

CMM 3.03 Compliance and Monitoring Scheme

ANNEX II: Provisional template for the Implementation Report on Implementation of the SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures

Reporting Member/CNCP: LIBERIA
Calendar Year to which this report refers:
Date report prepared: 20/10/2015

CMM 1.02 Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area [\(download\)](#)

1. Members shall require that vessels flying their flag prohibit the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets and all deep-water gillnets in the Convention Area.

Please describe how this requirement has been implemented

Liberia has vessels engaged in only transshipment activities.

Have any of your vessels transited the Area while carrying gillnets? YES NO

(If so, was 36hrs advance notice given YES NO ,

did the vessels operate a VMS YES NO Partial ,

were VMS reports submitted YES NO Partial and

were any Gillnets lost overboard YES NO ?

(refer Paras 2a, b, c & d)

Liberia has vessels engaged in only transshipment activities.

CMM 1.04 Vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities in the SPRFMO Area ([download](#))

Did you transmit a list of presumed IUU fishing vessels to the Secretariat? YES NO
If so, did you inform the relevant flag state before, or at the same time as, transmitting the list? YES NO

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Were any of your flagged vessels on the draft IUU list? YES NO
If so, did you notify vessel owners and inform them about the potential consequences? YES NO

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Were any of your flagged vessels on the final IUU list? YES NO
If so, did you notify the vessel owners and inform them about the consequences of inclusion? Also what measures were taken to eliminate these IUU activities?

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Did you enforce any of the measures described under paragraph 12? YES NO
If so, please elaborate.

[Liberia issued a Marine Notice in September 2015 which advises and provides guidance and regulations for Owners, Operators and Masters of Liberian flagged vessels, including reefer, bunker and supply vessels, involved in transshipment activities.](#)

CMM 2.01 *Trachurus murphyi* (now CMM 3.01) ([download](#))

Do your vessels fish for *T. murphyi* in, or adjacent to, the Convention Area? YES NO

If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:

Table 1: CMM 2.01 Effort Management

Gross Tonnage (GT) Limit	GT of Active fishing vessels	Number of vessels actively fishing for CJM	Number of vessels only engaged in Transshipment(s)
		0	14

Enter n/a if not applicable.

Table 2: CMM 2.01 Catch Management

CJM catch limit	CJM catch limit taking into account any catch transfers	Provisional CJM catch total

Table 3: CMM 2.01 Data collection and reporting

Number of Monthly reports provided	VMS implemented and data provided?	List of authorised vessels provided?	Annual report provided to SC?	Observer coverage level
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Do you have additional measures that limit the amount of *T. murphyi* available to your vessels to an amount less than that specified in Table 2 above (refer para 8)? YES NO

If so, please elaborate

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Did you conduct any research or stock assessments for *T. murphyi* during this past year and were they submitted to the Scientific Committee? YES NO

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Did any of your vessels land or tranship *T. murphyi* within your ports and did you take measures to verify those catches? YES NO

Is any part of your national jurisdiction area adjacent to the Area to which CMM 2.01 applies? YES NO

If so, have you decided to apply the measures described in Para 11 -22 within your national jurisdiction areas? YES NO Partial

Also, have you submitted measures in effect for *T. murphyi* within your national jurisdiction areas to the Secretariat? YES NO

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CMM 2.02 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data (now CMM 3.02) ([download](#))

Table 4: Participation in SPRFMO fisheries during the past year

<i>Fishing method</i>	<i>Activities undertaken?</i>	<i>Main species?</i>	<i>Number of vessels</i>	<i>Activities observed?</i>
<i>Demersal Drop/dahn line</i>				
<i>Demersal Longline</i>				
<i>Demersal Potting</i>				
<i>Demersal Trawl</i>				
<i>Pelagic Purse seine</i>				
<i>Pelagic Trawl</i>				
<i>Squid jigging</i>				
<i>Transshipment</i>	Transshipment	CJM	14	

Were you able to meet the data collection requirements described in paragraphs 1(b) (c) and (d)? (Being information on fishing activity, non-target species impacts and transshipments/landings) YES NO Partial

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Do you have a national observer programme YES NO , and if so have you submitted an annual observer implementation report to the Secretariat? YES NO

Note this section could be expanded to include the observer implementation report.

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Have you implemented systems to ensure that all of your vessels that fish in the Convention Area have an operational VMS system (that conforms to the requirements in Paras 3(b) and 3(c)? YES NO

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Please describe the systems you use to verify your SPRFMO fishery data.

Liberia has an established VMS requirement for all vessels that engage in transshipment through our transshipment licensing program. When a ship applies for a transshipment license, the ship is sent an Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) in the form of a TST LEO (including a Tablet). The Tablet contains pre-programmed electronic forms which can transmit transshipment details directly to the RFMOs.

CMM 2.03 Bottom fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area
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Do you fish in the Convention Area using bottom fishing methods? YES NO

If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:

Table 5: Management of Bottom Fishing and Fisheries

<i>Bottom fishing assessment submitted?</i>	<i>2002-06 Bottom fishing footprint submitted?</i>	<i>Bottom fishing restricted to footprint?</i>	<i>2002-06 average annual catch (t)</i>	<i>Provisional catch total for last year (t)</i>	<i>Observer coverage level (Trawl)</i>	<i>Observer coverage level (other)</i>	<i>Number of VME encounters above the threshold</i>	<i>Number of monthly reports provided</i>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>						

Have you prohibited your vessels from participating in bottom fishing activities in the Convention Area, except when in accordance with this measure? YES NO

Have you established threshold levels for VME encounters? YES NO
If so what are they?

