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Reporting period to which this report refers: 2024/25 (01 October 2024 – 30 September 2025)

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Summary: This report summarises the results of the compliance assessment pertaining to 28 VMS events and 13 non-VMS issues of potential non-compliance with provisions of 7 CMMs identified in the following table. No compliance issues were identified in relation to the other CMMs.

CMMs with Potential Compliance Issues Identified

CMM	Short Title	# of Issues	Table #
CMM 01-2025	<i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	1	1
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The information summary tables on the following pages are arranged by CMM and identify any 2024/25 compliance issues along with the assigned 2023/24 Compliance Status from last year's 2025 Final Compliance Report (including any identified non-compliance).

A 2024/25 Compliance Status has been assigned by the CTC. As per [CMM10-2020](#), the Commission considered the Provisional Compliance Report provided by the CTC, and adopted a Final Compliance Report.

In accordance with [CMM10-2020](#) Paragraph 16 the Final Compliance Report shall include:

- a) a compliance status for each Member and CNCP with respect to the implementation of their obligations under the Convention and CMMs, and recommendations for any corrective action needed, based on compliance issues identified with respect to that Member or CNCP;
- b) suggestions for possible amendments or improvements to existing CMMs to address implementation or compliance difficulties experienced by Members and CNCPs;
- c) obstacles to implementation identified by Members and CNCPs including capacity building requirements;
- d) additional obligations that should be reviewed under the CMS;
- e) any other action the Commission shall deem appropriate to address non-compliance noted in the Final Compliance Report or to promote compliance with the Convention, CMMs and other obligations reviewed in the CMS.

The Final Compliance Report shall also contain an executive summary setting out any recommendations or observations from the Commission regarding the issues listed in paragraph 16 of this measure.



Table 1: CMM 01-2025 (*Trachurus murphyi*)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	15. 2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 01-2025 (<i>Trachurus murphyi</i>)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Ecuador	Non-Compliant (CMM 01-2024-Para 11/12)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: (<i>Paragraph 13/14 – Late Submission of CJM Catches</i>)</p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect to regular reporting of CJM Catches (Monthly / 15-day). An email summary of CJM catch information for 2024 (including the reporting periods during October - December 2024) were received on 16 January 2025. For calendar year 2025, a “nil report” was received for January to March, and a CJM catch report of 52t was received for April (on time) however no further catch reports were received from Ecuador for the remainder of the reporting period (i.e., May – September 2025). Ecuador’s Annual Implementation report identified a catch estimate of 122.5t for 2025 (as of 31 October).</p> <p><i>*Reference Note: CMM 01-2025 Para 1: This CMM applies... and with the express consent of Chile and Ecuador, to fisheries for Trachurus murphyi undertaken by Chile and Ecuador in areas under their national jurisdiction.</i></p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP:</p> <p>Ecuador acknowledges the Secretariat’s observations regarding the timeliness of monthly and 15-day catch reports. The delayed submission of reports during part of the 2024/25 period was due to internal coordination and data consolidation processes. Ecuador wishes to clarify that the catch reports submitted correspond to artisanal fishing activities conducted within waters under national jurisdiction, reported pursuant to a domestic decision to apply the relevant conservation and management measures at the national level. In this regard, Ecuador notes that the submission of such information constitutes an additional and voluntary reporting effort, beyond the reporting obligations applicable to other Members, aimed at strengthening transparency and conservation outcomes. Ecuador confirms that reported catches were accurately reflected in the Annual Implementation Report, and notes that no additional fishing activity occurred beyond what was reported. Measures have been taken to strengthen internal reporting workflows to ensure timely submission of future catch and nil reports to the Secretariat. (<i>Status requested: Non-compliant – No further action</i>)</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: The CTC noted that there was a requirement to report the catch data pursuant to Ecuador’s express consent to apply CMM01 in waters under its national jurisdiction.</p>	Non-compliant, No further action



