin/spearfish</i> and do not have quota for that specie. Albania landing is 0.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Albania is not a CPC targeting <i>blue marlin</i> and/or <i>white marlin/spearfish</i> .
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting <i>blue marlin</i> and/or <i>white marlin/spearfish</i> .

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish. In our relevant domestic laws and regulations there is nothing regarding blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish. These species do not appear in our fisheries.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from			

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		Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Albania is not a CPC targeting or catching blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish. There do not exist in Albania any local consumption of marlin.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Albania is not a CPC targeting or catching blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish both for commercial and recreational or sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting or catching blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries of blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries of blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Albania does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Albania does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Albania does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		0 catch data
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities			

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		<p>(CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."</p>	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.
16-11	2	<p>"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process."</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Albania is not a CPC targeting Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area.

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19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Not applicable		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).

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		Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			If exempted: obtention of confirmation from the Billfish Species Group. If "Yes", indicate the date that exemption was received, and for which species.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities	No		Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale

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		<p>(CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."</p>			<p>spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).</p>
16-11	2	<p>"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process."</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>Algeria has no fisheries targeting blue and white marlin or roundscale spearfish (not reported or caught as bycatch).</p>

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19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, to safely free the animal during the fishing activity, they use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners, for our fishing vessel aimed at tuna fishing.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in	Yes		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, to safely free

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		Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			the animal during the fishing activity, they use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners to perform tasks in the best way.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		Annually, as safety measures, the ship's sailors have fire simulation and evacuation training. The captain has the first aid course to perform in case of emergency. The crew use the appropriate material to cut the line and release the animal alive. We also provide the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners, for our fishing vessels aimed at tuna fishing.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale. Our tuna fishing boat has all the equipment specified in this Recommendation. Furthermore, we distribute the ICCAT instruction manual on good practices to reduce the mortality of sharks and rays caught by tropical tuna purse seiners to release animals with greater safety and life.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		Yes, during sport fishing activity, the fishes are released alive without any damage. For example, athletes use biodegradable hooks, which are released from the fish in a few days. During the competitions, the fights are quick to avoid stress. In the case of common hooks, the hooks are removed. These are the practices used in the competition. This is a consulate at international level.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue, white marlin and roundscale spearfish species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Sport fishing in Angola takes place within 20 miles, and the species with which it interacts the most are the sea bream and wahoo. In sports activity, athletes sometimes interact with blue marlin.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white	No		The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources will make a statement in which it will emphasize the obligation to

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		<p>marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>			<p>include a scientific observer to be part of the sports activities.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this requirement by federations will result in penalties in accordance with the law and applicable regulations of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Copies of the reports on the activities of the scientific observers shall be submitted together with the diaries of the activities of sport fishing to the National Directorate of Fisheries.</p>
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		<p>We do not currently have a minimum size limit established of technical measure, for the tuna species. However, in the upcoming advice council (November and December of 2024), we will consider incorporating this technical measure in management measures, the legal instrument for the management of fishing activities.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		<p>Article 12 of Presidential Decree N^o 146/13 of September 30, which approves the Recreational and Sport Fishing Regulation, on the prohibition of the sale of fish.</p> <p>It establishes that it is strictly prohibited for practitioners of Recreational and Sport Fishing to sell or expose for sale directly or indirectly, through an intermediary, the fishing product as well as its parts or derivative products.</p>
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p>	Yes		<p>The control and surveillance system for fishing activities is based on the following tasks:</p> <p>Patrolling by the inspection service to check whether vessels are fishing in authorized areas and capturing correctly without breaking the law.</p> <p>Fish unloading requires a request for authorization from the National Fisheries Directorate and must be</p>

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			monitored by the Inspection Service, At the end of each fishing trip, the shipowner must deliver the fishing diaries to the National Fisheries Directorate for catch control.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Angola has no record of catch data on the blue and white marlin species. However, there is a register of similar species of blue marlin caught by our fishing vessel and artisanal vessels.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		There is a technical staff under the National institute of artisanal fishery, that goes to the fishing communities to collect the data of fishing activities. After that, the data is processed and sent to the National Directorate of Fisheries.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		Previously we did not receive statistical data on sport fishing, we received these months and the way the information is presented does not include what this recommendation requests. in the meantime, we have printed the ICCAT manuals on data collection and provided them with the sports federations so that from now on the information is collected in the correct way. However, technicians from the Marine Fisheries Research Institute were appointed, who will now monitor sporting activities.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live	Yes		Limiting fishing effort through licensing a defined number of vessels. Limited access to the fishery based on the available resources/TAC. Limitation on the number/size of the gears, e.g, number of hooks used in longline fishery. Set up limits on by-catch. Improve the enforcement of and compliance with other relevant

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		sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			international (ICCAT) and regional measures.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>Yes, the fishing diary for tuna fishing has been improved; we have included information contained in the ICCAT statistical tables. This fishing diary will also be used for artisanal fishing.</p> <p>Arrangements have been made for observers on board to begin operating this year and from next year we will be able to provide the live and dead discards data to ICCAT.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Yes, the fishing diary for tuna fishing has been improved; we have included information contained in the ICCAT statistical tables. This fishing diary will also be used for artisanal fishing.</p> <p>The fishing diaries are delivered to the national Directorate of Fisheries, at the end of each fishing vessel's work, arrangements were made for a supervision observer to be incorporated into the crew to make records of the fishing activity of the vessel directed to fisheries. tuna high sea, so that they can be delivered to the secretary in accordance with the recommendation.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	No	<p>ICCAT will be informed when the new Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report are put into effect including any substantive amendments that have been made to them.</p>	<p>The forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the National Report mandate (a) that longlines are not to be deployed, set or used with specialized fishing tackle; specific bait; or fishing technology, to target billfish (b) that only circle hooks of a size greater than 16/0, and not offset; or 18/0, with an offset no greater than 10 degrees are to be used on longlines (c) that any billfish incidentally taken on longlines that are alive at haulback are to be promptly released in a manner that maximizes their survival accordance or if already dead, a percentage of the fish as specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer may be retained and disposed of in accordance with such conditions as he specifies.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	No	As above	As above
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that</p>	No		<p>The forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report mandate that any billfish incidentally taken on longlines that are alive at haulback are to be promptly released in a</p>

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		causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			manner that maximizes post-release survival accordance or if already dead, a percentage of the fish as specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer may be retained and disposed of in accordance with such conditions as he specifies
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	As above	The forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report mandate that the master of a fishing vessel (commercial and recreational) that the release of any fish (such as marlins) that must be released are done so in (a) accordance with such instructions as the Chief Fisheries Officer may specify by notice published in the Official Gazette. (b) Shall ensure that the equipment required for the purpose of release of fish is of a size and design approved by the Chief Fisheries (c) kept on board the vessel for the duration of every fishing trip; (d) maintained in good working order; and (e) that he and the crew are trained in the safe and effective use of the equipment.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	As above	As above. The introduction and training in de-hooking devices for the release of Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) species such as sea turtles was commenced in July 2022.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	As above	As explained earlier.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board,	Yes	N/A	By default this is allowed as there is no local legislation that

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		transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.			mandates the disposal of these dead animals.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	N/A	Most landed marlins are placed in the market for sale as food
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes	ICCAT will be informed when the new Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report are put into effect including any substantive amendments that have been made to them.	Annual Task 1 and Task 2 data are duly submitted. Under the new draft regulations it will be mandatory for fishers to report whether the fish were alive or dead at haul back
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	As above	As noted earlier, the mandate to carry appropriate equipment and training of crew in its use to achieve this objective as per the imminent forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report apply to recreational/sports fishers as well.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards,	No	As above	The forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations

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		through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.			discussed in the Annual Report include a very detailed regulation mandating that all catches, including incidental, of all species, fishing effort and other fishing trip information should be recorded and reported for both commercial and recreational vessels. The legislation does not use the term “logbook” as the use of other formats for recording this information such as electronic reporting formats are contemplated. In this context, as reported in the Annual Report, VMS has already been installed on a number of longliners and it is expected that the whole fleet will be fitted with these systems by year end. In addition, the digitization of a catch and effort data form using the KoboToolbox platform was implemented in November of 2023. A regulation also mandates participation by both commercial and recreational vessels in approved observer programmes including electronic monitoring as required.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Billfish tournaments are coordinated by the Barbados Game Fishing Association (BGFA), a member of the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA). The IGFA promotes guidelines for the catch and release of billfish during tournaments and is a co-host of the International Billfish Symposium which aims to advance science and management of billfish in a changing ecosystem.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance	No	ICCAT will be informed when the new Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management	As noted above, the regulations mandate that the masters of all fishing vessels, including recreational, fully participate in any scientific observer programme authorized by the Chief Fisheries Officer including electronic monitoring programmes.

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		with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?		Regulations discussed in the Annual Report are put into effect including any substantive amendments that have been made to them.	The Division is collaborating with the BGFA to jointly manage weigh stations at tournaments. Data collectors began engaging sport fishers during the summer to collect landings and collect socio-economic information.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No	As above	The forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report includes the setting of minimum sizes for marlins for the sport/recreational fishery concordant with ICCAT specifications.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Under the Fisheries Act 1993 amended 2000) 12. (1) No person shall fish commercially in the waters of Barbados without a commercial fisherman's licence issued under this section.	Separate licenses are required for "sport" fishing in local law whereby in the definitions for the Act recreational fishing is subsumed viz.: "sport fishing" means fishing for the purposes of recreation, personal consumption or competition;" whereby: "commercial fishing" means fishing for the purpose of selling all or any of the fish caught. This means that catches from sport/recreational fishing may not be sold.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		There is no additional information to present here as all pertinent information has been submitted in other sections of this Billfish Check Sheet and the Annual Report.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		

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19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Standard recording of landings at fish markets. The vast majority of Barbados fisheries are small-scale and Barbados landings data collection system has been described in several earlier Annual Reports. Landings statistics are submitted annually under the category of “handline”. It must be reiterated that, as presented in the Annual Report, significant improvements in the data collection system for all fisheries in Barbados are already in progress.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No	ICCAT will be informed when the new Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report are put into effect including any substantive amendments that have been made to them.	As noted earlier the forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report mandate reporting of these data by the sport/recreational fishery but details of the most appropriate recording and reporting procedures will be developed through a process of stakeholder consultations. Recreational vessels are also mandated to participate in any approved observer programs.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a	Yes	As above	As noted earlier the conservation strategies provided for in the forthcoming Sustainable Fisheries Management and Development Act and Fisheries Management Regulations discussed in the Annual Report in relation to the marlins e.g. the use of circle hooks, safe release of fish alive at haulback, extend to all billfish species and thus include Atlantic sailfish.

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		minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No	As above	Barbados places all landed sailfish in the market for sale as food. No discarding takes place. All landings of sailfish are duly reported to ICCAT. However, the already detailed regulations aimed at improving such detailed recording of catch and effort including incidental catches refers.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		In several previous reports to ICCAT as well as in the Billfish Check Sheet for 2020. Again, the regulations aimed at improving such detailed recording of catch and effort including incidental catches refers. The details of any other improvements in the data collection afforded by enactment and subsequent implementation of the new regulations will be duly reported to ICCAT in a timely manner.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Vessels are prohibited from harvesting blue and white marlin for commercial purposes. This measure has been implemented through legally binding fishing vessel circular BHSFU-018-2016 which was replaced by BHSFU-029-2019. All circulars are issued pursuant to Part VIII, Section 50(1)(c) of our HSFA 2013 which confers the power to make regulations.	There were no catches of marlin from our industrial high seas fisheries in 2021. Our artisanal vessels do not target marlin. During recreational fishing and sport fishing tournaments, marlins under 250lbs cannot be removed from the water, if they are caught a video can be captured to demonstrate hook removal and release of the fish. This is enforced through tournament rules and boats are checked upon docking. No blue marlin over 250lbs have been caught in Belize’s fishing tournaments in over 10 years. Recreational and sport fishing in Belize is regulated by the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute. However, the tournament rules are developed by the organizing agency, such as the Belize Game Fishing Association.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/round scale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/round scale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.	<p>There were no catches of marlin or spearfish from our high seas operation in 2021. Our artisanal vessels do not target marlin/spearfish. However, during sport fishing tournaments, marlins are released if caught; and only retained if the fish was dead when brought alongside the vessel.</p> <p>Sport fishing in Belize falls under the mandate of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute (CZMAI) which does not have a data collection program in place. However, the Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit has signed an MOU with the CZMAI to establish a framework for collaboration in areas of mutual interest such as research, monitoring, data collection, education and</p>

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					outreach in relation to pelagic sport fishing species. Belize's MOU with ICCAT for the utilization of the JCAP-2 project was designed to meet the data collection and reporting requirements.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/round scale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A (not applicable)		Marlins and spearfish are not caught industrially by Belize's high seas vessels and are only retained by sport fishing vessels when the fish is dead when brought alongside the vessel. As such, landings for these species does not approach the relevant landing limits.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		Belize has not yet set in place any regulations to codify this section of the regulation. Our vessels catch and report only a minimal quantity of billfish caught for commercial purposes. The management and regulation of billfishes is a cross-sectorial initiative and as such requires consultation for the implementation of measures. Nonetheless, Belize will be issuing regulation to implement this measure shortly. However, tournaments do implement the release guidelines developed by the Billfish Foundation.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Same explanation applies as per the above.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/round	Yes	This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.	The domestic regulation governing interaction with blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish requires

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		scale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”			vessel owners to ensure that any incidental harvesting of these species that are alive at the time of harvesting are released in a manner that maximizes their survival.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Same explanation applies as per the above.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	This measure is implemented through Fishing Vessel Circular FVC-16/18.	There is no expressed provision to prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish that are caught in high seas fishing operations; however, these catches must be reported to the BHSFU in the normal catch reporting spreadsheet and entered into the fishing logbook. There are no restrictions for these products to be entered into commerce except for standard certification processes.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A (not applicable)		Belize does not catch blue or white marlin or spearfish for local consumption. However, we do report in Task 1 and 2 reports any catches of these species taken for commercial purposes.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that	No		Although the Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit is the focal point for Belize at ICCAT, we do not manage or regulate

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		causes the least harm.			<p>recreational or sport fishing activities within our national jurisdiction. Nonetheless, we have signed an MOU with these relevant authorities (including CZMAI) to ensure the proper management of these species when taken through recreational or sport fishing activities in accordance with any management measures adopted by ICCAT.</p> <p>Currently, the release guidelines developed by The Billfish Foundation is being used in various tournaments.</p>
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Belize has in place national regulations for the collection of catch data inclusive of billfishes via our monthly catch reporting requirements (logbooks) and where appropriate scientific observers. All catches of billfishes are reported to ICCAT in our Task 1 and 2 reports.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Tour operators in Belize offer recreational fishing tours that interact with blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish. These operators employ "catch and release" policy although there is no domestic legislation which mandates this requirement.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		The competent authority which regulates sport and recreational fisheries was not cognizant of the requirements of this management measure. The BHSFU is engaged in dialogue with this Authority to provide guidance for the effective implementation of this requirement. The necessary communications framework is also being established to ensure that this data is shared with the BHSFU for proper reporting to the ICCAT.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the	Yes		There are currently no regulations in place for size limits for sport fishing species. However, the size

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		<p>following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>			<p>limit restrictions are incorporated into tournament rules. Additionally, it must be noted that artisanal fishers do not target these species in Belize.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No		<p>Recreational fishers in Belize catch blue marlins and white marlins/spearfish on a catch and release basis. Marlin and spear fish are not sold in Belize. Commercial artisanal fishers do not target these species. The BHSFU is actively engaged in dialogue with the competent authority to ensure that the pertinent elements of this provision are fully implemented.</p>
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	FVC-16/18	<p>The BHSFU has reported Belize's domestic regulations to the Commission.</p>
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		<p>Sport and recreational fisheries interact with blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish.</p>
19-05	16	<p>"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."</p>	No		<p>The competent authority which regulates sport and recreational fisheries is working to establish data collection programs that will collect the data that is needed to report to ICCAT in accordance with this measure.</p>
19-05	14	<p>"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead</p>	No		<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish are</p>

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		discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			prohibited species in high seas fisheries. The CZMAI, as the competent authority for the management and regulation of sport and recreational fisheries, is currently working to establish the necessary legal and operational framework that will fully implement the pertinent provisions of this measure.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes		Belize has no recorded catches of or interactions with Atlantic Sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in its high seas fisheries. The CZMAI, as the competent authority for the management and regulation of sport and recreational fisheries, is currently working to update the necessary legal and operational framework that will fully implement the pertinent provisions of this measure. The interaction of sport and recreational fishers with these species are limited and they are encouraged to practice catch and release with all billfish.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Belize does not issue licenses which authorize the taking of sailfish in its high seas fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. It has also adopted regulations requiring the use of circle hooks and all recorded catches, inclusive of interactions with sailfish, if any, are reported in its Task 1 and 2 data submissions to the Commission.

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Belize collects data from its high seas fisheries through electronic catch reports and bounded fishing logbooks. However, the taking of sailfish is not authorized and there are no recorded catches or interactions with sailfish in reports to the BHSFU.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landing limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July of 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts	
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	These landing limits do not apply to Brazil, since Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts	
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Interministerial Rule N ^o 74, 1 November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all Brazilian vessels. Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and	Yes	Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white	

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		live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		<i>(Tetrapturus albidus)</i> and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Interministerial Rule N ^o 74, 1 November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels.	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Brazil does not authorize or allow the catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish for pelagic longline and purse seine vessels. Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such	Yes	Yes, it does. Interministerial Rule N ^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits	

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		<p>prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>		<p>dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.</p>	
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	Yes	<p>Interministerial Rule N^o 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts. Any catch under these conditions is submitted through Task 1 and 2.</p>	
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	Yes	<p>Recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule N^o 12, 14 July 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.</p>	<p>Sport Fishing tournaments that target marlins have been monitored.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	Yes		<p>Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research projects, including the presence of onboard observers.</p>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	<p>Recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule N^o 12, 14 of July 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear</p>	

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				retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes		Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research projects, including the presence of onboard observers.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A	Minimum sizes are not applicable to Brazil, because the recreational fisheries are under the scope of Interministerial Rule N° 12, 14 July 2005, which specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	Interministerial Rule N° 12, 14 July 2005 specifies the mandatory release of live white (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) and blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) marlins from gear retrieval, prohibits dead discards and/or any sale of these species, whole or in parts.	This Rule is also applicable to the sport fishing.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p>	Yes	Interministerial Rule N°. 2, 04 September 2006, establishes the satellite fishing vessel tracking program; Normative Instruction N° 20, 10 September 2014, and Normative Instruction N° 51, of 23 October 2019, establishes the forms and criteria for completing and delivering fishing logbooks;	Brazilian tuna fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research projects, including the presence of onboard observers.