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Also, do you require your vessels to cease fishing operations within 5 miles of any site where threshold levels are exceeded? YES NO

Have you divided your footprint into sub-areas for the purposes of preventing significant adverse impacts to VMES? YES NO . *If so, please elaborate.*

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Do you have additional measures that apply to your bottom fishing vessels in the Convention Area? YES NO . *If so, please elaborate.*

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Have you identified any sites within the Convention Area where VMEs are likely to occur? YES NO

If so have you provided this information to the Secretariat? YES NO

Have you taken steps to ensure that your bottom fishing vessels are able to comply with all of the requirements detailed in paragraph 24? YES NO

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Are you aware of any non-member (or non- CNCP) that has recently bottom fished in the Convention Area? YES NO .

And if so, did you communicate a request to them to cooperate and to consider participating in the work of SPRFMO as a matter of priority? YES NO

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CMM 2.04 Minimising bycatch of seabirds in the SPRFMO Convention Area [\(download\)](#)

Are your vessels required to implement appropriate seabird mitigation measures while fishing in the Convention Area? YES NO

Do you have any vessels which are exempt from applying seabird mitigation measures? YES NO . And if so, when was the last time these vessels were reviewed?

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Do you require your observers to record seabird interactions? YES NO
If so, are the records in accordance with CMM 2.02 and is the resulting data reported to the Secretariat? YES NO

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Table 6: Seabird mitigation measures in Demersal Longline

<i>Biological discharge during shooting/hauling prohibited?</i>	<i>List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area</i>	<i>Observer coverage level¹</i>	<i>Number of Seabird captures</i>	<i>Approximate seabird mortality rate (per 1000 hooks observed)</i>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			

Table 7: Seabird mitigation measures in Trawl Fisheries

<i>Number of vessels that do not discharge Biological material</i>	<i>Number of vessels discharging Biological material</i>	<i>List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area</i>	<i>Observer coverage level²</i>	<i>Number of Seabird captures</i>	<i>Approximate seabird mortality rate (per tow observed)</i>
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¹ Provided as a percentage of number of hooks

² Provided as percentage of number of tows

CMM 2.05 Commission record of Vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area [\(download\)](#)

Describe how you take into account the vessel and operator compliance history when considering whether or not to authorise a particular fishing vessel.

Before issuing a transshipment license to vessel, we conduct a due diligence review of the vessel's commercial history and any history of IUU fishing. The vessel Owner/Operator has to sign an "Attestation Relating to IUU Fishing" as well.

Describe the measures you have taken to ensure that you are able to take effective enforcement actions against the owners of vessels flying your flag should the need arise.

Liberia as flag State, has the authority to send a vessel to port pursuant to Liberian Maritime Regulations. Regulations are made by the Commissioner of Liberia Maritime Authority under the powers conferred upon her by Section 11 of Chapter 1 of Title 21 of the Laws of The Republic of Liberia (the Maritime Law). Specifically with respect to sending a vessel to a specific port, this authority is given in RLM-108, section 1.40(1) Control of Movement and Operation of Vessels, Authority of Commissioner:

"The Commissioner of Liberia Maritime Authority may when necessary prohibit or place restrictions upon the movement or operations of vessels. The location of the area and/or nature of such prohibition or restrictions shall be officially notified in writing to all Masters, vessel owners and officers affected thereby, and effective upon the date specified in such notice of prohibition or restriction, it shall be unlawful to navigate or operate a Liberian vessel otherwise than as required by such notice..."

Do you maintain your own register of fishing vessels for the SPRFMO Area and does it contain all the necessary information (as described in Annex 1 of the measure)?

YES NO

Table 8: Vessel data submission summary

<i>Number of vessels authorised to fish in the SPRMO Area</i>	<i>Number of new authorisations within past year</i>	<i>Number of revoked authorisations within past year</i>	<i>Authorisation details submitted to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Number of Active fishing vessels*</i>	<i>Number of vessels only engaged in Transshipment(s)*</i>
0	7	0	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	0	14

* These numbers may be equal to or larger than the figures provided in Table 1.

CMM 2.06 VMS in the SPRFMO Convention Area ([download](#))

At this time, this CMM does not have readily measurable implementation requirements.

CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of inspection in Port ([download](#))

Are your have ports able, or expected, to receive SPRFMO-managed species? **YES** **NO**

If so please complete the following table and questions.

Table 9: Implementation of Port Standards

<i>Point of Contact transmitted to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Designated port list provided to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Number of foreign fishing vessels seeking to use port services</i>	<i>Number of foreign fishing vessels denied entry</i>	<i>Number of inspections</i>	<i>Percentage of foreign landings /transhipments inspected</i>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				

Do you have sufficient capacity to conduct inspections in every designated port?

YES **NO**

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Do you require foreign fishing vessels to provide the information prior to any landing or port transhipment? YES NO If so, does that information comply with paragraph 11?

YES **NO**

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Is the notification period for a foreign fishing vessels port request different than 48 hours?

YES **NO** . *If so, please elaborate.*

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Did you receive any requests from other Members, CNCs or relevant RFMOs to inspect particular vessels? YES NO . If so, please elaborate.

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Did you encounter any difficulties with the inspection procedures described in paragraphs 17-21? YES NO . If so, please elaborate.

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Did any of your inspections discover evidence that a SPRFMO had occurred? YES NO If so, did you encounter any difficulties with the infringements procedures described in paragraphs 22-25? YES NO

Have you provided (or received) any assistance as described under Paragraph 26? (Being the development of capacity, facilitation of participation and assessment of requirements for developing members and CNCs) YES NO

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