Table 2: CMM 02-2025 (Data Standards)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 02-2025 (Data Standards)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Cuba	Non-Compliant <i>(Para 7)</i>	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 7 - Late submission of the annual report to SC)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect of paragraph 7 in that the annual SC report (or “Nil” report) from Cuba was received late. Members/CNCPs are required to submit at least 1-month before each SC Meeting an annual report of their fishing, research, management activities over the previous year. A nil report is required where there is no fishing inside the Convention Area. The 2025 SC meeting was held 08-13 September 2025. The due date for Annual Report to SC submission was 07 August 2025. The report from Cuba was received on 23 August 2025.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: Cuba resubmitted the nil SC report to the Secretariat.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: CTC noted that the information was received late and Cuba’s commitment to report on time in future.</p>	Non-compliant, No further action
Ecuador	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 7 - Late submission of the annual report to SC)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect of paragraph 7 in that the annual SC report (or “Nil” report) from Ecuador was received late. Members/CNCPs are required to submit at least 1-month before each SC Meeting an annual report of their fishing, research, management activities over the previous year. A nil report is required where there is no fishing inside the Convention Area. The 2025 SC meeting was held 08-13 September 2025. The due date for Annual Report to SC submission was 07 August 2025. The report from Ecuador was received on 27 August 2025.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP:</p> <p>Ecuador notes that its annual report to the Scientific Committee was submitted after the prescribed deadline. The delay was primarily associated with the additional time required to compile and consolidate information related to artisanal fishing activities reported for the purposes of implementing CMM 01-2024/2025 within waters under Ecuador’s national jurisdiction. Ecuador notes that this information was incorporated as part of a voluntary and enhanced national reporting effort aimed at ensuring consistency and completeness across compliance-related submissions. The delay did not affect the accuracy or integrity of the information provided. Ecuador reiterates its commitment to submitting future annual or nil reports within the established timelines.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p> <p>The CTC noted that there was a requirement to submit the report.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 02-2025 (Data Standards)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Faroe Islands	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 7 - Late submission of the annual report to SC)</i> There is a potential compliance issues identified in respect of paragraph 7 in that the annual SC report (or “Nil” report) from the Faroe Islands was received late. Members/CNCPs are required to submit at least 1-month before each SC Meeting an annual report of their fishing, research, management activities over the previous year. A “NIL” report is required where there is no fishing inside the Convention Area. The 2025 SC meeting was held 08-13 September 2025. The due date for Annual Report to SC submission was 07 August 2025. The report from the Faroe Islands was received on 22 August 2025.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: The Faroe Islands regret the possible compliance issue relating to paragraph 7, concerning the late submission of the annual report to the Scientific Committee. This delay was due to an oversight on our part, as the deadline was unfortunately missed during the summer vacation period. In this regard, I would also like to thank you for bringing the missed submission to my attention, thereby allowing us to submit the report, albeit late. We are committed to ensuring that this type of oversight does not occur again, and we will strengthen our internal routines to avoid similar issues in the future.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action
Liberia	Non-Compliant <i>(Para 1(d))</i>	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Para 1(c)(d) – Late submission of the 2024 annual compilation report on Transshipment Activity)</i> There is a potential compliance issue regarding the late submission of the annual compilation report on Transshipment Activity for the 2024 calendar year. Summary submissions on all fisheries data, including landings and transshipment are required annually by 30 June (2025). The Secretariat circulated a reminder letter (G57-2025) in this regard to Members/CNCPs on 06 June 2025. No response was received from Liberia. On 24 July 2025 an email reminder was sent directly to Liberia. Receipt was acknowledged but the Annual Summary of 2024 Transshipment Activity was not received until 14 January 2026.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: Our FMC was undergoing a transitional period after government elections and leadership changes; therefore, exchange of information became almost impossible. We have gathered the information and are submitting here. We also have measures in place to prevent reoccurrence.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: CTC noted that Liberia’s reporting is expected to improve following the appointment of permanent staff and additional training.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Table 3: CMM 05-2023 (Record of Vessels)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 05-2023 (Record of Vessels)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Liberia	Non-Compliant (Para 13)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Para 13 – Late notification of deletion of vessel from Registry)</i> There is a potential compliance issue pursuant to Paragraph 13 obligations due to the Secretariat not receiving notification in a timely manner that the carrier vessel EVEREST BAY was no longer under Liberian flag. Liberia notified the Secretariat on 12 March 2025 that the authorisation for the EVEREST BAY had been ended. IMO GISIS information indicates that the vessel was flagged to Saint Kitts and Nevis and renamed ADEL in August 2024. Since then, the vessel has not been in the SPRFMO Area.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: <i>(No comments received in response to the initial draft compliance report).</i></p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: CTC noted Liberia’s explanation that late reporting was due to internal administrative issues and that internal improvements have been made.</p>	Priority Non-Compliant

