



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALI REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

FEEDBACK REGARDING COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Somalia:

SUBJECT: Outstanding compliance issues Specifically, the Compliance Committee noted the following in respect of Somalia:

Compliance Issue	Response of Somalia
Has not provided the fleet development plan, as required by Resolution 15/11.	The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of Federal Government of Somalia is now preparing a stakeholder consultation for the preparation of national fleet development plan.
Has not reported Nominal catch for the Coastal fisheries to IOTC Standard, as required by Resolution 15/02.	The Ministry of Fisheries is currently running a pilot project to improvement of its data collection system and this will contribute improving the national data collection program.
Has not reported Catch & effort for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	No data collected and reported for artisanal fisheries to IOTC, because artisanal fisheries in Somalia do not target tuna directly and thus, tuna species are caught as opportunistic making the reporting process a big challenge. However, Somalia recognizing the artisanal fisheries and have some significant impact on IOTC species (Neritic tunas and billfishes), Somalia is conducting a sampling data collection program in collaboration with local universities and FAO technical assistance as pilot project. Results were shared in the WPDCS14 (IOTC2018-WPDCS13-14-Somalia) including an action plan to overcome the gaps in data collection (including lack of collection of catch and effort data).
Has not reported Size frequency for the Coastal fisheries, as required by Resolution 15/02.	For artisanal Somalia is not collecting size and data on sharks and catch data is not prepared the data form. To overcome this concern Somalia is will develop and share with IOTC small project which contain an action plan to collect this information.
Has not reported Nominal catch on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	Somalia is does have any Purse Seiner or Longliners operating under its flag and only currently operating in Somalia is artisanal fleets ranging from 3- 10 miters. Therefore Somalia is taken action to improve the catch data system for pelagic fisheries. Project Kalluun – a partnership between MFMR, FAO, secure Fisheries and City University will pilot a new fisheries data collection and community engagement.
Has not reported Catch & effort on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	
Has not reported Size frequency on sharks, as required by Resolution 17/05.	
Has not implemented the observer scheme, no information provided on 5 % phasing in Artisanal landings, as required by Resolution 11/04.	
Has not provided the Compliance questionnaire, as required by the Rules of	In the last few years Somalia was in good status of submitting the Compliance questionnaire. But regret to mention that, the status of submitting this mandatory compliance questionnaire went down in 2017 due to turnover of responsible staff in the compliance unit. Somalia will take action to improve its status with the assistance of IOTC Compliance mission and create responsible team to do this activity.
Has not provided a response to the feedback letter, as required by the Commission.	
Has not provided the report on landing of foreign vessels in national ports, as required by Resolution 05/03.	There is no any port call in 2016 of foreign vessels in Somalia designated port.
Has not provided port inspection reports, as required by Resolution 16/11.	There is no any port call in 2017 of foreign vessels in Somalia designated port.
Has not monitored at least 5% of LAN / TRX, as required by Resolution 16/11.	There is no any port call in 2017 of foreign vessels in Somalia designated port.
Has not provided information on denial of entry in port, as required by Resolution	There is no any port call in 2017 of foreign vessels in Somalia designated port.