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?		Ministerial Rule MPA N° 135, 27 September 2023, establishing the mandatory submission of logbooks data by the digital system "PESQBRASIL Mapa de bordo" for all tuna and tuna-like fleets.	
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction N° 20, 10 September 2014, Normative Instruction N° 51, 23 October 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA N° 135, 27 September 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	In recent years, Brazil has been reporting the discard for some marlin species. In addition, Brazil has been working to reconstruct the historical time series of bycatch discard data for the longline fleet. It is important to note that Brazil is improving its observer data collection with a more comprehensive spatial and temporal coverage, which will strengthen our discard estimations for the following years.	
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock	Yes	Interministerial Rule N° 74, 1 November 2017, establishes the mandatory use of circle hooks by all longline fishing vessels in Brazil.	

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		of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction Nº 20, 10 September 2014, Normative Instruction Nº 51, 23 October 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA Nº 135, 27 September 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	Besides the monitoring of landings and catches by fishing logsheets, established by Normative Instruction Nº 20, 10 September 2014, Normative Instruction Nº 51, 23 October 2019 and Ministerial Rule MPA Nº 135, 27 September 2023, the artisanal fisheries have been monitored within the scope of the research project.	

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde. Moreover, there is still no specific legislation for this group of species. Small-scale artisanal fisheries can take small quantities of billfish as bycatch, however, there is not yet statistical monitoring for billfish. Consequently, no information is available.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde. Moreover, there is still no specific legislation for this group of species. Small-scale artisanal fisheries can take small quantities of billfish as bycatch, however, there is not yet statistical monitoring for billfish. Consequently, no information is available.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.

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		data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde has a limited number of recreational vessels.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers' training.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers’ training.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers’ training.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving statistical monitoring and fishers’ training.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Not applicable as there is no fishery targeting billfish in Cabo Verde.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, and also by improving

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		to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			statistical monitoring for the small-scale artisanal fishery.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, and also by improving statistical monitoring for the small-scale artisanal fishery.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Yes, Cabo Verde is willing to collaborate and comply with this measure, by improving legislation in accordance with the guidance and recommendations of ICCAT, and also by improving statistical monitoring for the small-scale artisanal fishery.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Marlin by-catch interactions are reported annually in the Estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2). All data submitted 15 July 2024. In 2023, Canada landed 36.306 kg of blue marlin. Canada discarded 36.143 kg live blue marlin
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Marlin bycatch interactions are reported annually in the Estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and catch & effort (Task 2). All data submitted 15 July 2024. In 2023, Canada landed 1404 kg of white marlin. Canada discarded 653 kg dead and 3268 kg live white marlin.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Reference #1: Canadian Atlantic swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2021, "all live marlin must be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm."	There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through bycatch, with the release of live marlins being required forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Dockside monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the

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					Monitoring Company that inputs the data into centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which insures 100% coverage.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species bycatch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Line cutters and bolt cutters are mandatory on every pelagic longline vessel that interacts with marlin. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining patterns of bycatch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating bycatch.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		All live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining patterns of bycatch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating bycatch. The pelagic longline fishery follows to the extent practicable Annex I.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Reference #2: Canadian Atlantic Swordfish Longline Licence Conditions 2020, “When using longline gear the licence holder/operator is must use corrodible, circle hooks.”	The pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species bycatch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken

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				See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4	<p>in a manner that causes it the least harm. Lastly, the fishery is collaborating with DFO in a research program examining patterns of bycatch in the pelagic longline fishery, with a view to mitigating bycatch.</p> <p>The pelagic longline fishery follows to the extent practicable Annex I.</p>
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		<p>Canada authorizes its vessels to retain blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead within the landing limit.</p> <p>However, Canada does not permit transshipment in the ICCAT Convention Area.</p>
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Canada does not prohibit dead discarding.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit	N/A		Canada does not have artisanal fisheries that harvest marlin.

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		application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational or sport fishery harvesting marlin species.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Marlin bycatch interactions are reported annually in the Estimation of nominal catch (Task 1 and Catch & Effort (Task 2)). All data submitted 15 July 2024.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational fisheries in Canada have documented interactions with blue marlin, white marlin, or roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		There are no marlin recreational or sport fisheries.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		There are no marlin recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale	N/A		There are no marlin recreational or sport fisheries.

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		spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.” Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		There are no directed marlin/spearfish fisheries in Canadian waters. The only retention of marlins is through bycatch, with the release of live marlins being required. Dockside monitors must be present for off-loading of all fisheries that can retain marlins/spearfish and log record data must be submitted by each fisherman to the Monitoring Company that inputs the data into centralized database prior to further fishing trips. Log records from trips with catch must be received from harvesters before they can proceed with their next fishing trip, which insures 100% coverage. At-sea observers are targeted for deployment on 10% of swordfish fishing trips despite no ICCAT requirements for observer’s on board swordfish vessels smaller than 20 meters. All discarding interactions (from both the observer reports and harvesters’s logbooks) are reported in the Estimation of nominal catch Task 1, Catch & Effort (Task 2) and National Observer Programme Data. All data submitted 15 July 2024. All swordfish longline vessels carrying longline gear must have an operating Vessel Monitoring System on the vessel transshipping of all fish is prohibited by the Atlantic Fishery Regulations. The fishery is monitored through Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s enforcement branch

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					through the deployment of protection officers on land, sea and by air.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Canada has no non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		All blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish data is submitted annually as part of Task 1 and 2, and National Observer Programme Data. 2023 data submitted: 15 July 2024.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes	See Reference # 1 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 4 See Reference # 2 – for Rec. # 19-05 Para. # 7	Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Atlantic Sailfish. Nevertheless, the pelagic longline fishery has licence conditions for mandatory use of circle hooks, which aim to reduce non-target species bycatch rates and to increase the probability of post release survival. Additionally, all live Marlin are to be released forthwith to the place from which it was taken in a manner that causes it the least harm.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including	Yes		Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Sailfish but

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		live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?			will enhance data collection if catches become frequent. A supplementary discard log has been implemented in Canada to report these interactions.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Canadian pelagic fisheries do not have any documented interactions with Sailfish. A supplementary discard log has been implemented in Canada to report these interactions.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.</p> <p>Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.</p> <p>Para 3, catch limit: each tuna company and fishing vessel must fish within the catch limit and is not allowed to fish beyond catch limit or fish without quota.</p>	
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	Yes	<p>Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.</p> <p>Para 3, catch limit: when the catch limit or quota are exhausted, the company and its fishing vessel must</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Observers on board the fishing vessel will help monitor the vessel to comply with the measures. Besides, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measure, raising their compliance awareness.</p>

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				stop operation and the over-harvested fish must be released immediately.	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, sub-para 5: Fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate steps to cause no harm to marlin caught incidentally during release.	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. All tuna enterprises shall seriously comply with management measures, and earnestly work out training of relevant persons.	
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch: fishing vessels are encouraged to take appropriate measures to release	We encourage fishing vessels operating on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean to use circle hooks to reduce harm to sailfish and spearfish.

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				sailfish and spearfish caught incidentally in a unharmed manner and to reduce mortality insofar as possible.	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 10, by-catch and Para 3, quota: Longline vessels operating in the Atlantic Ocean are encouraged to use circle hooks, to reduce damage of sailfish and marlin caught incidentally. All tuna enterprises and fishing vessels shall conduct fishing operations under the quota allocated by this Ministry.	
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from	N/A		Not a coastal or small island CPC.

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		Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No such fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs. Para 2: Chinese tuna enterprises shall submit each vessel's logbook for last year to the Data Center of China Distant Water Fisheries.	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.

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		blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		China has no recreational fishery.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.	We provide such information in our annual report, including: observers on board the fishing vessel to monitor vessel compliance with this provision, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measures, raising their compliance awareness.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		China does not have any non-industrial fisheries.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic	Yes	Circular issued by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture and	Firstly, we encourage fishing vessels operating on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean to use circle hooks to

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		sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."		Rural Affairs on further strictly complying with conservation and management measures adopted by tuna-RFMOs.	reduce harm to sailfish and spearfish. Secondly, we issued an official document to ask fishing vessels to comply with landing limits. Thirdly, each year we hold training courses and capacity-building activities for vessel captains to comply with measures, raising their compliance awareness.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Implementation Guideline on the Management of Distant Water Fishery National Observer Programme	Observers on board the fishing vessel must collect all the scientific data required, including sailfish, and we report the Task 1 and 2 data collected by the observer to ICCAT.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		We describe our data collection programmes in our annual report.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		For 2023, a total of 8.4 t of Atlantic blue marlin landings were recorded in Costa Rica. Landings in 2023 were reduced by almost a third as compared to 2021 figures. The actions implemented in the longline fleet catching this species include: mandatory satellite monitoring via VMS, closure of the licence record, landing inspections and fisheries biological sampling upon landing.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		There are no records of landings of these species in 2023.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Exemption applies according to paragraph 10 of Recommendation 19-05.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		The national regulation for their implementation is at the consultation stage and is expected to be approved shortly by Incopesca's Governing Board as well as the corresponding implementation measures.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		To date, this training has not taken place, but it is included in Costa Rica's amendment plan for implementation.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		Costa Rica is in the process of building capacity of crews, while promoting the use of tools based on Annex 1.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Costa Rica does not operate a purse seine fleet in the Atlantic. There are no records of landings of Atlantic white marlin/roundscale spearfish in Costa Rica. In the case of blue marlin, the longline fleet does have multispecies fishing licences and blue marlin can be taken as bycatch. The national regulation for implementation of the catch limit is at consultation stage and is expected to be approved shortly by INCOPECSA's Governing Board and its implementation.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Dead discards are not prohibited in Costa Rica, full use of catches is promoted.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Costa Rica is a developing coastal CPC with small-scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries, therefore, does not apply paragraph 4. Data for 2023 was submitted on 12 July 2024.
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries:</p> <p>a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these fisheries with white and blue marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		A pilot on-board observers (human and electronic) plan is being implemented, which will most likely be the basis for design of the onboard observers programme. In the case of logbooks, the use of a fishing set recording form has been implemented, where the number of individuals discarded by species and

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					their status alive or dead is recorded. An app is being developed for data collection.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no records of interactions of recreational fisheries with blue marlin or white marlin / roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries and there are no blue marlin and white marlin / roundscale spearfish tournaments in the Costa Rican Caribbean.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436, Chapter VII. Article 74.	There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries. Should there be any catch or eventual retention, the catches from the sport fishery, subject to the authorised amount of specimens, will be used for taxidermy or own consumption by the fishers, in the terms and conditions determined by Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture (INCOPECA).

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Yes, information is provided in the billfish check sheet. The National Coast Guard Inspection Service carries out at-sea operations and INCOPECSA inspects 100% of the landings of the commercial longline fleet targeting pelagic species.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		There are records of landings of blue marlin in the Costa Rican Caribbean. There are no records of white marlin / roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal fleet using longline gear that interacts with tuna, dolphinfish, shark and some billfish. The information of fishing sets is recorded in the landing inspection form (FID). This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		There are no records of interaction of these species with sport or recreational fisheries.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: ...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.” Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436. Chapter VII, Article 76. Regulation to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law N° 89436 N° 36782-MINAET-MAG-MOPT-TUR-SP-S-MTSS, Chapter XV, Article 56.</p> <p>Agreement of the INCOPECA Board AJDIP/017/2023</p>	<p>As stated in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law, sailfish in Costa Rica is of touristic-sporting interest.</p> <p>The Regulation to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Law establishes: “INCOPECA may authorise, in the large pelagics fishery, the use of longline, exclusively with circle hook, only for vessels flagged to Costa Rica and on the national register...”</p> <p>AJDIP/017/2023 establishes that “...bycatch shall not exceed 10% (gutted weight) of the vessel's total catch for each non-tourist commercial fishing trip made.” This agreement also prohibits the export of sailfish.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>The use of forms to record sets has been implemented, where the captain can record live or dead discards of this species.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Inspection of 100% of the landings of the artisanal fleet that uses surface longline. Information on fishing sets is recorded in the landings inspection form (FID). Information on discards is recorded by the captain on a set recording form. This fleet comprises artisanal vessels less than 20 m in length.</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels	Yes		Fishermen are urged to implement this provision.

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		should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		The fisheries administration raises awareness amongst shipowners to ensure that their fishermen comply with this provision.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		The fisheries administration raises awareness amongst shipowners to ensure that their fishermen comply with this provision.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Monitoring is conducted to ensure that landings are within landing limits.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Côte d'Ivoire has no regulations prohibiting dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal,	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data are reported according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS

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		subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Follow-up and Nominal Catch data for Task 1 are reported to the SCRS.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	N/A		Côte d'Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Côte d’Ivoire does not have any recreational and sport fisheries.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>Côte d’Ivoire provides details on the implementation of this measure through the submission of Task 1 and Task 2 data.</p> <p>Although the country has no specific laws or regulations, shipowners and fisheries inspectors are being made aware of the implementation of this Recommendation</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		This fishery is regularly monitored, and the data collected is submitted to the SCRS via Task 1 and 2 forms.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes		Côte d'Ivoire has not yet reached its sailfish quota.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Increase the presence of inspectors at landings, monitor documentation on fishing and formalise artisanal fishing landing sites.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		The data collection programme is described in the Annual Report transmitted to ICCAT.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Decree hereto is currently being formulated	<p>Most billfish catches are normally dead.</p> <p>For the purse seiners fishing in the Atlantic Ocean</p> <p>Billfishes are released as soon as possible and dead billfishes retained.</p> <p>In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released based on the IGFA (International Game Fish Association) rules.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Decree hereto is currently being formulated	<p>Before the end of the year a circular will be sent to all fisheries companies. Meanwhile the domestic regulation is being formulated.</p> <p>With respect to artisanal fishing we are in the process to formulate a TOR to initiate with a data collection on catches in general and eventual white marlin catches.</p>
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		All of Curaçao purse seiners are implementing a code of good practice which calls for the timely release of live bycatch
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving	Yes	P.B. 109, P.B. 74	All of Curaçao purse seiners are implementing a code of good practice which calls for the timely release of live bycatch.

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		due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Domestic law is being formulated	Curaçao has hired the services of AZTI as provider for the training of crew and observers on the implementation and monitoring of provisions related to the Code of Good Practice.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Domestic law is being formulated	Before the end of the year a circular will be send to all fisheries companies. Meanwhile the domestic regulation is being formulated. Curaçao has hired the services of AZTI as provider for the training of crew and observers on the implementation and monitoring of provisions related to the Code of Good Practice.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Purse seine bycatch of billfish is not significant and inevitable. While all specimens that arrive alive on deck are promptly released, most specimens arrive dead on deck. In general, dead specimens are retained to avoid food waste. They are not commercialized but unloaded in Abidjan, as they represent an important source of protein for the local population.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin	Yes		Curaçao does not prohibit dead discards. However,

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		<p>and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			<p>discards of dead billfish are rare, for the reasons expressed before.</p> <p>Though, all dead marlins are landed and distributed among local crew for their own consumption.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released based on the IGFA rules.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		<p>In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released based on IGFA rules.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	Yes		<p>Data collected by observers and reported through Form ST-09 sent on 5 August 2024</p>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		<p>In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes</p>

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					they were all tagged and released based on IGFA rules. In recreational fishing, in none of the local tournaments any blue marlin has been landed. For competition purposes they were all tagged and released based on IGFA rules.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		Catches of marlins in general, being recreational or sport fishing are minimal to zero. In sport fishing, in the tournaments IGFA rules are being applied.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No	Domestic law is being formulated.	Catches of marlins in general, being recreational or sport fishing are minimal to zero. In sport fishing, in the tournaments IGFA rules are being applied.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No	See above	Catches of marlins in general, being recreational or sport fishing are minimal to zero. In sport fishing, in the tournaments IGFA rules are being applied.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring,</p>	Yes		<p>We have 100% observer coverage (combination of human and EMS) that monitors operation on the vessel.</p> <p>In the harbour we have Inspections companies that sends us discharging inspection reports in the</p>

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		control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet. Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			ports of Dakar and Abidjan. Furthermore, we have a traceability scheme from net to plate.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		No data available. With respect to artisanal fishing we are in the process to formulate a TOR to initiate with a data collection on catches in general and eventual blue and white marlin catches.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	No		See above. Once the consultant has been selected implementation could initiate. This has been budgeted.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Data for purse seiners are collected and reported through Form ST-09 sent on 5 August 2024.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes		Curaçao do not target sailfish in commercial fishing. All sailfishes caught in recreational fishing are tagged and released. With respect to artisanal fishing, no data is available. Furthermore, we are in the process to formulate a TOR to initiate with a data collection on catches in general and eventual blue and white marlin catches.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		All this is already in place, with data reported through Form ST09. Refer to other billfish for details the same applies to all species.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		All this is already in place, with data reported through Form ST09 sent 5 August 2024. Refer to other billfish for details the same applies to all species.

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Name of CPC: EGYPT (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.

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		should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No fishing activities for this species. No records were reported.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No vessels are authorized to catch and retain on board, transship, or land these species.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No fishing activities for this species. No record in Egyptian fisheries till now.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal	N/A		No records or local consumption of these species.