Table 4: CMM 06-2023 (VMS)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 06-2023 (VMS) <i>(Guide: Para 4- non-continuous data/gaps; Para 11- Data not forwarded hourly by FMC; Para 12- ALC issue; Annex 1-Para 5 – Pos’n not accurate/flying vessel; Annex 1- Para 7 – >1 hr position reporting; Annex 3-Para 1b – update manual reports to Commission VMS)</i>	2024/25 Compliance Status
Chile	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>Para 11 (1 event)</i> There was 1 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). The VMS was recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: <i>(Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED)</i> As per emails submitted on June 26 and on July 11, 2025; signed by mister Gonzalo Jimenez, representative of the Chilean Maritime Authority and responsible for the VMS in the country, the SPRFMO Secretariat was informed about malfunctioning problems with the VMS system derived from the service provider. Enclosed with these messages, the Secretary was provided with the respective VMS data and a letter from the provider with their apologies for the inconvenient that this situation might have caused. In this regard, considering that the compliance issue cannot be attributed to the Chilean vessel referred in your letter, as delegation, we do not see any compliance matter to be held accountable for. The respective emails and information recently referred to is also attached as part of the supporting documentation for this response.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11. CTC noted the responsibility of the flag State to provide VMS information.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 06-2023 (VMS) (Guide: Para 4- non-continuous data/gaps; Para 11- Data not forwarded hourly by FMC; Para 12- ALC issue; Annex 1-Para 5 – Pos'n not accurate/flying vessel; Annex 1- Para 7 –>1 hr position reporting; Annex 3-Para 1b – update manual reports to Commission VMS)	2024/25 Compliance Status
China	Non-Compliant (Para 4, 11, 12, Annex 1 -P5)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: Paragraph 4 (7 events), Paragraph 11 (4 events), Paragraph 12 (1 event), and Annex 1-Para 5 (2 events). There were 14 potential compliance issues pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). The VMS was recovered where applicable.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED) There are no additional comments, all the case replies have been promptly updated to the Secretariat.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of situation for each event and noting VMS data was recovered, CTC assigned each event as NC – NFA.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action
Cook Islands	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: Paragraph 4 (1 event)</p> <p>There was 1 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). The VMS was recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED) The missing data was recovered from the service provider and transmitted to the Secretariat on the 5th of November 2025. The Cooks considers this resolved, no issue detected.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further action
European Union	Non-Compliant (Para 11)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: Paragraph 4 (2 events)</p> <p>There were 2 potential compliance issues pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). The VMS was recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED) Our investigation found that one issue was due to a problem with the EC FLUX TL server which resulted in some messages receiving 'timeout' status, and the other issue was due to a change in certificates which created a communication problem between the FMC's internal systems. These issues were resolved promptly, and all missing position reports were provided to the SPRFMO Secretariat.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further action



<p>Korea</p>	<p>Non-Compliant (Para 11)</p>	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>Paragraph 11 (1 event)</i></p> <p>There was 1 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). VMS Data has been recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED)</p> <p>The issue stemmed from a technical issue. It was confirmed that our automatic transmission system had been overloaded due to the large volume of data being transmitted to multiple RFMOs. The missing data has been pushed to SPRFMO VMS.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of situation and noting VMS data was recovered, CTC assigned status as NC-NFA</p>	<p>Non-Compliant, No Further Action</p>
<p>Liberia</p>	<p>Non-Compliant (Para 11)</p>	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>Paragraph 12 (1 event), Annex 3 (1 Event)</i></p> <p>There were 2 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements pertaining to the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). Vessel positional data for the gap has been partially recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED)</p> <p>The VMS service provider attempted to update the firmware on the subject vessel however, the USB cable necessary for the update was not found on the ship. We were advised the necessary updates would be made that once the ship reached a convenient port. The vessel has been manually reporting its positions to the FMC.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of the issue and noting VMS data has only partially provided, the CTC assigned a status of PNC and requested that Liberia provide the missing VMS Data from the manual reports.</p>	<p>Priority Non-Compliant (Further Action)</p>
<p>Panama</p>	<p>Non-Compliant (Para 4, 11, Annex 1-P5)</p>	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>Paragraph 4 (2 events), Paragraph 11 (3 events)</i></p> <p>There were 5 potential compliance issues pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). VMS Data has been recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED)</p> <p>With reference to the five (5) potential compliance issues identified by the Secretariat during the 2024/25 reporting period under CMM 06-2023 (VMS), Panama clarifies that, in all cases, the VMS operated by the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) of ARAP continuously received the position reports transmitted by the vessels concerned, confirming the proper functioning of the onboard equipment. The data gaps identified in the Commission’s VMS did not result from vessel non-compliance or failures of onboard VMS units, but rather from technical or administrative transmission issues between interconnected systems and service providers. Once notified by the Secretariat, Panama immediately proceeded to retransmit the missing VMS positions, which were successfully uploaded into the Commission’s VMS, resulting in complete records and closure of each case. Panama respectfully requests that these matters be considered compliant and welcomes continued cooperation through early notifications to facilitate prompt resolution of any future transmission issues. Panama reiterates that it maintains strict VMS</p>	<p>Non-Compliant, No Further Action</p>