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		fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		No records for these species were reported.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		No recreational activities for these species are carried out
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		No records for these species were reported.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	N/A		No artisanal or small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		No artisanal or small-scale fisheries are carried out for these species.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities

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		sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		No records for these species as there were no fishing activities
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		No records for these species as there was no fishing activities in 2020

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec. 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 10 t, as established in this paragraph of Recommendation 19-05.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Paragraph 2 of Rec. 19-05 "All other CPCs shall limit their landings to a maximum of 10 t of Atlantic blue marlin and 2 t of white marlin/spearfish combined."	They did not exceed 2 t, as established in this paragraph of Recommendation.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques for associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species. However, the lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught are not available as these mechanisms only apply to the longline fishery.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species. However, the lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught are not available as these mechanisms only apply to the longline fishery.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		There is a code of good practices for the purse seine fishery. It applies release techniques to associated species, which help reduce mortality by release of these species.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Purse seiners are authorized to retain on board and land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that cannot be released alive and are dead when taken on board, as long as landing limits are respected.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal,	N/A		There are no small-scale, subsistence and artisanal coastal fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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		subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		The El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect all this information and it is provided annually to the Commission.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion states that <i>“in addition to this law, the provisions of international law and conventions signed and ratified by El Salvador will also be fulfilled, in addition to the regulations of this law and complementary rules issued by CENDEPESCA to this effect, in the framework of fishing conservation, management and preservation provisions, as well as those related to aquaculture.”</i>	In accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion. This rule integrates into national law any binding provisions adopted by ICCAT.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There are no recreational fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		There are no artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data	Yes		

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		submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes		They have been implemented in accordance with article 96 of the General Law on Fishing and Aquaculture Management and Promotion. Nonetheless, specific regulations are being developed for dissemination and agreement.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		The El Salvadorian purse seine fleet has 100% observer coverage. These observers collect this information, and it is provided to ICCAT on an annual basis.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		No data is collected as we do not have an artisanal fleet in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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Name of CPC: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet, not even longline vessels that

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		promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			specifically fish this species.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Equatorial Guinea does not have recreational fisheries that interact with these species.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational fisheries for these species. Consequently, there are no data collection programmes in sport and recreational fisheries for these species

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		existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational fisheries for these species.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Equatorial Guinea does not have sport and recreational fisheries for these species.
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.” Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not provide this information to ICCAT.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea does not have an established collection programme for this data.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea cannot provide estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>....</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		As it does not have a national fishing fleet or specifically fish this species, Equatorial Guinea has not implemented management measures to support the conservation of this species. Nonetheless, the small number that appear in some reports come from the artisanal fishery that we are working on in the draft fishing management plan for Equatorial Guinea.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		This is difficult as we do not specifically fish this species.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		As we do not have a fishing fleet that targets this species, it is difficult to describe the corresponding data collection programmes.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Fishing opportunities applicable for EU fishing vessels are established on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2023.</p>	The adjusted landing limit of BUM for EU in 2023 is 401,80 tons.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters established a landing limit for white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2023.</p>	The adjusted landing limit of WHM for EU in 2023 is 50,00 tonnes.
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that</p>	Yes	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of</p>	

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		causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”		<p>the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)</p> <p>Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>) that are alive by the time of boarding. 2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</p>	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law. Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations	Some EU-Member States request that the owner of their vessels provide in the context of the authorisation process with information on release mechanisms, such as dehookers, lifting devices, bolt cutters, etc.

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				by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 in EU law including provisions about training to the crewmembers on proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques. Additionally, pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes	Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being approached, Member	EU Member States and fleets have experimented the impact on catches of bycatch and target species of alternative fishing methods such as circle hooks, different gangion line materials and different types of bait.

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				<p><i>States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (Makaira nigricans) and white marlin (Tetrapturus albidus) that are alive by the time of boarding.</i></p> <p><i>2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</i></p>	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	<p>Annex ID of the Annex ID of the Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters provides a landing limit for blue marlin and white marlin for the EU Member States concerned for 2023.</p> <p>Further, Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT</p> <p>Article 27 1. By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when their quota is being</p>	

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				<p><i>approached, Member States shall ensure that vessels flying their flag release all blue marlin (Makaira nigricans) and white marlin (Tetrapturus albidus) that are alive by the time of boarding.</i></p> <p><i>2. Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall take appropriate measures to ensure that blue marlin and white marlin are released in a manner that maximise their chances of survival.</i></p>	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 15 (landing obligation) of the Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy prohibits the discard of blue and white marlins in the ICCAT Convention area. Those landings will not count against the limits established in § 1 of Rec. 18-04/19-05.</p> <p>Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT.</p> <p>Article 28 Landing of blue marlin and white marlin beyond the fishing opportunities</p> <p>When a Member State has exhausted</p>	

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				its quota, that Member State shall ensure that the landings of blue marlin and white marlin that are dead when brought alongside the vessel are not sold or entered commerce. Such landings shall not count against EU catch limits as set out in paragraph 2 of ICCAT Recommendation 2018-04.	
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		The EU has non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadeloupe or Martinique. Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. See below
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	The EU is currently transposing Recommendation 19-05 into EU law. Pursuant to Article 216(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, international agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States. In these circumstances, Member States are bound to take necessary direct measures designed to ensure	

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				compliance with ICCAT Recommendations by their vessels and, as appropriate, their nationals.	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, provides the obligation to vessels of 10 meters' length overall or more to keep a fishing logbook of fishing operations and vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more to have an electronic logbook, indicating for each fishing trip, all quantities of each species caught including for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.	<p>Vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more shall have a fully functioning device which allows that vessel to be automatically located and identified through the vessel monitoring system (VMS). This Regulation also provides the obligation to EU Member States to perform cross-checking, analysis and verifications of VMS, logbook, sales data, etc.</p> <p>According to Regulation 1224/2009, catches by recreational fisheries shall be monitored based on a sampling plan.</p> <p>Masters of vessels of 10 meters' length overall or more shall keep a fishing logbook of fishing operations and Master of vessels of 12 meters' length overall or more shall have an electronic logbook, indicating for each fishing trip, all quantities of each species caught including discards. Those data are crosschecked with other relevant sources (i.e. VMS positions, sales notes, transport documents, etc.) by the EU Member state administrations, reported to the European Commission and submitted to ICCAT. Scientific data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.</p> <p>See information on data collection below.</p>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		The EU has recreational fisheries that may interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT.</p> <p>Article 29 1. Member States whose vessels are engaged in recreational fisheries of blue marlin and white marlin shall maintain a 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin tournament landings.</p>	
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in ICCAT.</p> <p>Article 29 2. In recreational fisheries of blue marlin a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply. 3. In recreational fisheries of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.</p>	In recreational fisheries of blue marlin a minimum conservation size of 251 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply and of white marlin a minimum conservation size of 168 cm lower jaw fork length shall apply.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the ICCAT.</p>	

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				Article 29 4. It shall be prohibited to sell or to offer for sale any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin caught in recreational fisheries.	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<p>Implementation of the provisions of the Rec. 18-04/19-05.</p> <p>Recommendation are communicated to ICCAT through this form – Check Sheet and the Annual Report every year.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		<p>Catches of billfish are mainly bycatches of the industrial surface longline segment targeting swordfish and sharks.</p> <p>The EU has also non-industrial fisheries, which may interact with blue marlin and white marlin, for local consumption in Guadeloupe or Martinique.</p>
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes	<p>Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing</p>	<p>The Regulation 2017/1004 establishes rules on the collection, management and use of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries sector within the framework of multiannual Union programmes.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 requires collection of data for all types of fisheries to assess the impact of Union fishing activities on marine biological resources and on marine</p>

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				<p>Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019.</p> <p>Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.</p>	<p>ecosystems in Union waters and outside Union waters. Those data consist of biological data on stocks caught by Union commercial fisheries in Union and outside Union waters and by recreational fisheries in Union waters; as well as data related to incidental by-catch including all birds, mammals and reptiles and fish species protected under Union legislation and international agreements.</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”. Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors</p>	<p>Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251.</p> <p>Blue marlin, white marlin and spearfish are included in table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 such as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority.</p> <p>EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species and catches of sailfish are very low.</p>

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				<p>for the period 2017-2019.</p> <p>Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2020-2021.</p>	
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		EU does not deploy any fishery targeting this species, and opportunistic bycatches of sailfish are low.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of 17 May 2017 establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the	Task 1 and Task 2 data are collected and submitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251. <p><i>Istiophorus albicans</i> are included in Table 1C of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 and of Commission Delegated</p>

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				<p>common fisheries policy.</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1251 of 12 July 2016 adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019.</p> <p>Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167 of 27 April 2021 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022.</p>	Decision (EU) 2019/910 such as one of the species to be sampled aiming to collect biological information in Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas with a high priority.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>An EU-wide framework for the collection of fisheries data (DCF) is in place since the early 2000s. Under this Framework, co-financed between the European Commission and the EU Member States and implemented by the relevant research institutes and ministerial departments in each EU coastal Member State, a complete set of information pertaining to the fleets (catch, effort and economic indicators) is compiled. In the ICCAT Convention area, this information includes sailfish. In order to ensure a harmonized and coherent collection of the information, scientists of the different EU Member States concerned by ICCAT fisheries hold every year a coordination meeting</p>

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					<p>during which sampling schemes are fine-tuned and, where possible, some tasks are shared. Such data is regularly made available to scientists in order to run their research and constitute the basis for the EU contribution to the stock assessment processes undertaken by the ICCAT SCRS.</p> <p>In the context of the new EU multiannual programme, applying as from 2017, concerned EU-Member states (France, Spain and Portugal) give high priority to the sampling of <i>Isopodous albicans</i> including the species relevant to Rec. 16-11.</p>

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: FRANCE (in respect of Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied. No catches in 2023.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied. No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally. Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven. The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		<p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.</p>
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		<p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>Awareness is raised with practitioners at the start of the fishing season.</p> <p>No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.</p>
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.</p> <p>No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.</p>
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		<p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>No catches in 2023.</p>

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>This species is not targeted and nor taken as bycatch or incidentally.</p> <p>No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>No catches in 2023. A decree is being developed.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		<p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>No catches in 2023 by recreational and sport fisheries. A decree is being developed.</p>

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Catch and landing data extracted from logbooks and the results of observations are used to analyse risks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational fisheries.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		No recreational or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		No recreational or sport fisheries in France (SPM).
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs	Yes		No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years. This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.

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		<p>shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>			<p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>The possibility of a landing ban decree is being studied.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		<p>Information reported via logbooks / fishers’ fishing records.</p> <p>France (SPM) does not operate artisanal or small-scale fisheries that catch blue marlin, white marlin and/or roundscale spearfish (BIL04).</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>0 implementation as reported in BIL01 (IOMS) for 2021, or 2023.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish,</p>	No		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>A framework decree is currently being developed.</p>

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		encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>No landings were recorded in Saint Pierre and Miquelon in 2021 or previous years.</p> <p>This species is not targeted and is not taken as by-catch or caught incidentally.</p> <p>Its presence in the waters of Saint Pierre and Miquelon has not been proven.</p> <p>Hypothetical catches or dead and live discards of sailfish must be reported in the practitioners fishing records.</p> <p>Strengthening of collection efforts has not taken place in 2023.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>Rural and maritime fisheries code applicable in Saint Pierre and Miquelon (Article R954-12 and R913-1)</p> <p>Ministerial Decision of 20 March 1987 in accordance with Article 6 of Decree No. 87-182 of 19 March 1987.</p>	<p>Data is collected through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting obligations applicable to fishers - On-board observer programmes - Landing and marketing controls by the different control services (maritime affairs, national gendarmerie and national navy).

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19-05	2	Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i> . Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGP A of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text classes species according to their vulnerability, and billfish are partially protected. Their retention is prohibited for sport fishing.
19-05	2	<i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits</i> . Para 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table.	Yes	Decision 12/MAEPA/SG/DGP A of 8 October 2019 on the classification of aquatic animal species.	This text establishes quotas according to métier and given that billfish are partially protected species.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		No pelagic longliners or purse seiners flagged to Gabon.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		For the tuna fisheries, release into the water of live specimens is strongly encouraged in fishing permits. Fishers are informed of this subject.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		We do not have a national tuna fishery. For foreign vessels, it is the responsibility of the flag CPC.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		No national tuna fishery. However, this is strongly advised for foreign vessels fishing in Gabonese waters.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	N/A		No pelagic longliners or purse seiners flagged to Gabon.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Dead discards are recorded. We do not prohibit discards of these species.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Task 1 information collected under this provision is transmitted to ICCAT, in the case of the artisanal fisheries.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		Information campaign aimed at fishers.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Daily collection sheet under the national observer programme.

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19-05	11, 13,14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes		A specific collection programme for this fishery is being developed and will be operational for the 2025 fishing season.
19-05	11b)	<p>"For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		No retention of specimens for the recreational fisheries.
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Catches taken by the artisanal fishery are transmitted via Task 1.

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		Landings of the artisanal fisheries are monitored daily and information on billfish is collected.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		No fishery targeting billfish.

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16-11	2	<p>"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process."</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Enhancement is still in progress (training, equipment and collection system).
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		We have specific sheets for billfish at landing points in the artisanal fishery.

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Name of CPC: GHANA (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are within limit and recorded on the relevant compliance table.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Catches are from artisanal fishery. Catches are very low and rare.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	As and when available this will be complied.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		Initiative from ISSF/AZTI (skippers workshop) are being practiced as to release endangered species.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		Initiative from ISS/AZTI (skippers workshop) are being practiced as to release endangered species.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	No bycatch in artisanal fishery.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Act 625.	As part of bycatch usually consumed onboard.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	No discards in the fishery for incidental catches of blue and white marlin.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data submitted according to reporting procedures established by SCRS.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Re-design logbooks specifically for bycatch estimation by 2023.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		No recreational fishery.

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19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No recreational fishery.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		No recreational fishery.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Ensure that quotas are not reached and juvenile caught alive are released in the best possible manner per out domestic regulation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Artisanal fishery.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010 General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.	Stratified sampling scheme adopted from FAO is used to estimate landings from the artisanal fleet using random stratified system to estimate catches.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	<p>Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	<p>Taking steps to limit excess catches especially juveniles with measures to release live sailfish.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Fisheries Act 625 LI 1968 of 2010</p> <p>General laws and regulation prohibiting landing of endangered species including their juveniles.</p>	<p>Catch and effort data submitted in Task 1 and 2 to support stock assessment. However, there are no live and dead discards.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>FAO ARTFISH program</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A	Resolution 19-05	Elevated, it is recommended that the national fleet use Resolution 19-05 for handling and release of marlins caught, in addition, the vessels have handling and release protocols for marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the	Yes	Resolution 19-05	Elevated, it is

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		implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			recommended that the national fleet use Resolution 19-05, and specifically Annex 1, for handling and release of marlins caught, in addition, the vessels have handling and release protocols for marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Resolution 19-05	Elevated, it is recommended that the national fleet use Resolution 19-05 for handling and release of marlins caught, in addition, the vessels have handling and release protocols for marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		Guatemala undertakes efforts to minimize post-release mortality of marlins/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	FAO Code of conduct for responsible fisheries, Article 11.	These species are not targeted. In the case of bycatch of some species associated with the target fishery, these are in no case traded, and are landed locally in African ports where they contribute to local food security, as an additional source of protein.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead	Yes	General Law on Fisheries	The relevant authority

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		discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?		and Aquaculture Decree 80-2002 and its Regulations Government Decision 223-2005. FAO Code of conduct for responsible fisheries, Article 11.	considers what is established in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries contained in Article 11 - post-catch and trade practices. Guatemala’s current regulations prohibit dead discards. It is also prohibited to trade these specimens and they are intended to be a food source in developing coastal countries where the landings take place.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		There are no coastal small-scale, artisanal and subsistence fisheries that catch these species.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no sport or recreational fisheries in the area of the Commission.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Independent scientific observers programmes.
19-05	11, 13,	Does the CPC have	No		There are no

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	14, 17	recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		There are no sport or recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish, in the area of the Commission.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		There are no sport or recreational fisheries that interact with the species blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish, in the area of the Commission.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A	FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, Article 11.	There are no sport or recreational fisheries that interact with with the species blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish, in the area of the Commission.
19-05	23	“Consistent with the	Yes	Task 1 and 2 compliance	Guatemala informs the

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		Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet. Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?		sheets, Commission. General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture Decree 80-2002 and its regulations, Government Decision 223-2005.	Commission of the action taken to implement the provisions of this Recommendation through laws and national regulations, which includes monitoring, control and surveillance measures, through independent scientific observers.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Guatemala does not have non-industrial fisheries that interact with the species blue or white marlin / <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Guatemala does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries that interact with the species blue or white marlin / <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Task 1 and 2 compliance sheets, Commission. General Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture Decree 80-2002 and its regulations, Government Decision 223-2005.	Guatemala provides its estimates of live and dead discards and other available data, which include independent onboard observer data on landings and discards of blue and white marlin/roundscale fish, annually.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and	Yes		Through the database

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		Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: ... (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			and independent onboard scientific observer reports, Guatemala ensures implementation of necessary measures to support conservation of this species, in accordance with the ICCAT Convention objective.
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Task 1 and 2 compliance sheets, Commission.	Guatemala undertakes efforts to collect the catch data for this species, including live and dead discards.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Tuna vessel owners operating in the Convention area undertake action and efforts with the support of the independent onboard scientific observers programme, to implement this recommendation.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Articles 27, 28 et seq. of Law L/2015/026/AN on the Maritime Fishing Code of 14 September 2015. CP01, ST01, ST02, ST03 and CP13 forms sent to the ICCAT Secretariat.	There were no landings of blue marlin by the industrial maritime fishery. For artisanal fishery, in the absence of a targeted fishery, a pilot project has been set up to monitor landings.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Articles 27, 28 et seq. of Law L/2015/026/AN on the Maritime Fishing Code of 14 September 2015. CP01, ST01, ST02, ST03 and CP13 forms sent to the ICCAT Secretariat.	There were no landings of blue marlin by the industrial maritime fishery. For artisanal fishery, in the absence of a targeted fishery, a pilot project has been set up to monitor landings.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The CPC did not come close to its landing limit.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		This recommendation will be taken into account in the next review of the regulatory framework.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Training for national captains has not been organised. However, all recommendations are shared with shipowners so that they can apply them to their fishing practices. A request to popularise the ICCAT recommendations has been submitted to the Secretariat as part of the JICAP 3 project.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	(Decree A/2023/4552/MPEM/SGG approving the development and management plan for demersal and small pelagic maritime fisheries	Training for national captains has not been organised. However, all recommendations are shared with shipowners so that they can apply them to their fishing practices. A request to popularise the ICCAT recommendations has been submitted to the Secretariat as part of the JICAP 3 project.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	(Decree A/2023/4552/MPEM/SGG approving the development and management plan for demersal and small pelagic maritime fisheries for 2024 (PAGPMD PP 2024). Articles 27, 28 et seq. of Law L/2015/026/AN on the Maritime Fishing Code of 14 September 2015.	

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				These acts reiterate ICCAT's recommendations on the sustainable management of fisheries resources, including marlins.	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes	CP01, ST01, ST02, ST03 and CP13 forms for 2023 sent to the ICCAT Secretariat.	A pilot programme to monitor the small-scale fishery is being set up to meet ICCAT reporting requirements. This pilot programme requires support from the JICAP project.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There is no recreational fishery in the CPC

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	CP01, ST01, ST02, ST03 and CP13 forms for 2023 sent to the ICCAT Secretariat.	Catch data is collected, but landings are not estimated. Our CPC would be happy to use the Secretariat's bycatch estimation tool.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No	There is no recreational fishery.	
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No	There is no recreational fishery.	
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Articles 118, 156, 244-k et seq. of Law L/2015/026/AN on the Maritime Fishing Code of 14 September 2015	

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		<p>The CPC had not sufficiently adopted of the recommendation.</p> <p>At present, our CPC proposes implementing the recommendation in national regulations and introducing the public and professional players in the fishing industry to the implementation of the recommendation.</p>
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		
19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	No		<p>The CPC had not sufficiently adopted of the recommendation.</p> <p>At present, our CPC has set up a pilot programme to monitor the catches of the small-scale fishery and plans to join the various ICCAT programmes to make it operational.</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		<p>There is no sport/recreational fishery.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	Minimum sizes have been set by the management plan for demersal and small pelagic maritime fisheries (appendix 7 for 2024).	
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	Articles 91 et seq. of Law L/2015/026/AN on the Maritime Fishing Code of 14 September 2015 and Development and management plan for demersal and small pelagic maritime fisheries for 2024 (PAGPMD PP 2024).	A pilot programme to monitor the small-scale fishery has just been set up.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No	<p>The CPC had not sufficiently adopted of the recommendation.</p> <p>At present, our CPC has set up a pilot programme to monitor the catches of the small-scale fishery and plans to join the various ICCAT programmes to make it operational. After the pilot phase, the programme description will be sent to ICCAT.</p>	

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	The Republic of Honduras has no commercial fishing vessels operating in the Convention area. There is a sport fishery that participates in tournaments organised in the Caribbean Sea. As regards activity, it is prohibited to retain and land products, and therefore it is ensured that there are no landings of billfish. Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law provides that operation of the sport fishing is subject to fishery management provisions on protected species and responsible fishing practices, including ICCAT measures, with billfish subject to the “catch and release” technique.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	The Republic of Honduras has no commercial fishing vessels operating in the Convention area. There is a sport fishery that participates in tournaments organised in the Caribbean Sea. As regards activity, it is prohibited to retain and land products, and therefore it is ensured that there are no landings of billfish. Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law provides that operation of the sport fishing is subject to fishery management provisions on protected species and responsible fishing practices, including ICCAT measures, with billfish subject to the “catch and release” technique.
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A		The Republic of Honduras has no pelagic longline or purse seine vessels operating in the Convention area.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	It is instructed that when the catch and release manoeuvre is carried out in the sport fishing, the specimen must be released alive using safe procedures, and mechanisms that least impact its survival. There are no provisions on implementation for commercial fisheries because there are no vessels authorised to carry out this activity in the Convention area.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	Although there are no authorised commercial longline or purse seine fisheries, if authorised, these would be subject to the ICCAT regulation and efforts for implementation would be made. In the sport fisheries, it is mandatory to release the products of these fisheries and retention is prohibited.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	Although there are no authorised commercial longline or purse seine fisheries, if authorised, these would be subject to the ICCAT regulation and efforts for implementation would be made. In the sport fisheries, it is mandatory to release the products of these fisheries and retention is prohibited.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Honduras has no authorised pelagic longline or purse seine vessels in the Convention area.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision	No		The Republic of Honduras has no commercial fishing vessels operating in the Convention area.

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		<p>shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>Honduras has no record of local consumption of blue marlin and white marlin (roundscale spearfish). For data provision, a process for full data validation has been designed, and the Commission will be informed about this process.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	Yes	<p>Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.</p>	
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	No		<p>There are no commercial fisheries authorised by Honduras in the Convention area.</p> <p>As regards the small number of sport fishing tournaments that take place in the Caribbean Sea, an official record of tournaments is being implemented as well as the trial scientific observers programme associated with these tournaments.</p>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with</p>	No		<p>The observer programme and the interactions control system are currently being designed and implemented. They are expected to be implemented in early 2023.</p>

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		<p>existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>			
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	Under this article, the sizes adopted by the Commission are automatically made mandatory.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law.	Under this article, release is mandatory, effectively preventing or prohibiting catches entering into trade.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		While Honduras does not have any commercial fishing vessels operating in the Convention area, in the context of the recreational fisheries, instructions and provisions are developed and the fleet is informed. In addition, under the provisions of Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law, monitoring, control and surveillance mechanisms are developed, and the onboard observer programme is implemented.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Recreational fisheries can potentially interact with these species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	No		The Republic of Honduras is in the process of designing a standardised data collection programme.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing	No		The Republic of Honduras is in the process of designing and implementing specific systems to collect and process standardised data that will

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		<p>declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>			<p>enable validation. Honduras undertakes to prepare a document for submission to the SCRS to update as far as possible the scientific information referred to in Recommendation 19-05.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes		<p>Honduras undertakes efforts in terms of monitoring, control and surveillance of release of any species of billfish that may be taken by its recreational fisheries, in accordance with Article 41 of the General Fisheries and Aquaculture Law. In the case of the commercial fisheries, given that these are not authorised at present, no specific action is being carried out. However, if commercial fisheries are authorised for species of interest in the Convention area, measures will be developed.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>As indicated above, Honduras is in the process of designing and implementing a standardised system for data collection and processing to ensure that data are provided to the Commission in due form and to facilitate management of monitoring, control and surveillance.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>As indicated above, Honduras is in the process of designing and implementing a standardised system for data collection and processing to ensure that data are provided to the Commission in due form and to facilitate management of monitoring, control and surveillance.</p>

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Name of CPC: Iceland

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		No catches. No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches/landings of billfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fisheries. There were no ICCAT pelagic longline vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Icelandic flag in 2022 or 2023. Will be included in annual regulation for ICCAT fisheries when relevant.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.

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		should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. No registered catches / landings of billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		All discards of dead fish that has commercial value is banned on all Icelandic fishing vessels. No recorded interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All dead commercial catches to be landed and registered.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by	N/A		Not applicable to Iceland. No quota for billfish.

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		other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		No recreation or sports fisheries for any ICCAT billfish species.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		All catches of Icelandic fishing vessels are to be recorded in electronic logbooks and weighed and recorded at landing. Dead discards not allowed. No catches of blue marlin, white marlin or roundscale spearfish have ever been recorded by Icelandic fishing vessels.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		No recreational/sport fisheries or other relevant fisheries of billfish.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Description of MSC and legislation for fishing by Icelandic vessels submitted with annual report. No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish.

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		sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		No interaction of Icelandic vessels with billfish in any fishery. No quota for billfish. All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		All catches of commercial species to be registered in e-logbooks and landed. All catches weighed at landing and recorded in the database of the Directorate of Fisheries (updated daily).

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Name of CPC: JAPAN (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Fishery Act article 15.33.	Japan sets the domestic catch limit according to the Rec. 19-05.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Fishery Act article 15.33.	Japan sets the domestic catch limit according to the Rec. 19-05.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	The Fisheries Agency of Japan (FAJ) instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs all fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, FAJ sends a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs all fishermen to follow the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1 and to equip a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter with their vessels. In addition, FAJ sends a manual which describes procedures for safe handling of marlins as specified in Annex 1 to all fishermen every year.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area. Fishery Act article 15.33	FAJ instructs fishermen to retain blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish on board only when fish is dead or extremely weakened at haul-back. In addition, Japan sets the domestic catch limit in accordance with Rec. 19-05. Japan prohibits all fishermen to catch and retain onboard blue marlin and/or white marlin/roundscale spearfish when the total amount of landing is approaching the catch limit for each species.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Japan does not prohibit dead discards of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	The Ministerial Order 14 and 26.	The Ministerial Order 14 and 26 require all tuna vessels operating in the ICCAT Convention area to submit catch report to FAJ, which includes the number and weight of the catch by species, the numbers of hooks etc. Biological data, such as length of fish caught, is collected by scientific observers.

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					FAJ submitted Task 1 Nominal catch data including estimates of total dead and live discards on 12/07/2024.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Japan does not have any recreational and sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Japan provides, in its national report, the information on how to comply with the catch limit established by the Recommendation.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Japan does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Japan does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area. Thus, this provision is not applicable to Japan.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		The data for 2023 was submitted on 12/07/2024

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	Administrative instruction for the Operation of Far Seas Tuna Longliners in the ICCAT Convention area.	FAJ instructs fishermen to release billfishes without hurting when they are not retained.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Japan collects data on catches of sailfish by observers and reports the data annually through Task 1 and Task 2.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		Japan has reported its data collection programs such as national observer programmes including through its national report.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	No operator, etc. of a distant water fisheries business shall engage in any of the following activities related to serious violations in overseas waters: ... 8. Fisheries in violation of conservation and management measures of an RFMO in the areas under the purview of such RFMO;
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water	

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		of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		Fishery Operators to Observe)	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		Korea is collecting and analyzing relevant data and information including historical release/discard statistics, fishing gears used and handling practices onboard. Any progress in this work will be reported to the Commission in due course.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Korean longline vessels may catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead provided that daily catch reports and transshipment/landing reports are submitted to the relevant authority of Korea in a timely manner.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be	No		

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		applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		Korea is not a developing coastal CPC.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational or sport fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Korea could not get observers on board in 2021 due to Covid-19. No dead discard of blue marlin and white marline was reported in 2021.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Korea does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels make mandatory daily catch reports, including discard/release data, through electronic reporting system. FMC of Korea receives transshipment/landing reports prior to and after completion of such activities. Korea analyzes all available information including catch reports, transshipment reports and landing reports.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Korea does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or	Yes	We submitted on 28 July 2022. Distant Water Fisheries Development Act	

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		equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?		Article 16 (Reporting on Results of Fishing Operations)	
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act Article 13 (Rules for Distant Water Fishery Operators to Observe)	Distant Water Fisheries Development Act of Korea requires all Korean distant water fishing vessels to comply with measures adopted by RFMOs. The vessels must release all blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish that are alive by the time of boarding in a manner that maximizes their survival. Korean longline vessels are encouraged to use circle hooks and almost all of the vessels are using circle hooks.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	We submitted on 28 July 2022	
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	Please find Section 2 of Annual Report.	

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of	No		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.

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		the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Liberia does not have any flag tuna vessels.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Liberia has no pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal,	Yes		Liberia submitted its Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.

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		subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Liberia does not have flag tuna vessels. However, catches from the small-scale fisheries was submitted by Liberia in Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		Liberia only has 22 recreational vessels that are periodically used for leisure activities in the dry season. These vessels are required to report their catches.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."	No		Liberia has not established its own minimum sizes for retention, but required all its recreational vessels to not retained length that is less than 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	2019 Fisheries and Aquaculture Management and Development Law	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Liberia has Fisheries Inspectors assigned to landing sites to ensure compliance.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		Liberia has Fisheries Enumerators that collect data from the small-scale fisheries.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic	Yes		Liberia encourages its small-scale fishers to use circle hook. Liberia does not have longline fishery.

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		sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Catches from the small-scale fisheries was submitted by Liberia in Task 1 and Task 2 on the 18 July 2023.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Liberia has described its data collection program before to ICCAT Secretariat. Liberia is using ODK system installed on mobile phone to collect data.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya

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		handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/round scale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/round scale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in programs their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya

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		accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.	No		No Billfish fisheries in Libya

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		Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?			

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin. Regarding annual landing limits, Mexico would either apply or not apply the adjustment years in the event that they are exceeded, and in this case the Commission would be timely notified.

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19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought along side the vessel may be retained. Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained”. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.</p>	Yes	<p>Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in waters under federal jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea (published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on 16 April 2014).</p> <p>(http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014).</p>	<p>Among its regulatory provisions, the NOM establishes the following:</p> <p>4.7 Species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only and exclusively species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained.</p> <p>Official implementation of the lifting and cutting mechanism for bolts and other</p>

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					<p>attachments for release of organisms entails additional costs for producers and officially there are no economic resources earmarked or programmes for such purpose. Additionally, as a matter of regulatory policy, costs of regulatory compliance over and above the current costs cannot be passed onto owners.</p>
19-05	6	<p>CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.</p>	Yes	<p>Mexican Official Standard (NOM) NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in waters under federal jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea (published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on 16 April 2014).</p> <p>(http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014).</p>	<p>Among its regulatory provisions, the NOM establishes the following:</p> <p>4.7 Species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only and exclusively species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained.</p> <p>Official implementation of the lifting and cutting mechanism for bolts and other attachments for release of organisms entails additional costs for producers and officially there are no economic resources earmarked or programmes for such purpose. Additionally, as a matter of regulatory policy, costs of regulatory compliance over and above the current costs cannot be passed onto owners.</p>
19-05	7	<p>“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”</p>	Yes	<p>Mexican Official Standard “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on 16 April 2014).</p> <p>(http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014)</p>	<p>Among its regulatory provisions, the NOM establishes the following: Paragraph 4.2 of NOM-23 establishes that “commercial longline tuna fishing may only be carried out with large vessels, operating one surface drift tuna longline per vessel. The characteristics of authorised longlines are as follows:</p> <p>a) Maximum length of 60,000 metres B) 100% circle hooks No. 16/0 c) A maximum of 800 hooks per longline”. The use of circle</p>

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained”. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained”. This is monitored through an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on the catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and</p>	<p>Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Furthermore, paragraph 4.7 of NOM-023/PESC-2014 establishes that “species of marlin (genera <i>Makaira</i> and <i>Tetrapturus</i>), sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) and swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) that are taken as</p>

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).	Article 2 of the agreement establishes that - for longline tuna fleets operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) taken as bycatch during tuna fishing operations must be released in good conditions of survival. Only species that are already dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF). Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of our longline tuna fishing trips in the Gulf of Mexico. The corresponding data includes information on catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards, which can be used to monitor the status of highly migratory fishing resources, including white and blue marlin, with the aim of not exceeding landing limits.

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019 (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>On 25 November 2013 the "MODIFICATION to the Mexican Official Standard NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995" (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013) was published in the DOF.</p>	Mexico designates 9 species exclusively for sport fishing in a 50-nautical mile coastal strip, measured from the line used to measure the territorial sea: 6 of these are billfishes (including 4 different species of marlin; sailfish and swordfish) and 3 similar species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish), within a 50-nautical mile strip from the base line used to measure the territorial sea.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea for 2019 (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>On 25 November 2013 the "MODIFICATION to the Mexican Official Standard NOM-017-PESC-1994, to regulate recreational/sport fishing activities in waters of the United Mexican States, published on 9 May 1995" (http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5323155&fecha=25/11/2013) was published in the DOF.</p>	Mexico designates 9 species exclusively for sport fishing in a 50-nautical mile coastal strip, measured from the line used to measure the territorial sea: 6 of these are billfishes (including 4 different species of marlin; sailfish and swordfish) and 3 similar species (streaked prochilod, roosterfish and dolphinfish), within a 50-nautical mile strip from the base line used to measure the territorial sea. Significant progress has been made in encouraging and regulating sport/recreational fishing. The entire fishing permit application process is carried out electronically. Touristic sport/recreational fishing service providers must present a fishing logbook, where they report any operational incidents and the number of fish caught.

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19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p>	<p>In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>Article 55, part XI of the General Law on Sustainable Fishing and Aquaculture (LGPAS)</p>	<p>Another of the measures adopted by Mexico to help the blue and white marlin species recover is the sanctions on the sale of these species caught in sport/recreational fishing, based on Article 55, part XI of the General Law on Sustainable Fishing and Aquaculture (LGPAS), which establishes that the Department of Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Food (LGPAS) will revoke the license or permit of any holder that sells sport/recreational catches under any legal title.</p>
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	<p>Mexico fulfills the obligations assumed within the framework of ICCAT by including this information in the National Report.</p>	<p>Each year, Mexico complies with the management measures established by ICCAT, and monitoring of compliance is reviewed in conjunction with the COC Chair and Secretariat staff.</p>	<p>Mexico fulfills the obligations assumed within the framework of ICCAT by including this information in the National Report.</p>

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19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage in fishing trips.	Work continues in coordination with artisanal fisheries to establish whether they record bycatch of these species.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Information regarding fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin is presented in the National Report.	Work continues in coordination with artisanal fisheries to establish whether they record bycatch of these species.
19-05	14	<p>"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process"</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the "Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019" (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) "NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea" (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	Mexico has presented information as requested by the Commission. In particular, catch, fishing effort and size data are provided for Task 1 and Task 2, and dead discards and live releases are reported. Mexico does not estimate this information, but rather directly quantifies the data through the observer program, with 100% coverage in fishing trips.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the official Gazette of the federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF.</p>	In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.

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16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>On 10 May 2019, the “Agreement to establish catch limits for the exploitation of blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus</i> spp) in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea in 2019” (https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5559945&fecha=10/05/2019) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (DOF).</p> <p>Furthermore, on 16 April 2014 the Mexican Official Standard (NOM) “NOM-023-SAG/PESC-2014, which regulates the exploitation of tuna species by longline vessels in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea” (http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5341045&fecha=16/04/2014) was published in the DOF</p>	<p>In order to fulfill the agreement and the NOM, we have an onboard observer program in 100% of fishing trips. The corresponding data regarding catch retained on board, live releases and dead discards can be used to monitor the status.</p>

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 23 November 1973 which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Official Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented.</p> <p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>Landing limits concerning blue marlin are applicable for Morocco.</p> <p>However, following a blue marlin overage recorded in 2018, Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>Total landings of white marlin /<i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> (combined) for Morocco (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) are within the applicable limit contained in paragraph 1.</p> <p>However, Morocco has also prohibited fishing for the white marlin/roundscale spearfish for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.</p>

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Morocco takes all the measures necessary to ensure that all blue marlin and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> that are alive at the time of boarding are released into the water in a manner that maximizes their chances of survival.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation. Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.	Morocco encourages fishing masters to safely and promptly release into the water live individuals of marlin taken as bycatch.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		The Department of Maritime Fisheries, through its Directorate of Maritime Training for Seafarers and Rescuers, provides training and outreach sessions for masters and fishers on identification of marlin species and techniques for their release into the water.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The Department encourages operators to promptly release individuals of live marlin taken as bycatch so as to maximise their chances of survival.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illicit, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending and supplementing Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	Morocco has prohibited catching, retaining onboard, transshipping and landing of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish fishery by the entire fleet for a period of 5 years as from November 2022.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973), which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	Dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i> are prohibited.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973), which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	Morocco has prohibited any catch of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973), which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this law is in the process of being published.</p> <p>Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.</p>
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Any by-catch taken by artisanal fisheries will be recorded by means of fisher surveys at the time of landing. In 2023, Morocco developed a statistical methodology validated by the SCRS that makes it possible to estimate the total discards of all tuna and related species, including marlin species (SCRS/2023/132) SCRS/2024/169).
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.	The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.