		<p>monitoring controls and applies enforcement measures in accordance with national regulations where appropriate.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of situation for each event and noting VMS data was recovered, CTC assigned each event as NC – NFA.</p>	
Peru	Non-Compliant (Para 12)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: Paragraph 4 (1 event) There was 1 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). VMS Data was not recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED) Regarding the Compliance issue related to CMM 06 (VMS), the response is elaborated by our competent area in the Excel file.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of situation surrounding the event and noting Peru’s explanation, CTC assigned a NC – NFA.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action
Vanuatu	Non-Compliant (Para 11)	<p>Secretariat Assessment: Paragraph 11 (1 event) There was 1 potential compliance issue pertaining to VMS reporting requirements during the 2024/25 Reporting period (reference CTC13-Doc10.1 VMS Issues Summary for details). VMS Data has been recovered.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: (Refer to VMS Issues Summary Worksheet - CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED) The vessels ceased updating simultaneously due to a synchronization bug in the shared Service Provider transmission gateway.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Following review of situation surrounding the event and noting Vanuatu’s explanation, CTC assigned a NC – NFA.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Table 5: CMM 07-2025 (Port Inspections)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 07-2025 (Port Inspections)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Ecuador	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 26 – late submission of Inspection Report)</i> There is a potential compliance issue identified pertaining to paragraph 26 requirements of the Port Inspection Procedures pertaining to transmission of a port inspection report to the SPRFMO Executive Secretary later than 15 working days following the date of completion of the port inspection. The SPRFMO authorised jigging vessel <i>JING YUAN 628</i> (CHN) arrived in port at Manta, Ecuador from the SPRFMO Convention Area on 10 July 2025. A port inspection was carried out and submitted via the FAO Global Information Exchange System (GIES) on 06 November 2025.</p> <p><i>Information - Port Inspection Number PIR-ECU-12978 MPCEIP-SRP-DCP-NO-2025-007: Date of Inspection: 2025-07-10; Purpose of the port visit: change of crew; Catch retained onboard: GIS Dosidicus gigas (Jumbo flying squid); Catch Area: SPRFMO - FAO Fishing Area 87; Product form: Whole/rounded - Not processed – Frozen; Quantity Declared: 80,400 kg</i></p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: Regarding the port inspection of the vessel <i>Jing Yuan 628</i>, Ecuador notes that while the vessel is registered with SPRFMO as authorised to conduct fishing activities within the Convention Area, its port call to Manta was limited to logistical support and provisioning activities. During the inspection, it was verified on board that the fishing activity conducted concerned a species not covered by the SPRFMO Convention. In this context, Ecuador emphasizes that the inspection report transmitted to the Secretariat reflects Ecuador’s commitment to cooperation with SPRFMO, particularly in the initial stages of exercising its responsibilities as a Port State, including the use of the FAO Global Information Exchange System (GIES), which Ecuador fully supports. Accordingly, Ecuador notes that the circumstances of this inspection were outside the scope of paragraph 1(b) of the relevant CMM and reiterates its commitment to the timely transmission of port inspection reports and the continuous strengthening of internal procedures in line with SPRFMO requirements. <i>(Status requested: Compliant)</i></p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Ecuador revisited the port inspection information and confirmed that GIS was onboard.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNC	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 07-2025 (Port Inspections)	2024/25 Compliance Status
Peru	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 26 – late submission of Inspection Reports)</i> There is a potential compliance issue identified pertaining to paragraph 26 requirements of the Port Inspection Procedures pertaining to transmission of a copy of the port inspection report to the SPRFMO Executive Secretary no later than 15 working days following the date of completion of the port inspection. The majority of the reports from port inspections that concluded within the 2024-25 reporting period (01 Oct 2024 – 30 Sept 2025) were received by the Secretariat outside of the 15 working day timeframe. Of the 19 port inspection reports received, 2 were within the 15 working day period. The remainder (~90%) were received between 34 and 103 calendar days after the inspection (average time to receive was 59 days after the port inspection took place).</p> <p>Comment by Notwithstanding the late submission of a group of port inspection forms, it should be noted that this did not compromise the integrity, traceability or quality of the information submitted, which was developed in the context of a process of adjusting and strengthening the control and registration procedures, associated with the implementation of new national provisions.</p> <p>CTC Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Consideration/Comment:</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further action