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19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.</p> <p>Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.</p>
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.</p> <p>Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for local consumption, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>The implementing text of this Law is in the process of being published.</p>

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	<p>Dahir regarding Law No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation (Official Gazette No. 3187), as amended and supplemented.</p> <p>Dahir No. 1-14-95 of 12 rejeb 1435 (12 May 2014) on enactment of Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures</p> <p>The Department of Maritime Fisheries has strengthened the control infrastructure at seas, in ports and on landing. Therefore, the marlin species fishery has a control infrastructure, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Control at landing ports, fishing sites and fish markets. - Vessel control by satellite (positioning and tracking device “VMS”). - At sea control of vessels is carried out by the control authorities. - A system of reporting of catches on landing and monitoring of trade flow through the catch certification procedure. <p>To ensure effective catch monitoring, including for marlin species, the Fisheries Department has also invested since 2011 in a wholly computerised catch certification process, which ensures full traceability from landing to export. Computerisation of the process enables information on catch flow to be made available and better exploitation for more effective and efficient control and verification, with the overall objective of deterring illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the	Morocco has prohibited fishing for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, even for the artisanal fisheries, for a period of 5 years as from November 2020.

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				<p>maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 on temporary prohibition on fishing for blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in Moroccan maritime waters.</p>	
19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p> <p>Decree No. 2707-20 of 9 November 2020 regarding the temporary ban on fishing blue marlin (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>) and white marlin (<i>Tetrapturus spp</i>) in the territorial waters of Morocco.</p>	<p>Annual submission of Task 1 and 2 data in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures.</p> <p>An estimate of any live discards by the artisanal fisheries will be recorded through a survey programme and reported to ICCAT as part of the alternative approach (SCRS/2023/132).</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>Annual submission of Task 1 and 2 data.</p> <p>An estimate of any releases of these species will be made as part of the alternative approach developed by Morocco and validated by the SCRS (SCRS/2023/132).</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>Artisanal fisheries do not fish for sailfish in national waters. No bycatch has been reported or observed for these species.</p> <p>If sailfish are taken as bycatch, Task 1 and Task 2 statistics will be submitted annually with Task 1 and Task 2 data, in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures. Any live discards of these species will be recorded as part of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco in 2023.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>Artisanal fisheries do not fish for sailfish in national waters. No bycatch has been reported or observed.</p> <p>If sailfish are taken as bycatch, Task 1 and Task 2 statistics will be submitted annually with Task 1 and Task 2 data, in accordance with the requirements of the ICCAT data reporting procedures.</p> <p>Any live discards of these species will be recorded as part of the alternative approach implemented by Morocco in 2023.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	N/A	<p>Law No. 15-12 on the prevention and fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which amends and supplements Dahir No. 1-73-255 of 27 chaoual 1393 (23 November 1973) which establishes the maritime fisheries regulation.</p>	<p>No sailfish bycatch has been recorded in 2023. A survey programme aimed at the artisanal fleet is implemented in landing ports for recording any live releases of these species and estimate the total quantities.</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Namibia reported 8.34 tons for blue marlin in the Task 1 data.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Namibia has not exceeded the landing limits for white marlin/roundscale spearfish during the 2022 fishing season.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	The Namibian domestic law requires vessels to move away from an area if their bycatch exceeds 15% of target species, thus quarterly catches for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are always monitored through the landing returns. The domestic law further prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources	The Namibian domestic law requires vessels to move away from an area if their bycatch exceeds 15% of target species, thus

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		specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		Regulations of & 07 December 2007	quarterly catches for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish are always monitored through the landing returns. The domestic law further prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	STCW95 Basic Safety Training Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law requires for Captains and crew members to have adequate safety training certificates
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, tranship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia does not allow transshipment, however when within landing limits of blue and white marlin are retained on board until landed. Landing limits are controlled through monthly catch returns provided by captains.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 7 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade.

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		No additional information was provided besides the required Task 1 and Task 2 data that was submitted on 31 July 2023.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all large pelagic species.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 07 December 2007	Namibia under its domestic law prohibits dead discards and does not allow trade. All catches reported in Task 1 Nominal data is what was landed.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all large pelagic species (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all large pelagic species, hence no tournaments authorized (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork	N/A		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all large pelagic species (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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		Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Namibia does not have a recreational and sport fishery for all large pelagic species (i.e., blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Marine Resources Act of 27 of 2000 and Marine Resources Regulations of & 7 December 2007.	Namibia's entire fisheries are managed through the domestic laws and all fisheries vessels are required to comply to measures set.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Namibia does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		Namibia does not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data on 31 July 2023.

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		submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	N/A		Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels. If observed or reported, Namibia will comply with the recommendation.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	N/A		Namibia has not observed or reported any catches of the Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) on its vessels. If observed or reported, Namibia will comply with the recommendation.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		The Annual Report has an outline of how Namibia collects data.

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	N/A		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/dCPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caughtisgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	9	<p>"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries."</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Nicaragua does not prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries:</p> <p>a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		Nicaragua has no sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		In 2020, Nicaragua's tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Nicaragua has no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish. Therefore, no national laws or regulations for billfish species have been implemented to date.
19-05	16	Does the CPC have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Nicaragua has no industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch billfish.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: ...</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).
16-11	3	<p>“CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation”</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		In 2020, Nicaragua’s tuna fleet did not operate and there are no other fisheries - industrial, artisanal or recreational - that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No	No regulations or domestic laws for this because its not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No	No regulations or domestic laws for this because its not a targeted fisheries and there has been no record of its landing at any point	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No	No record of the blue marlin fish, hence no regulations or domestic laws	No pelagic longline vessels in the country because all our vessels are shrimping vessels
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release	No	No regulations or domestic laws to support it	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation

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		procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	No regulations or domestic laws	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	No regulations or domestic laws	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No	No laws/regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	No	No laws/ regulations	This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish,	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue

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		<p>based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>			marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		This is because it is not a targeted species for Nigeria and there has been no record of landing of blue marlin from the catch reporting system of the nation

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Name of CPC: NORWAY (2024)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Blue marlin is not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits of Atlantic blue marlin.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		White marlin is not found in Norwegian waters and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Hence, Norway is within the landing limits of Atlantic white marlin.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, and there have been no landings of blue marlin in Norwegian ports from any fishery. Thus, the landing limits has not been approached, and there has not been a need to take appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 4.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving	No	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater	Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.

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		due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing and sales documents.	Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 5.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.	Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If Norwegian vessels start to get by-catch of marlins, Norway will consider including appropriate measures in accordance with Rec. 19-05 paragraph 6.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		No blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and	No		There is a general requirement in the Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) and the Regulations relating

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		<p>that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			<p>to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48) that all dead or dying fish be landed. However, since blue and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, the general requirement does not include blue and white marlins.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. The Norwegian ICCAT fishery does only take place in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian ICCAT fishery.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		<p>No. blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters. Hence, Norway has no recreational and sport fisheries targeting marlins.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	Yes	<p>Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)</p> <p>The Norwegian Regulations on an Electronic Reporting System (logbook requirements) Regulations relating to landing- and sales documents.</p>	<p>Not applicable. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.</p> <p>Norwegian vessels are required to report on all by-catch. If a Norwegian vessel catches marlin, Norway will report these catches to ICCAT.</p> <p>The national observers on board the Norwegian vessels fishing for BFT shall report on all bycatches, also including live releases.</p>
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	<p>Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white</p>

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					marlin/spearfish from the recreational fisheries.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational fisheries.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater Fisheries (Section 48)	<p>N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational fisheries.</p> <p>Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a minimum size requirement consistent with the minimum size in Rec. 19-05 para 11b).</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		<p>N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish in the Norwegian recreational and sport fishery.</p> <p>Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, Norway will implement a no sale provision in the recreational and sport fisheries consistent with Rec. 19-05 para 11c).</p>
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT</p>	Yes	Norwegian Marine Resources Act (Section 15) Regulations relating to Seawater	<p>Yes, Norway provides the information in this check sheet.</p> <p>However, blue marlin and white marlin are not found</p>

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		<p>Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>		Fisheries (Section 48)	<p>in Norwegian waters. Norway does not implement domestic law or regulations on species which are not found in their own waters.</p> <p>Norway has a landing obligation for dead or dying fish. Should blue marlin and/or white marlin/spearfish enter Norwegian waters, the regulation will be changed so that the measures in Rec. 19-05 are implemented. Information on these measures will be provided to ICCAT in the billfish check sheet.</p>
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		No. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		N/A. Blue marlin and white marlin are not found in Norwegian waters.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		Yes. Norway submitted the Task 1 and 2 data to ICCAT 21/06/2021. No bycatch of blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish has been recorded in the Norwegian fishery.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such</p>	No		<p>a) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.</p> <p>b) No. No Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area.</p> <p>Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, thus there are no catches of this species in Norwegian waters.</p>

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		measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		No. As Atlantic sailfish is not found in Norwegian waters, and no Norwegian vessels catch Atlantic sailfish in the Convention area, there are not any data to collect. Norway does not have a data collection programme for this species.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	Retained and landed products, if any, will be counted within the maximum limit established for Panama and reported in the compliance tables. Panama complies with the 10 t limit for dead blue marlin specimens. Panamanian-flagged vessels are encouraged to release live specimens, taking into account their safety and the minimum standards for safe handling and release procedures. From 2024, they must also be reported in fishing logbooks.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	Retained and landed products, if any, will be counted within the maximum limit established for Panama and reported in the compliance tables.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	The guidelines emanating from the Commission's recommendations are elevated, as well as any instructions that, in accordance with the Commission's work, are provided.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 2 of 16 February 2012. Digital Official Gazette No. 27045 of Wednesday 30 May 2012. Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the	Panama has established procedures and requirements that must be respected in order to authorise longline or purse seine vessels to retain and land these by-catch species that are dead, within established limits.

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				International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	<p>Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/</p> <p>Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/</p>	Dead discards of these species are not prohibited. All retained and landed products shall be counted within the maximum limits established for Panama.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetoficial.gob.pa/gacetos/23361_1997.pdf</p> <p>Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_l=nd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhiGxpYmVyYWNpb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBliuJ3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDAuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwClBgGS BwCgB_oc&client=gws-wiz-serp</p>	<p>Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is of a subsistence and artisanal nature and is not able to catch these species, as the fishing gear is rudimentary and is mainly used to catch lobsters.</p> <p>The prohibition on retaining these species for all commercial fishing vessels in national waters is also established by decree.</p>

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetetas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAXWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxn3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNpb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBluij3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGS BwCgB_oc&slclient=gws-wiz-serp	Panama has measures limiting fishing activities on these species. Work is currently underway on a draft proposal to update the current regulations.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/ Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/ Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 15 of 21 May 2019.	Captains and on-board observer programmes on vessels operating in the convention area are obliged to collect information related to these species either in their logbooks or observer reports. Adjustments have progressively been made to the logbook format for collecting data on live and dead discards, which is mandatory for the entire longline fleet.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes	Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetetas/23361_1997.pdf Good practice guide for sport fishing.	There is only one non-commercial sport fishery in Panama's exclusive economic zone and the only interaction with this species is catch-and-release fishing. Retention of this species is not permitted.

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19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes.</p> <p>https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetatas/23361_1997.pdf</p> <p>Good practice guide for sport fishing.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWVWYWNpb24gZGUGcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBliuJ3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGS BwCgB_oc&scient=gws-wiz-serp</p>	<p>There is currently no observer programme for sport fishing; however, since this activity is only carried out occasionally and as catch-and-release, work is still under way to improve data collection by recording videos of releases and updating the current regulations in order to cover this section.</p>
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes.</p> <p>https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetatas/23361_1997.pdf</p> <p>Good practice guide for sport fishing.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAxWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWVWYWNpb24gZGUGcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBliuJ3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGS BwCgB_oc&scient=gws-wiz-serp</p>	<p>Sport and recreational fisheries are prohibited from retaining these species; only catch-and-release fishing is allowed.</p>

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes.</p> <p>https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/23361_1997.pdf</p>	Sport and recreational fisheries are prohibited from retaining these species; only catch-and-release fishing is allowed.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Panama provides a detailed explanation of the implementation of the measures in the Billfish Implementation Check Sheet.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes.</p> <p>https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/23361_1997.pdf</p> <p>Good practice guide for sport fishing.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAXWcSjABHVNIJ0Q4</p>	This activity for the inland service fleet is reserved for sport fishing only, for non-commercial recreational purposes.

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19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	N/A	<p>Executive Decree No. 33 of 20 August 1997. Panama Official Gazette No. 23361 of Monday 25 August 1997. Fishing of these species is reserved for sport fishing for non-commercial recreational purposes. https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/23361_1997.pdf</p> <p>Good practice guide for sport fishing. https://www.google.com/search?q=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&sca_esv=5fe8c4351a73d6cd&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1YTUH_esPA1035PA1035&ei=YCGNZsObGZyVwbkP08qB6Ak&ved=0ahUKEwjDy6XU75mHAXWcSjABHVNIAJ0Q4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=Mar+viva+liberacion+de+picudos&gs_lp=Egxn3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiHk1hciB2aXZhlGxpYmVyYWNPb24gZGUgcGljdWRvc0jKVCYBlIUj3AGeACQAQCYAZMBoAH0E6oBBDuMTm4AQP IAQD4AQGYAgCgAgCYAwCIBgGS BwCgB_oc&scient=gws-wiz-serp</p>	<p>Small-scale coastal fishing in the Panamanian Caribbean is of a subsistence and artisanal nature and is not able to catch these species, as the fishing gear is rudimentary and is mainly used to catch lobsters.</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		<p>There is only one non-commercial sport fishery in Panama's exclusive economic zone and the only interaction with this species is catch-and-release fishing. Retention of this species is not permitted.</p> <p>If a tournament of this kind is held, the information will be provided in compliance with the established procedures.</p>

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: ... (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 49 of 5 October 2021. https://arap.gob.pa/resoluciones-administrativas/</p> <p>Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/</p>	As of September 2023, Panamanian-flagged vessels are prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping and landing, in whole or in part, sailfish.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>Technical Circular No. 50-2023 Compliance with reporting for target, non-target and by-catch species to IATTC and ICCAT. https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/</p> <p>Technical Circular No. 66-2023 on compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). https://arap.gob.pa/circulares-tecnicas/</p>	Efforts have been made to improve the logbook format for reporting discards and releases of billfish in the longline fleet, as well as compliance with on-board observer coverage in this fleet.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Panama has a catch monitoring programme for tropical tunas and related species, which establishes the mechanism for data collection and catch estimates.</p> <p>Generally speaking, the following mechanisms are in place and mandatory for all international fishing vessels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a satellite monitoring system in place. - Keep a fishing logbook. - Landing declaration.

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					<p>- Note of sale or receipt at the plant for each landing.</p> <p>These provide data on retained and landed catches and fishing effort.</p> <p>The above information and data obtained from independent programmes such as on-board observers and port sampling provide data on size composition, interactions, discards and releases.</p>

Billfish implementation Check Sheet

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>Section 32 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine-flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>SEC. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, That they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department: Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, That landing ports</p>	The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.

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				<p>established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, That fishworkers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal states.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	Same as above	The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.
19-05	4	<p>"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."</p>	N/A (Not applicable)	Same as above	The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes	Same above	<p>The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.</p> <p>Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control, and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal states.</p>
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Same as above	<p>The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.</p> <p>Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control, and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States. As a matter of recent practice, the captain and crew members undertake pre-departure seminars.</p>
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Same as above	<p>The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.</p> <p>Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a Convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal states. As a matter of recent practice, the captain</p>

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					and crew member undertake pre-departure seminars.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Same as above	The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches. Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control, and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes	Same as above	<p>The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of convention and therefore did not have any catches.</p> <p>Nevertheless, all Philippine flagged fishing vessels where they are active inside a convention area where the Philippines is a member shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>Since this recommendation is a prohibition, the Philippine-flagged fishing vessel is prohibited from dead discards.</p>
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures	N/A (Not applicable)		“N/A”, Philippines is not a coastal State in the ICCAT Convention area.

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		taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		"N/A", Philippines did not have an active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present in ICCAT convention area and therefore did not have recreational or sports fishing.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		The Philippines did not have an active fleet from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT area of Convention and therefore did not have any catches.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Philippines did not have an active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT Convention area and therefore did not have recreational or sports fishing.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	<p>Sections 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine-flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>SEC. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the</p>	The Philippines has a catch documentation system in place.

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				<p>Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, That they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department: Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, That landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, That fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal states.</p> <p>SEC. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points,</p>	

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				and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/or other disposals. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel's captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.	
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A (Not applicable)		The Philippines did not have an active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT Convention area and therefore did not have recreational or sports fishing.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A (Not applicable)		The Philippines did not have an active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present in the ICCAT Convention area. Therefore, it did not have any fisheries that interacted with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish).
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Sections 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member.	

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				<p>The provision reads as follows: SEC. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, that they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department: Provided, further, that the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, that landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, That fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers. Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control, and surveillance requirements,</p>	

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				<p>conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal states.</p> <p>SEC. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.</p>	
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Philippines is not a coastal state within the ICCAT Convention area and therefore does not have artisanal/small scale fisheries in the Convention area.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		Philippines confirms that it does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area and therefore did not have any fisheries that interacted with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish).
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes	Section 32 and 38 of the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act Number 8550), as amended by Republic Act Number 10654 contains the provision which requires Philippine flagged fishing vessels that are defined as part of the distant water fishing fleet to comply with conservation and	

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				<p>management measures of regional fisheries management organizations where the Philippines is a member. The provision reads as follows:</p> <p>SEC. 32. Distant Water Fishing. – Fishing vessels of Philippine registry may engage in distant water fishing as defined in this Code: Provided, That they comply with the safety, manning and other requirements of the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Industry Authority and other agencies concerned: Provided, however, That they secure a fishing permit, gear license and other clearances from the Department: Provided, further, That the fish caught by such vessels shall be considered as caught in Philippine waters and therefore not subject to all import duties and taxes only when the same is landed in duly designated fish landings and fish ports in the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, that landing ports established by canneries, seafood processors and all fish landing sites established prior to the effectivity of this Code shall be considered authorized landing sites: Provided, finally, that fish workers on board Philippine registered fishing vessels conducting fishing activities beyond the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone are not considered as overseas Filipino workers.</p>	

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				<p>Distant water fishing vessels shall comply with the monitoring, control and surveillance requirements, conservation and management measures, and fishing access conditions of the Department, the RFMO, or other coastal States.</p> <p>SEC. 38. Reportorial Requirements. – Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR within the period prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.</p>	
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a</p>	Yes	Same as above	However, please take note that the Philippines did not have any active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present.

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		minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	Same as above	However, please take note that the Philippines did not have any active fleet in the Convention area from 2015 to the present.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	<p>Section 31. Reportorial Requirements and Catch Documentation. Each commercial fishing vessel shall keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/ or other disposal. Detailed information shall be duly certified by the vessel’s captain and transmitted to BFAR manually on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Failure to comply shall result to administrative and penal sanctions.</p> <p>The fishing log sheets, or daily record of fish catch shall be submitted to the BFAR Regional Office upon the completion of the fishing trip and the data therein shall be analyzed and used for fisheries management.</p>	<p>Please take note of the answer above.</p> <p>In addition, the latter provision is also being implemented through Section 31 of Fisheries Administrative Order Number 198-1 Series of 2018.</p>

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: RUSSIA (2024)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landing limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin. Therefore, no landing was carried out. Blue marlins are not found in bycatches.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Therefore, no landing was carried out. White marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in bycatches.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not carry out the specialized longline and purse seine fishery of blue marlin and white marlin /roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler by-catches.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins. Marlins are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of marlins/roundscale spearfish. Marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatches.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	Russia does not have pelagic longline and purse seine vessels. Russia does not carry out the specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatches.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	<p>Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.</p>	<p>There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatch.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A	<p>Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.</p>	<p>There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatch.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A	<p>Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.</p>	<p>There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	No	<p>Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the</p>	<p>There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins/roundscale spearfish are not found in trawler bycatch.</p>

				28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There are no recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the	There are no recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

				28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There is no specialized fishery of billfish. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There are no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There are no specialized artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to	There is no specialized fishery of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish. Blue marlins and white marlins are not found in trawler bycatch.

		Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?		implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission	There is no specialized fishery of Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>). Atlantic sailfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There is no specialized fishery of sailfish. Sailfish are not found in trawler bycatch.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes	Orders of the Federal Agency for Fishery of the Russian Federation after the ICCAT annual meetings and Order of the Federal Agency for Fishery No. 395 of 11 July 2024 on measures to implement the decisions of the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.	There are no ICCAT fisheries of Billfish. Russian observers annually collect data on by-catch during trawl fishing. Billfish are not found in trawler bycatch. Observer program is submitted to ICCAT (2 August).

Billfish Implementation Check Sheet

Name of CPC: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2024)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implemen- tation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Total landings: 8.98 tons. A Billfish Management Plan will be drafted and implemented.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26 ft pirogues.

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<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		The majority of the billfish were caught in the EEZ for local consumption by an artisanal fleet consisting of 26ft pirogues.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		The criteria in which the vessels can retain, tranship or land dead billfish within landing limits will be implemented.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these	Yes		Task 1 and Task 2 data submitted 2021/08/01.

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		CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Data collected via logbooks and scientific observer program. Scientific Observer placed on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently working on developing a methodology for estimating dead and live discards of marlins/ roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		A recreational or sport fishery does not exist.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Monitoring of logbooks and implementation of scientific observer program.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>A review will be made of the current measures so that new measures can be developed for the conservation of Atlantic sailfish in accordance with Recommendation 16-11.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>Data being reported as Task 1 and Task 2 data.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) a general statistical data collection system has been implemented to monitor the tuna fisheries as well as the demersal, conch and lobster fisheries. Data is collected from all landing sites using a cluster-stratified random sampling methodology. That</p>

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					<p>is, all landing sites are clustered into zones and then divided according to their status of importance (primary, secondary, tertiary). A system of stratified cluster sampling is then used to estimate catch and fishing effort for twenty-one landing sites on mainland St. Vincent. All species-specific landings are then raised on a monthly basis to estimate total landings.</p> <p>High seas</p> <p>The captain of each vessel maintains a log of the daily catch and transmits the data to the vessel owners. The data is then sent to the Fisheries Division for analysis. The logbooks capture information such as the position (latitude, longitude) of the vessel, date, numbers of fish caught, catch and effort (weight, species, hooks) and size (length frequency) data.</p> <p>- ICCAT Annual Report</p>

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Name of CPC: SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in			

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		Annex 1 , while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The existing dugout canoes are small and are not capable of doing this work.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		

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19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		We do not have any industrial fisheries.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that	N/A		

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		<p>meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>			
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	Yes		
19-05	16	<p>"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."</p>	Yes		We have inspectors at the different landing points who collect data every day and provide them to the Fisheries Directorate.
19-05	14	<p>"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer</p>	Yes		

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		reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes		
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		The data are submitted to ICCAT.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference. An in-port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the sport fishery action is being taken.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Monitoring of blue marlin catches is carried out by the scientific institute of reference. An in-port control and inspection system exists and is operative. For the recreational fishery action is being taken.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	N/A		Senegal was not near its landing limit.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	This decision provides for some handling and release obligations adequate for marlins but does not specify detailed procedures on this subject.

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Training courses are not yet operative.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Good practices remain to be promoted and disseminated among the crews.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is prohibited for longliners and purse seiners to target marlins. Vessels are required to land accidental catches of dead marlin.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these	N/A (not applicable)		The Senegalese artisanal fishery does not catch marlin.

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		CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	The guidelines are set out in the Decree transposing Rec. 19-05.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Decision No. 17451 of 21 April 2021 on transposition of ICCAT Recommendation 19-05.	It is an obligation under the Decision on transposition of ICCAT Rec. 19-05. The provisions of the Decision concern the logbook, establish the information to be included in the logbooks.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes, for blue marlin. No, for white marlin.		
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		No minimum scientific coverage, to be established by the regulations.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	No		The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		It is prohibited to sell catches from the sport/recreational fishery.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Law 2015-18 of 13 July 2015 and Decree 2016-1804.	The process to transpose the recommendation is underway.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		<p>A data collection programme for the artisanal fishery exists and covers these species.</p> <p>In addition, within the framework of EPBR, collection on size data of billfish landed has been strengthened at the main landing sites.</p> <p>See Annual Report transmitted on 16 September 2021.</p>
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as	Yes		

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		<p>part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>			
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>Sailfish are fished by part of the artisanal fishery. It is envisaged to strengthen the established data collection infrastructure to improve implementation of this requirement.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		Ongoing.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation. Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Data are provided through statistical forms, reports as well as collection programmes.</p>

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Name of CPC: REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE (2024)

<i>Rec. #</i>	<i>Para #</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status of implementation</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable, include text, references, or links where this information is codified)</i>	<i>Notes/explanations</i>
19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		Catch data of blue marlin has never been reported or collected.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Catch data of white marlin has never been reported or collected.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Sierra Leone is not a flag state.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	Yes		Sierra Leone law prohibits the retention of marlin on board and if caught, it should be released.

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		Sierra Leone is not a flag State, and does not involve marine fisheries.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes		Sierra Leone is not a flag state, but endeavours to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Sierra Leone is not a flag state and does not involve marine fisheries.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Sierra Leone is not a flag state but prohibits dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal	N/A		Sierra Leone is not a flag State, and does not involve marine fisheries.

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		fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Sierra Leone is not a flag State, and does not involve marine fisheries.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Sierra Leone is not a flag state and does not involve marine fisheries.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish marlin/roundscale spearfish).
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.” Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes		Sierra Leone does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Data collection on marlin has not been started yet.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Sierra Leone has no data on marlin.
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		Sierra Leone has no data on marlin.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that	Yes		Sierra Leone is not a flag State to report data on these species.

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		management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."			
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process." Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		No data on sailfish, data collection has not started yet.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programs and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programs?	Yes		Plan is ongoing to start data collection at the artisanal sector on tuna and tuna-like species. Proposal developed to be forwarded to ICCAT for financial assistance.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board. Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that “Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins.”
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	No discarding of dead tuna, swordfish or designated secondary species at sea shall be permitted and only live fish may be returned to sea, except in certain specified cases where species are prohibited from being landed or retained on board. Discards as well as release data and details regarding

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Not applicable	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	All operators are required to record daily catches in the onboard logbook. The logbooks capture estimated round and dressed weight (species dependent) of all fish retained per day, the geographical coordinates (1 × 1 degree blocks), gear used and bait used (live bait, fresh or frozen).
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).

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19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Does not have any recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish).
19-05	23	"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet." Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	South African Domestic Legislation stipulates that "Marlins (Black, Blue, Stripped and White) shall not be retained on board the vessel, West of 20 degrees. The Permit Holder shall encourage the crew to release live marlins."
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Only the Large Pelagic Longline fishing sector interact with Marlins and as indicated above, the operators are not permitted to retain Marlins on board.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Only the Large Pelagic Longline fishing sector interact with Marlins and as indicated above, the operators are not permitted to retain Marlins on board.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent	Yes		All the information is submitted as part of ICCAT Data Exchange Submission (Task 1 & Task 2), where applicable submitted on 16 July 2024.

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		document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Sailfish are designated as secondary species in the Tuna Longline sector. As such, there's little or no interaction with them.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook. Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	Large Pelagic Longline Permit Conditions	Actual weights (offload weights) of all fish landed have to be reported in the catch statistics logbook. Discards as well as release data and details regarding the release condition must be filled in the logbooks.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of blue marlin was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of White marlin /roundscale spearfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria

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		least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”			
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational and sport fisheries in Syria

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19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessels not targeting Billfish species. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syrian vessel only targeting small pelagic species. no catch of Bill fish was recorded previously
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	Syria does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No recreational or sport fisheries in Syria. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously

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		assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No catch of Sailfish was recorded previously in Syria.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No Sailfish fisheries in Syria. No catch of Sailfish was recorded previously in Syria.
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No	Billfish Regulations (General Commission for Fisheries Resources)	No Billfish fisheries in Syria. No catch of Billfish was recorded previously in Syria.

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Name of CPC: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (2024)

Updated general note to 'No' responses: Trinidad and Tobago's fisheries legislation (Fisheries Act) is outdated. Its scope is narrow and does not allow for the making of regulations to facilitate compliance with many of ICCAT's conservation and management measures.

New legislation, the Fisheries Management Bill (FMB), was developed under an FAO-funded project to facilitate, *inter alia*, the implementation of the country's international obligations as a coastal, flag, port and market State.

The FMB was laid in Parliament in August 2020 and subsequently in October 2020. It underwent a subsequent review process by a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee that included public consultation and amendment of the FMB, which was completed in July 2023. Due to the substantive changes proposed, the FMB was approved by Cabinet in September 2023 for a final round of consultations between 5 and 15 November 2023, before it is laid in Parliament. Following the stakeholder consultations in November 2023 the Fisheries Division is engaged in the review of extensive comments, the last of which are expected to be submitted by a key stakeholder before the end of 2024. Following review of the comments, any required drafting/re-drafting will be undertaken by the office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel. The Bill will then be submitted to the Legislation Review Committee of the Cabinet.

Draft Regulations were developed to facilitate implementation of the registration and licensing system, and monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		It is highly unlikely that Trinidad and Tobago's blue marlin landings limit would have been exceeded in 2021 based on the total landings that it is estimated would result from the 2021 landings of the non-artisanal longline fleet plus historical landings of the artisanal fleet. The export of blue marlin is regulated under a Trade Ordinance. The Fisheries Division is responsible for recommendation of the granting of trade licences for food fish (fresh/chilled/frozen) to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.	No		It is highly unlikely that Trinidad and Tobago's blue marlin landings limit would have been exceeded in 2021 based on the total landings that it is estimated would result from the 2021 landings of the non-artisanal longline fleet plus

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		Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?			historical landings of the artisanal fleet. The export of blue marlin is regulated under a Trade Ordinance. The Fisheries Division is responsible for recommendation of the granting of trade licences for food fish (fresh/chilled/frozen) to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	No		See general note above.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	No		See general note above.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		See general note above.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavour to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		See general note above.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to	No		See general note above.

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		catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.			
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		Trinidad and Tobago does not prohibit dead discard of blue marlin or white marlin/spearfish.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	No		Trinidad and Tobago submitted Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	No		See general note above.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		In 2023 fishing operations of the non-artisanal longline fleet will be monitored through a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) which is being implemented via an agreement among Collecte Localisation Satellites System (CLS), the Trinidad and Tobago Longliners' Association, the Ministry of National Security and the

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					Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries. The VMS will be fully operational from January 2023, however, at present 19 of the 24 operational non-artisanal longliners have been outfitted with the VMS hardware and software and are already utilising the system. The VMS includes an electronic logbook component which is currently being updated by CLS and will be implemented in 2023.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	No		It is intended that an Observer Programme will also be implemented for the non-artisanal longline fleet. One trial Observer-monitored trip was completed in September 2022 as a fact-finding mission. It is recognised, however, that several of Trinidad and Tobago’s non-artisanal longliners may not be equipped to accommodate Observers and thus preliminary talks have begun between the vessel owners and the Fisheries Division on the implementation of an Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) for such longliners. Onboard camera systems have been identified on two vessels thus far.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	No		Tournaments targeting blue marlin and white marlin implement minimum size restrictions by weight.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	No		The major game fishing association in the country has agreed to prohibit the sale of blue marlin or white marlin at its tournaments – four of the six annual tournaments targeting pelagic species.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Updated information has been included in Trinidad and Tobago’s 2022 Annual Report.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		<p>1) Artisanal multi-gear fishery</p> <p>2) Recreational fishery</p>
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	Yes		<p>The Fisheries Division implements:</p> <p>1) A landing site sampling programme for the artisanal multi-gear fleet. Resulting from a change in administrative policy that began in October 2015, the Division is experiencing a lack of human resource capacity which has negated representative coverage of landing sites. The Division is involved in active engagement with the administration on the necessity to expand the Division’s human resource capacity. Under a government-funded project IT-related and other equipment was procured to enhance and modernize the ICT capacity of the Fisheries Division and three (3) persons were hired to implement the preservation</p>

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					<p>of historical fish catch and effort records. Currently there are no biological data collection programme in place covering the artisanal multi-gear fleet.</p> <p>The Ministry began participating in the 5-year project “GCP/INT/228/JPN – Fisheries Management and Marine Conservation within a Changing Ecosystem” in mid-2016. Under the project a fisheries management information system (FisMIS) relational database was developed with the support of the FAO. The database was deployed in Trinidad in 2020 and the process of testing and fixing bugs is in progress. Activities undertaken to date include data entry and data verification in the vessel registry component of the database and import of artisanal catch and effort data into the landings component of the database. Training of fisheries and IT personnel in R was also conducted.</p> <p>A draft report on the review of the current fisheries data collection and statistical systems – which was conducted jointly under projects GCP/INT/228/JPN and GCP/SLC/202/SCF – was developed and includes recommendations for improving the data collection systems for the artisanal and non-artisanal fleets. These recommendations are aligned with those presented by Dr Freddy Arocha on improvement of Trinidad and Tobago’s data collection for ICCAT species (Arocha 2014), and will be prioritised for implementation based on resource availability. As</p>

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					<p>follow-up to the review of the data collection and statistical systems, a workshop was conducted by the FAO in February 2021 to develop a new Trinidad and Tobago data collection scheme. An in-person training workshop for enumerators of the artisanal catch and effort data collection system for Trinidad as well as staff involved in data collection and verification for the non-artisanal longline fleet, was convened from 6 to 8 July 2022. Workshop components included: presentation of the proposed revised data collection system (methodology and implementation), presentation of the revised data forms, review of gear types, and species identification (sharks and pelagics). With reference to measures taken to collect bycatch and discards data in artisanal fisheries through alternative means (Rec. 11-10), data collectors were sensitised and trained to record data on discards, utilising the updated data collection forms which were modified to capture discards data.</p> <p>2) A game fishing tournament data collection programme through which 100% data are collected at four of the six annual tournaments targeting pelagic species.</p>
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data</p>	No		<p>Trinidad and Tobago has provided all available data: Task I fleet statistics, Task 1 nominal catches and Task 2 catch and effort statistics, by the deadline.</p> <p>See responses to Rec. 19-05, para 12 on VMS and electronic logbook; and</p>

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		submission to support the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			para 13 on observer program.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	No		Tournaments targeting sailfish implement minimum size restrictions by weight. Non-artisanal longline fleet vessel owners have agreed to trial the use of circle hooks.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		In 2023 fishing operations of the non-artisanal longline fleet will be monitored through a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) which is being implemented via an agreement among Collecte Localisations Satellites System (CLS), the Trinidad and Tobago Longliners' Association, the Ministry of National Security and the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries. The VMS will be fully operational from January 2023, however, at present 19 of the 24 operational non-artisanal longliners have been outfitted with the VMS hardware and software and are already utilising the system. The VMS includes an electronic logbook component which is currently being updated by CLS and will be implemented in 2023.

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16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes		Trinidad and Tobago's data collection programmes have been described in its Annual Reports.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	5	"CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1 while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have readily available on deck and	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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		easily accessible by crew, a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter for safe release of live marlins caught."			
19-05	6	"CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	8	"CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit."	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	10	"Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs, or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4 provided these CPCs (a) submit Task I and Task II data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS	N/A (not applicable)		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.

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		and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.”			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A (not applicable)		Tunisia does not have fisheries for this species group.
19-05	12	“CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.”	No		No specific data collection programme for these species.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species, not even a recreational one.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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		Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?			
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Tunisia does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries for these species.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.

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		limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Tunisia does not have fisheries for these species. No specific data collection programme for these species.

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Name of CPC: TÜRKIYE (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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		Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish

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		to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”			
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	No		Türkiye has no industrial or non-industrial fisheries that interact with Atlantic sailfish

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes		<p>Reported in Task 1, 2 & 3 data submitted as follows:</p> <p>Bermuda – 1388 kg</p> <p>St Helena – 0 kg</p> <p>BVI – 0 kg</p> <p>TCI – 0 kg</p> <p>Met UK – 0 kg</p>
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes		<p>Reported in Task 1 & 2 data submitted as follows:</p> <p>Bermuda – 179 kg</p> <p>St Helena – 0 kg</p> <p>BVI – 0 kg</p> <p>TCI – 0 kg</p> <p>Met UK – 0 kg</p>

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19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes	Fisheries Regulations 2010.	<p>UK Overseas Territory (UKOT) interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release.</p> <p>Bermuda - The 13.7m longliner licensed to fish in Bermuda is prohibited from retaining blue and white marlin under the Fisheries Regulations 2010.</p> <p>St Helena – No longline or purse seine activity.</p> <p>Ascension – no longline or purse seine activity.</p> <p>Tristan da Cunha – does not flag vessels and has not had pelagic fishing activity since 2018.</p> <p>BVI – No longline or purse seine activity</p> <p>TCI – Commercial fisheries are handline only. Amendments to TCI’s Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2003 are currently with the Fisheries Advisory Committee and AG Chambers.</p> <p>Met UK – Met UK vessels do not encounter these species.</p>
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		<p>Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practice for handling and release of billfish.</p> <p>Bermuda – Pelagic longline license requires all billfish to be released in a way that maximises their survival.</p> <p>St Helena – “How to safely release” guide disseminated.</p> <p>Met UK – Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species.</p>
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use	Yes		<p>Bermuda – Addendum 1 of the pelagic longline license requires marlin species to be released in a manner that maximises their survival.</p> <p>St Helena – How to safely release guide disseminated</p>

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		proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.			<p>BVI -BVI is looking to disseminate these handling procedures. The commercial fleet has very limited interaction with billfish species</p> <p>TCI - Implemented. Training and handling material has been disseminated</p> <p>Met UK - Met UK does not encounter these species in our waters and has no incidental catches of the species.</p>
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	Yes		<p>UKOT interaction with the species is recreational and most of the fisheries are catch release.</p> <p>Bermuda - Release of marlin species alive at haul back is required as a licence condition and under the Fisheries Regulations 2010 for longlining - Bermuda don't have any long liners over 20 metres.</p> <p>St Helena - engagement material disseminated.</p> <p>BVI - SI 20 of 2003 requires the release of blue and white marlin. Marlin caught in sports/recreational fisheries are required to be released in accordance with the International Game Fishing Association Rules.</p> <p>TCI - not disseminated. TCI does not disseminate these handling procedures. There has been discussion within the Government previously about safe handling procedures, but there has been no training. As pelagic species are not commercially captured, only recreational fishermen (tour operators) capture pelagic species.</p> <p>Met UK - not applicable as there are no interactions with Met UK vessels.</p>
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale	Not applicable	Longline license conditions issued under the Fisheries Act 1972	<p>Bermuda - does not have any purse seine vessels. Bermudian longline vessel is prohibited from retaining billfish species.</p> <p>St Helena - does not have long line or purse seine vessels.</p>

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		spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.			<p>BVI – does not have long line or purse seine vessels.</p> <p>TCI – does not have longline or purse seine vessels.</p> <p>Met UK – not applicable as we do not target blue marlin, white marlin or roundscale spearfish. Met UK also does not have any purse seine or longline vessels which interact with these species.</p>
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>UKOTs do not prohibit dead discarding.</p> <p>Met UK does not have any directed fishing for Blue or White Marlin and has no interactions with them.</p>
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the	N/A (Not applicable)		<p>Bermuda – Not relevant</p> <p>St Helena – Not relevant</p> <p>BVI – Not relevant</p> <p>TCI – Not relevant</p> <p>Met UK – not applicable as Met UK is not a developing coastal CPC or small island CPC.</p>

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		Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes		<p>Engagement material on fish identification and handling has been developed for the UKOTs. Focus of these leaflets is to showcase best practice for handling and release of billfish.</p> <p>Bermuda – legislation currently covers removal of fish not specifically minimal harm on release.</p> <p>St Helena – literature developed and disseminated.</p> <p>BVI – Section 54 J of SI 20 of 2003 requires release of the species in accordance with the International Game Fishing Association requirements.</p> <p>TCI – Engagement material developed and agreed they could be provided and disseminated as a requirement to pelagic fishing.</p> <p>Met UK – not applicable as these species do not appear in UK waters.</p>
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		<p>Data submitted as Task 1 for UKOTs.</p> <p>Bermuda – Logbooks.</p> <p>St Helena – Statistical data must be submitted under the domestic licensing regime.</p> <p>BVI – Logbooks are required for all recreational, sports and commercial fishing licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003</p> <p>TCI – TCI Government is committed to improving their data collection framework, policy and legislation. Additional staff to support this have been recruited. In Sport Fishing Licenses, legislation states that all catch and bycatch are to be recorded and reported within seven days to the Director at Dept of Fisheries and Marine Resources Management (FMRM).</p> <p>Met UK - has logbook requirements for all commercial fishing vessels.</p>

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		<p>Bermuda – Yes. Interaction occurs. Section 7 of the Fisheries Act 1972 requires licences for foreign sport fishing vessels. Legislation prohibits the sale of fish that have been recreationally caught.</p> <p>St Helena – Yes and sports and recreational activity requires a license.</p> <p>Ascension – Yes. Ascension Government have adopted an Inshore Fisheries strategy and primary and secondary legislation is in development to implement the billfish requirements.</p> <p>BVI – Yes and licenses are required under SI 20 of 2003 for recreational and sports fishing activity.</p> <p>TCI – There is a regulation that allows for a visitor to retain one trophy fish of minimum landing size for mounting. Amendments to TCI’s Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2003 are currently with the Fisheries Advisory Committee and AG Chambers.</p> <p>Met UK – does not have any recreational fisheries for blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.</p>
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	Implemented in June 2023	<p>UKOTs have implemented 50% observer coverage of their tournaments.</p> <p>Met UK – does not have any recreational fishery for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.</p>
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168	No	Not all UK OTs have implemented this to date	<p>Bermuda – Fisheries Regulations 2010 sets minimum sizes for marlin expressed as weight – blue marlin 114kg (250lbs) and white marlin 23kg (50lbs).</p> <p>St Helena – Sports (Angling) and Recreational Fishing licenses issued under The Fisheries Ordinance 2021 require catch release for blue and white marlin. Both</p>

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		<p>cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>			<p>licenses permit landing for record attempts within the Lower Fork Jaw Length (LFJL) limits required.</p> <p>Ascension –Ascension Government has adopted an Inshore Fisheries strategy and primary and secondary legislation is in development to implement the billfish requirements.</p> <p>Tristan da Cunha – Not relevant – no sport fishery for this species.</p> <p>BVI – Section 54 of SI 20 of 2003 – sports fishing license requires catch release of blue and white marlin. Pleasure fishing license limits fish to personal consumption under Regulation 16.</p> <p>TCI - Amendments to TCI’s current Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2003 are currently being made. Current regulations require the release of species that exceed the landing allowance.</p> <p>Met UK – does not have any recreational fishery for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes		<p>Bermuda – Fisheries Regulations 2010, Regulation 18 (1) prohibits the sale of all fish from vessels without a commercial license – www.bermudalaws.bm.</p> <p>St Helena – Sports (Angling) and Recreational Fishing licenses issued in 2024 prohibit the sale of the blue and white marlin.</p> <p>Tristan da Cunha – Not relevant – TdC has no sports or recreational fisheries for marlin species</p> <p>Ascension Government has adopted an Inshore Fisheries strategy and primary and secondary legislation is in development to implement the billfish requirements.</p> <p>BVI – Section 54 of SI 20 of 2003 – sports fishing license requires catch release of blue and white marlin.</p> <p>TCI – Amendments to TCI’s current Fisheries Protection ordinance 2003 are currently with the Fisheries Advisory Committee and AG Chambers.</p>

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					Met UK – Met UK does not allow any commercial value to be gained from any catch associated with recreational fisheries.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes	UKOTs have submitted previously	UK gap analysis completed – have provided further updates on progress in a number of UKOTs which address the gap analysis previously conducted.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		<p>UKOTs do not have small-scale artisanal fisheries; they only have sport and recreational fisheries.</p> <p>Met UK does not have any artisanal or small-scale fisheries.</p>
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (Not applicable)		<p>UKOTs do not have small-scale artisanal fisheries.</p> <p>Met UK does not have any artisanal or small-scale fisheries.</p>
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support	Yes		<p>Positive reported catch in Task 1 & 2 data as follows:</p> <p>Bermuda BUM: -Dead discards = 0kg -Live discards = 12,680 kg</p> <p>WHM: -Dead discards = 38 kg -Live discards = 933 kg</p> <p>St Helena BUM-No discards of either BUM or WHM</p> <p>BVI – No discards of either BUM or WHM reported.</p>

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		the stock assessment process” Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?			TCI – No discards of either BUM or WHM reported. Met UK- There were no discards of BUM, WHM or RSP in 2023.
16-11	1	“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following: ... (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”	Yes		Bermuda – Addendum 1 of the Pelagic longline license prohibits the retention of any sailfish. St Helena – All licenses issued under The Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2021 make sailfish a no take species. Ascension – Retention banned by Wildlife Protection Ordinance 2013, as amended in 2016. Tristan da Cunha – does not flag vessels and has not had pelagic vessels since 2018. BVI – Sailfish in commercial and sports fisheries are catch release under licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003. There are not currently similar conditions in the commercial licenses TCI – Amendments to TCI’s current Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2003 are currently with the Fisheries Advisory Committee and AG Chambers. There has been no reported commercial catch of sailfish. Where recreational catch, or bycatch occurs, this must be reported to the authorities within seven days. Challenges remain with reporting and compliance due to limited capacity. Met UK does not catch sailfish in the Convention Area.
16-11	2	“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.” Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?	Yes		Bermuda – Preparatory work was undertaken in 2023 for an Electronic monitoring system trial on a pelagic longliner in Bermuda are in 2024 St Helena – Ongoing science and observer programme Ascension – Ascension Government have adopted an Inshore Fisheries strategy – this includes provision for data collection from recreational and sports fishing effort (Ascension has no commercial fishing effort).

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					<p>BVI – Logbooks are required for all fishing licenses issued under SI 20 of 2003.</p> <p>TCI – TCI has no commercial interaction with the species. Recreational/sports interaction bycatch reports are required within 7 days of the activity. TCIG are working to increase their surveillance and enforcement of catch reporting.</p> <p>Met UK does not catch Sailfish in the Convention Area.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC de scribed its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Bermuda – does not have a data collection program for sailfish. An EMS trail is ongoing on the longline vessel and retention of sailfish is prohibited.</p> <p>Ascension – Ascension Government has adopted an Inshore Fisheries strategy – this includes provision for data collection from recreational and sports fishing effort (Ascension has no commercial fishing effort).</p> <p>TCI – Amendments to TCIs current Fisheries Protection Ordinance 2003 are currently with the Fisheries Advisory Committee and AG Chambers</p> <p>St Helena – all licenses issued under The Fisheries license conditions 2024 require submission of statistical data for each fishing trip.</p> <p>Met UK – All commercial fishing vessels are required to record activities including species retained or discarded on every fishing trip.</p>

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19-05	2	<p>Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).</p> <p>U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit of 250 fish in 2023.</p>	
19-05	2	<p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs.</p> <p>Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. regulations implement the annual landings limit for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish (250 fish combined) (50 CFR 635.27(d); 635.71(c)(8)). In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).</p> <p>U.S. landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish were within the applicable limit of 250 fish in 2023.</p>	
19-05	4	<p>“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”</p>	Yes	<p>Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2)).</p>	<p>NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes, as well as safe handling, in education and outreach efforts, including brochures and compliance guides provided to tournament operators, at sport fishing expos, and to law enforcement.</p> <p>The United States prohibits retention of billfish in its commercial fisheries for ICCAT species.</p>
19-05	5	<p>CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due</p>	Yes	<p>Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of</p>	

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		consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.		urvival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2))	
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes	Under U.S. regulations, all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. These requirements are described in a compliance guide that is circulated to all permit holders in Atlantic highly migratory species fisheries. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2))	
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	As noted above, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2), (f)(1)).	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	N/A	This paragraph does not apply to the United States because we do not allow purse seine or longline vessels to retain billfish. In the United States, Atlantic billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear (50 CFR 635.19(c)(1); 635.71(c)(1)). In addition, sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish is prohibited (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)).	

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	N/A		As noted above regarding paragraph 2 of Rec 19-05, in the United States, billfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear. Retention is prohibited by other gear types. Data on dead discards is collected and reported to ICCAT as required.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		This paragraph only applies to developing coastal CPCs, which excludes the United States.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	Yes	<p>Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait or natural/artificial bait combination (50 CFR 635.21(f)(1)). Circle hooks have been shown to minimize at-haulback mortality and maximize post-release survival of billfish.</p> <p>In addition, U.S. regulations require that all Atlantic billfish that are not retained must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, but without removing the fish from the water. If a billfish is caught by a hook and not retained, the fish must be released by cutting the line near the hook or by using a dehooking device, in either case without removing the fish from the water. (See 50 CFR 635.21(a)(1)-(2), (f)(1)).</p>	
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data	Yes	In addition to observer coverage described in association with para 19-05 paragraph 13, below, U.S. anglers must report all recreational billfish landings. All billfish tournaments are selected for reporting. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(1) and (3); and 635.7)	Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and recreational

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		submission.			tournament reporting. Data are reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		
19-05	13	<p>“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.”</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	Yes	In addition to observer coverage, U.S. recreational anglers must report all non-tournament landings of Atlantic blue marlin, Atlantic white marlin, roundscale spearfish, and Atlantic sailfish, to NOAA within 24 hours of that landing. Landings information is also collected from catch card reports from North Carolina and Maryland; and individual billfish intercepted by the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS) and Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Tournament operators are required to register tournaments with NOAA and report Atlantic billfish landings within a week of the tournament (50 CFR 635.5(c) and (d); 635.71(c)(6)).	The United States meets or exceeds the 5% requirement each year.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	Yes	In 1999, the United States implemented minimum size requirements that are consistent with the requirements in Rec. 19-05 (50 CFR 635.20(d); 635.71(c)(5)).	<p>Blue marlin: 99 inches (251 cm), LJFL</p> <p>White marlin/roundscale spearfish: 66 inches (168 cm), LJFL</p>
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	Yes	In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish (50 CFR 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(4)). The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific).	
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		Beyond completion of this check sheet, which includes citations to relevant U.S. laws and regulations, the United States has consistently provided information on the steps we have taken to implement this and previous billfish recommendations through our Annual Report, which are available on the ICCAT website . Specific monitoring and enforcement efforts

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					include at-sea boarding, dockside monitoring, observer programs, and, where appropriate, penalties for infractions.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		While some parts of the U.S. recreational fleet may be considered small-scale under some definitions, that is not how we understand the term to be used in this recommendation. Nevertheless, information on data collection programs for non-tournament marlin/spearfish fishing is provided below.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A (but for clarification of the situation, see “Notes/explanation” section in row just above)	All U.S. recreational vessels catching blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. All tournament operators are required to report all blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. See U.S. regulations at 50 CFR 635.5(c)(2) and (d).	<p>The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports.</p> <p>For information on the MRIP.</p> <p>For information on the LPS.</p> <p>For information on Tournament registration and reporting (see link).</p> <p>For reporting by recreational anglers (see link).</p> <p>Note: Paragraph 16 also requires CPCs to present to the SCRS their statistical methodology used to estimate dead and live discards for their fleets by 2020. The United States has submitted documents to the SCRS describing its methodology to estimate longline discards and Large Pelagic Survey methods and estimation methodology.</p>
19-05	14	“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks,	Yes	In addition to observer coverage described in association with para 19-05 paragraph 13, below, U.S. anglers must report all recreational	Information about the disposition of all released billfish (including blue marlin, white

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		<p>landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided these data by the deadline?</p>		<p>billfish landings. All billfish tournaments are selected for reporting. (50 CFR 635.5(c)(1) and (3); and 635.7)</p>	<p>marlin/roundscale spearfish) is collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and recreational tournament reporting. It is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements.</p> <p>This explanation is also responsive to the requirements of paragraph 12 of Rec. 19-05.</p>
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT’s Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	Yes	<p>Only persons who have been issued a valid permit and are participating in a tournament may possess or take a sailfish shoreward of the outer boundary of the Atlantic EEZ. Sailfish may only be harvested by rod and reel. No person shall take, retain or possess shoreward of the outer boundary of the EEZ a sailfish taken from its management unit that is less than 63 inches (160 cm), LJFL. (50 CFR 635.19(c)(2); 635.20(d)(3); 635.21(f)(1); 635.31(b); 635.71(c)(1), (4), (5), and (7)).</p>	<p>In 1988, U.S. regulations prohibited the sale or purchase of Atlantic billfish, including sailfish. The Billfish Conservation Act of 2012, amended in 2018, more broadly prohibited the sale of billfish and billfish products, including sailfish, throughout the United States (with a narrow exception in the Pacific). Sailfish can only be retained by recreational vessels using rod and reel gear.</p> <p>In 1999, the United States implemented a minimum size for sailfish of 63 inches (160 cm) LJFL. Anglers participating in billfish tournaments must use rod and reel gear with non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits or natural/artificial combination baits, to minimize sailfish and other billfish post-release mortality. U.S. recreational anglers voluntarily release almost all billfish catches alive. NOAA promotes catch and release fishing for billfishes in education and outreach efforts.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes	<p>U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of released billfishes, including sailfish, is</p>	

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				collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs and is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements. (50 CFR 635.5(a), (c)(2), and (d); 635.7)	
16-11	3	CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?	Yes	U.S. recreational vessels catching sailfish outside of a tournament must report landings to NMFS (or the relevant state) within 24 hours. Tournament operators are required to report all sailfish catch (landed and released) to NMFS within a week after the tournament ends. Additionally, information about the disposition of all released billfishes (including blue marlin, white marlin/spearfish) collected through the U.S. logbook and observer programs is reported to ICCAT in accordance with the data reporting requirements. (50 CFR 635.5(a), (c)(2), and (d); 635.7)	The United States has established the following data collection programs: the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS), Atlantic HMS tournament registration and reporting, and recreational angler catch reports. For information on the MRIP . For information on the LPS . For information on Tournament registration and reporting (see link). For reporting by recreational anglers (see link).

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Name of CPC: URUGUAY (2024)

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19-05	2	Landings limits – <i>Blue marlin landings limits</i> . Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	2	<i>White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits</i> . Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial,

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		procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/dCPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caughtisgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no

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		<p>marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>			<p>other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	N/A		<p>The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	N/A		<p>Uruguay does not have sport and recreational fisheries that interact with billfish.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	No		<p>The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.</p>

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	<p>"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."</p> <p>Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		Uruguay does not have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2022, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish. All ICCAT Recommendations have been internalized in Uruguay.

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		<p>measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>			
19-05	16	Does the CPC have non-industrial fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Uruguay does not have artisanal or small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/ <i>Tetrapturus</i> spp.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”.</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch billfish.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		<p>The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).</p>
16-11	3	<p>“CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation”</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		<p>The Uruguayan tuna fleet was not operative in 2023, and there are no other industrial, artisanal or recreational fisheries that catch sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>).</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2033, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	Venezuela has an allocated blue marlin catch quota of 84.1 t. Current regulations include appropriate measures for this species and work is under way to update them.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC’s total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC’s adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2033, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	Venezuela has an allocated white marlin catch quota of 50 t. Venezuela currently has an excess of white marlin catches, so measures are being considered to regulate catches of this species, including the implementation of dead discards. Roundscale spearfish is a nationally regulated species; however, catches of this species are minimal. Work is under way to update the current regulations for the protection of this species.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	Yes		The Venezuelan national onboard observer programme is currently inactive, so we cannot fully guarantee compliance with this measure. Nonetheless, onboard observation activities are expected to be activated by the end of 2024. As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, training sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.

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19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		The Venezuelan national onboard observer programme is currently inactive, so we cannot fully guarantee compliance with this measure. Nonetheless, onboard observation activities are expected to be activated by the end of 2024. As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, training sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		As part of the action plans aimed at ensuring compliance with the measures to protect these species, training sessions are being held for fishers and seafarers to guide and educate them on the importance of complying with these measures.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2033, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	The Venezuelan national onboard observer programme is currently inactive, so we cannot fully guarantee compliance with this measure. Nonetheless, onboard observation activities are expected to be activated by the end of 2024. Highly trained personnel are available to inspect landings at the dock with 100% coverage of landings in port, verifying and receiving logbooks and supervising landings.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes		Dead discards are reported in logbooks, verified by dock inspectors and submitted to ICCAT in Task 1. It is important to note that blue marlin and white marlin are not target species of the Venezuelan longline and purse seine fleet. These species are taken as by-catch.

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19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>In Venezuela, dead discards are landed at ports and supervised by dock inspectors. Venezuela prohibits the sale of dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin.</p> <p>It is important to note that these discards are to be used solely and exclusively for local consumption through social contributions, donations, etc., in order to guarantee the food sovereignty of the population, benefiting the most vulnerable sectors of the locality.</p>
19-05	10	<p>Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs’ small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.</p>	Yes		<p>Dead discard data are submitted annually in Task 1 and reported in the Annual Report.</p>
19-05	11a	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.</p>	Yes		<p>In the central region of Venezuela (Playa Verde), annual tournaments are held that catch billfish. In these tournaments, each boat is accompanied by a dock inspector to ensure that any fish caught are released. Moreover, these activities are covered by existing legislation, which is in the process of being updated.</p>
19-05	12	<p>CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.</p>	Yes		<p>By-catch data from the industrial fleet and catch data from the artisanal fishery in Playa Verde are reported in logbooks and sent to ICCAT in Task 1, with their respective dead discards.</p>

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19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		Sport fishing tournaments are held annually in Venezuela. This activity was halted but resumed in 2023.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	No		The Venezuelan national onboard observer programme is currently inactive, so we cannot fully guarantee compliance with this measure. Nonetheless, onboard observation activities are expected to be activated by the end of 2024.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	Yes	Administrative Ruling N°69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	The corresponding minimum sizes are set out in the Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.
19-05	11c)	“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.” Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	Yes	Measures set out in Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003.	
19-05	23	“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”	Yes	Measures set out in Administrative Ruling No. 69/2003, dated 8/09/2003, published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.787 dated 01/10/2003. Work is under way to update this legislation.	

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		Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?			
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	Yes		There is an artisanal fishery in the central region at Playa Verde that interacts with these species, and its catches are regulated by current legislation.
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	Yes		The Playa Verde artisanal fishery has been monitored for many years by inspectors trained to correctly identify species and perform biological sampling. Training workshops for new fishers and awareness-raising on the protection of these species are currently under way.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	No		No catch data from sport fishing tournaments have been reported to date. However, catch data from the Playa Verde artisanal fishery have been reported in the Task 1.
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	No		The Venezuelan national onboard observer programme is currently inactive, so we cannot fully guarantee compliance with this measure. Nonetheless, onboard observation activities are expected to be activated by the end of 2024.

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16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>Venezuela monitors, controls and certifies the landing of all the fleet’s vessels at the time of unloading. There are trained technical staff that are exclusively assigned to carry out inspections, perform biological sampling at the landings of all the fleet’s vessels and review the logbooks.</p> <p>Catch data for this species are collected in logbooks and reported to ICCAT in Task 1 and Task 2.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Venezuela's industrial tuna fleet has a monitoring and data collection programme with 100% coverage. In the case of artisanal fisheries that catch billfish, work is under way to develop and implement monitoring systems that allow data to be obtained for reporting and related purposes.</p>

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a

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		cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in the Convention area that interact with marlin. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a

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		Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia is not a developing coastal State and does not have small-scale coastal fisheries, nor does it currently have vessels operating in the Convention area that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels engaged in in the sport or recreational fisheries in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels that operate in

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		marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.			the Convention area that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not currently have vessels participating in the recreational fishery in the Convention area that interact with marlin and roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A (not applicable)		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that operate in the Convention area.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.” Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A (not applicable)		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels operating in the Convention area. Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.

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19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (not applicable)		<p>The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have recreational or sport fishing vessels that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish operating in the Convention area.</p> <p>Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.</p>
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		<p>The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with billfish in the Convention area.</p>
19-05	16	<p>Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?</p>	No		<p>The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with marlin or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.</p>
19-05	16	<p>“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”</p>	N/A (not applicable)		<p>The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have artisanal or small-scale fishing vessels that interact with marlins or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.</p>

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19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with marlins or roundscale spearfish in the Convention area.
16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area.</p> <p>Nonetheless, article 67, paragraph II of the Bolivian Regulation on Maritime Fisheries states that by operation of law, and in a supplementary capacity, all the management measures of RFMOs in which the State participates either as a Contracting Party or Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, apply. In the case of operation of fishing vessels flagged to Bolivia, if additional measures are necessary, which are not covered by ICCAT recommendations, the appropriate regulations will be issued.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation.</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		The Plurinational State of Bolivia does not have fishing vessels that interact with sailfish in the Convention area.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	Yes		
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes	Article 42-1 of the <i>Regulations for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation</i> (the Atlantic Regulations): "Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the	

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				weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.”	
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have encouraged our fishermen to implement, to the extent possible, the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, if the marlin/spearfish are alive at haul-back. The safety of crew is the top priority when releasing marlins/spearfish. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through an official letter issued to the industry, as well as meetings and outreach activities, we have informed our fishermen of the proper handling and releasing techniques, and that the safety of crew is the top priority when conducting those procedures. 2. Fishermen are encouraged to use a line cutter and cut the line alongside the vessel. In addition, fishermen are required to carry onboard line-cutter and de-hooker.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	Yes	Article 19-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: “For any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean with hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters, one of the following mitigations measures shall be used:	We have required the use of circle hooks in shallow-set fishing operations and the release of live marlins/roundscale spearfish.

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				<p>(1) Large circle hooks; or</p> <p>(2) Fishes except for Cephalopods species used as baits.”</p> <p>Article 42-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: “Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.”</p>	
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	Yes	<p>Article 42-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: “Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.</p> <p>Retention is allowed, provided that the fish species as referred to in the preceding paragraph are dead.”</p>	
19-05	9	<p>“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.”</p> <p>Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and</p>	No		

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		white marlin/roundscale spearfish?			
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	N/A		We are not a developing CPC, and did not apply for the exemption, either.
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We implement paper and electronic catch logbook, national observer program, as well as transshipment and landing declaration scheme to collect and compile, data required by ICCAT. 2. The data submission is in accordance with the requirements of ICCAT.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations."	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.

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		Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?			
19-05	11b)	<p>For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish."</p> <p>Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?</p>	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	11c)	<p>"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries."</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A		We do not have recreational or sport fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	23	<p>"Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet."</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure the catch amount of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish do not exceed the respective limit, we have promulgated regulations to allocate each vessel an individual catch quota. As per the regulations, once the individual catch quota is exhausted, fishermen must live release or discard dead the concerned catch. 2. Compliance with individual vessel quota is monitored through the electronic logbook system, our national observer program, transshipment and landing measures, and port inspection scheme. 3. We further analyze observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards. 4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data,

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					and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		
19-05	16	"CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs."	N/A		We do not have artisanal and small-scale fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area.
19-05	14	"CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process" Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?	Yes		
16-11	1	"Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following: (b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea."	Yes	Article 19-1 of the Atlantic Regulations: "For any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean with hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters, one of the following mitigations measures shall be used: (1) Large circle hooks; or (2) Fishes except for Cephalopods species used as baits."	
16-11	2	"CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on	Yes	Article 38 of the Regulations for Tuna	1. We have separated a column of "sailfish"

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		<p>catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task I and II data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>		<p><i>Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation</i></p> <p>In the event that any tuna longline fishing vessel leaves a port, its captain shall daily report catch data through the E-logbook system designated by the competent authority, and shall also fill in the logbooks designated by the competent authority. Catch reports shall be filled in completely and accurately, and where the catch amount is zero, catch reports shall be filled in as well.</p>	<p>from “other billfishes” in the logbook system since 2009, for improving data collection on sailfish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information. 3. We deploy observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data. 4. We further analyze the observer data and the E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards. 5. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In addition to paper logbook, we have also implemented the E-logbook system and required fishermen to daily report catch and catch-related data, so that we can have the near real-time information. 2. We deployed observers onboard as well to observe, record, and collect relevant data. 3. We further analyze the observer data and E-logbook/logbook to gather information on discards. 4. Complying with ICCAT requirements, catches, fishing effort, size data, and discards are reported to the ICCAT Secretariat within the required timeframe.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Please be aware that the solitary tuna operator has stopped fishing for the aforementioned species as of August 2021.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	Yes		Zero catch reported.
19-05	4	"To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival."	Yes		Please note that effective 13 August 2021 the lone tuna operator was issued a cease order for the harvesting of blue marlins.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.	Yes		By way of letter from the department.

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19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		This is expected to be implemented moving forward. This is however, contingent on the training being provided to staff responsible for the implementation.
19-05	7	"CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries."	N/A		Currently there is no ICCAT fisheries
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #2 and #4 applies. Notwithstanding, these will be addressed moving forward via regulations.
19-05	9	"For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries." Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #8 applies.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal, subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.	Yes		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #8 applies.

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19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		There are no recreational fisheries in Guyana.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Logbook data were collected during the period there was fishing. However, plans for implementing the scientific observer program was halted when the company stopped fishing.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.
19-05	13	"CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations." Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: "CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish." Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?	N/A		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.
19-05	11c)	"CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries." Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?	N/A		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.

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19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		As of present there are no ICCAT fisheries in Guyana
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Guyana does not have any small scale or artisanal interacting with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #16 (above) applies.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		Species not caught in Guyana.
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	No		Note at Rec. #19-05, Para #11a applies.

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19-05	2	Landings limits – Blue marlin landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landing limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for blue marlin within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit), within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag, landing blue marlin in 2023. However, a total amount of 118 species of blue marlin was discarded live from July through December 2023 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels which is also been reported in the Annual Report.
19-05	2	White marlin/roundscale spearfish combined landings limits. Para. 2 establishes CPC-specific landings limits for certain CPCs and a generally applicable landing limit for all other CPCs. Were your CPC's total landings (from all fisheries, including commercial, recreational, sport, artisanal, subsistence) for white marlin/roundscale spearfish (combined) within the applicable limit in paragraph 2 or (or in the case of CPCs with a specific landings limit, within that CPC's adjusted landings limit on the relevant marlin compliance table)?	No		Suriname had no vessels, flying their flag landing white marlin in 2023.
19-05	4	“To the extent possible, CPCs shall require pelagic longline vessels and purse seine vessels flying their flag to promptly release blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are alive at haul-back, giving due consideration to the safety of crew members, in a manner that causes the least harm and maximizes post-release survival.”	No		Suriname has not yet set in place any regulations regarding these measures for the Surinamese longline tuna vessels that started fishing in July 2023. Nonetheless, Suriname will be issuing regulations to implement this measure shortly.
19-05	5	CPCs shall encourage the implementation of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1, while giving due consideration to the safety of the crew. The fishing vessels should have — readily available	No		For 2023 the owner of the Surinamese longline tuna vessel was certainly encouraged to implement the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1. In the upcoming year this will be

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		on deck and easily accessible by the crew — a lifting device, bolt cutter, dehooker/disgorger and line-cutter to safely release the live marlins caught.			addressed in the National license fishing decree.
19-05	6	CPCs should ensure that captain and crew members of their fishing vessels are adequately trained, aware of and use proper mitigation, identification, handling and releasing techniques and keep on board all equipment necessary for the release of marlins, in accordance with the minimum standards for safe handling procedures as specified in Annex 1. Nothing in this measure shall prevent CPCs from adopting more stringent measures.	No		The captains and crew members are aware of the minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures, as specified in Annex 1. In the upcoming year this will be addressed in the National license fishing decree and will be mandatory.
19-05	7	“CPCs shall endeavor to minimize the post-release mortality of marlins/roundscale spearfish in their ICCAT fisheries.”	No		Our recent domestic regulation does not require vessel owners to ensure that any incidental harvesting of these species that are alive at the time of harvesting are released in a manner that maximizes their survival.
19-05	8	CPCs may authorize their pelagic longline and purse seine vessels to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead, within their landing limit.	No		No Surinamese vessels, were authorized to catch and retain on board, transship, or land blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish in 2023.
19-05	9	“For CPCs that prohibit dead discards, the landings of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel and that are not sold or entered into commerce shall not count against the limits established in paragraph 2, on the condition that such prohibition be clearly explained in their Annual Report. This provision shall be applicable only to commercial fisheries.” Does your CPC prohibit dead discard of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		There is no expressed provision to prohibit dead discards of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish that are caught by the Surinamese longline tuna vessels.
19-05	10	Blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish that are caught for local consumption by developing coastal CPCs or by other CPCs' small island, artisanal,	N/A		Suriname does not catch blue or white marlin or spearfish for local consumption.

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		subsistence, and small-scale coastal fisheries are exempted from Paragraph 4, provided that these CPCs (a) submit Task 1 and Task 2 data according to the reporting procedures established by the SCRS and (b) in the case of non-developing coastal CPCs, notify the Commission of their claim to this exemption and the measures taken to limit application of this exemption to such fisheries.			
19-05	11a	For recreational and sport fisheries: a) CPCs shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any released fish are released in a manner that causes the least harm.	N/A		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	12	CPCs shall collect catch data on blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, including live and dead discards, through logbooks and scientific observer programs as required by Rec. 11-10 and Rec. 16-14. CPCs shall include their estimates of total dead and live discards in their Task 1 Nominal Catch data submission.	Yes		Suriname has national regulations in place for the collection of catch data and catch reporting requirements (logbooks). Unfortunately, no scientific observer program has yet been implemented.
19-05	11, 13, 14, 17	Does the CPC have recreational fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	13	“CPCs shall establish or maintain data collection programs in recreational and sport fisheries, including a minimum of 5% scientific observer coverage of blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish tournaments, to ensure that catches are reported in accordance with existing ICCAT reporting obligations.” Does your CPC meet the 5% requirement?	N/A		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	11b)	For recreational and sport fisheries: “CPCs shall establish minimum sizes for retention that meet or exceed the following lengths: 251 cm Lower Jaw-Fork Length (LJFL) for blue marlin and 168 cm LJFL for white marlin/roundscale spearfish.”	N/A		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

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		Has your CPC adopted minimum size requirements consistent with these?			
19-05	11c)	<p>“CPCs shall prohibit the sale, or offering for sale, of any part or whole carcass of blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught in recreational and sport fisheries.”</p> <p>Has your CPC implemented this no sale provision?</p>	N/A (Not applicable)		Suriname does not have any recreational and sport fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	23	<p>“Consistent with the Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Billfish Caught in the ICCAT Convention Area (Rec. 18-05), CPCs shall submit details of their implementation of this measure through domestic law or regulations, including monitoring, control and surveillance measures, and of their compliance with this measure using the billfish check sheet.”</p> <p>Does your CPC provide this information to ICCAT?</p>	No		Monitoring, control and surveillance measures will be addressed in the new National fishing legislation of Suriname. Suriname is in the process of updating their National fishing legislation to be able to comply with relevant ICCAT conservation and management measures. In the meantime, this will be addressed in the National license fishing decree in the upcoming year which is used for issuing fishing licenses.
19-05	16	Does your CPC have artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish?	No		Suriname does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	16	“CPCs with artisanal and small-scale fisheries shall also provide information about their data collection programs.”	N/A		Suriname does not have any artisanal and small-scale fisheries that interact with blue marlin or white marlin/roundscale spearfish.
19-05	14	<p>“CPCs shall provide their estimates of total live and dead discards of blue marlin, white marlin/roundscale spearfish, based on fishing logbooks, landing declarations, or equivalent document for the sport/recreational fisheries, as well as scientific observer reports, as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process”</p> <p>Has your CPC provided this data by the deadline?</p>	Yes		A total amount of 118 species of blue marlin were discarded live from July through December 2023 by Surinamese longline tuna vessels. This was reported in the Annual Report submitted on 13 September 2024.

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16-11	1	<p>“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels catch Atlantic sailfish (<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>) in the Convention Area shall ensure that management measures are in place to support the conservation of this species in line with ICCAT's Convention objective by undertaking the following:</p> <p>(b) To prevent catches from exceeding this level for either stock of sailfish, CPCs shall take or maintain appropriate measures to limit sailfish mortality. Such measures could include, for example: releasing live sailfish, encouraging or requiring the use of circle hooks or other effective gear modifications, implementing a minimum size, and/or limiting days at sea.”</p>	No		<p>As Suriname started in July 2023 catching tuna and tuna-like species including Atlantic sailfish and because Suriname is in the process of updating their National fishing legislation to be able to comply with relevant ICCAT conservation and management measures, this is not fully implemented yet.</p> <p>Atlantic sailfish is caught by Surinamese longline tuna vessels as a bycatch. And catches have been reported to ICCAT in the Task 1 and Task 2 data.</p>
16-11	2	<p>“CPCs shall enhance their efforts to collect data on catches of sailfish, including live and dead discards, and report these data annually as part of their Task 1 and 2 data submission to support the stock assessment process.”</p> <p>Has your CPC enhanced its data collection efforts as required?</p>	Yes		<p>Suriname has national regulations in place for the collection of catch data and catch reporting requirements (logbooks). And catches have been reported to ICCAT in the Task 1 and Task 2 data.</p>
16-11	3	<p>CPCs shall describe their data collection programmes and steps taken to implement this Recommendation</p> <p>Has your CPC described its data collection programmes?</p>	Yes		<p>Suriname collects data from its high seas fisheries through catch reports and fishing logbooks. With the support of FAO, a system developed by the FAO (called CALIPSEO) to modernize the fisheries data collection system is implemented at the Fisheries Department, which leads to data being collected in a more efficient and accurate manner. This is also reported in the Annual Report to ICCAT.</p>