Table 6: CMM 12-2023 (Transhipments and At-Sea Transfers)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 12-2023 (Transhipments and At-Sea Transfers)	2024/25 Compliance Status
China	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 3 – at-sea transfer of fuel with a vessel not authorised on SPRMO ROV)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified during the reporting period in respect to contravention of paragraph 3 regarding the at-sea transfer of fuel. During November 2024 and again during May to July 2025, China flagged fishing vessels (25) engaged in at-sea bunkering activity with the support vessel (<i>XIANG HAI/FENG HAI</i>) while it was no longer authorized on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels. While the vessel <i>XIANG HAI</i> had been previously authorized on the SPRFMO Record of vessels under the flag of Belize, that authorization was ended in October 2024 and in March 2025 the vessel (renamed <i>FENG HAI</i>) reflagged to Sierra Leone. SPRFMO Record of Vessel information indicates the 25 fishing vessels involved were owned by 3 companies as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fujian Pingtan County Ocean Fishery Group Co Ltd (15 vessels): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>FU YUAN YU 7601/7604/7606/7611/7612/7613/7614/7615/7616/7617/7618/7619/7882/7883/7887</i> Fujian Juchangtai Fishery Group Co Ltd (8 vessels): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>FU YUAN YU 7641/7642/7643/7646/7703/7704/7711/7713</i> Fuzhou Hong Long Ocean Fishing Co Ltd (2 vessels): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>FU YUAN YU 7888/7889</i> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP:</p> <p>The People’s Republic of China maintains a consistent and firm commitment to compliance with all SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures. Whenever reliable information indicates potential non-compliance, we take timely and appropriate action in accordance with relevant procedures. Upon receiving the Secretariat’s potential non-compliance email dated on 28th Aug 2025, we immediately initiate an internal investigation to verify the alleged violations involving 25 vessels from three companies in relation to bunkering operations with the <i>FENG HAI</i> within the SPRFMO Convention Area. The investigation team conducted site visit to the three companies and thoroughly reviewed all the relevant documentation for the 25 vessels, with particular attention to bunkering records for the entire 2024 and 2025. In October 2025, the key findings are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The alleged bunkering activities between the <i>FENG HAI (XIANG HAI)</i> with <i>FU YUAN YU</i> vessels were confirmed. 2. The bunkering that took place in November 2024 occurred because the <i>XIANG HAI</i> had been removed from the SPRFMO authorized vessel list in October 2024, the owners of the <i>FU YUAN YU</i> vessels were unaware of this change and had not verified the SPRFMO public vessel record, as bunkering services had previously been provided in August 2024 which <i>XIANG HAI</i> was an authorized vessel in the SPRFMO at that time. 3. The owners of the <i>FU YUAN YU</i> vessels conducted bunkering with the <i>XIANG HAI</i> in 2025 without verifying its status, even after being informed of its re-flagging and renaming. This decision was based on their longstanding cooperation and a taken 	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 12-2023 (Transshipments and At-Sea Transfers)	2024/25 Compliance Status
		<p>for granted belief that the vessel was an authorized vessel in the SPRFMO, and under the mistaken assumption that applying for authorization was standard practice for all vessels operating in an RFMO area.</p> <p>This case reveals certain weaknesses in the three companies’ compliance awareness and internal management mechanisms. In response, we have already taken the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon learning of the case, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) already delivered a series of specialized training sessions (including SPRFMO compliance training; SPRFMO transshipment and transfer activities compliance training; SPRFMO observer compliance training) during September and October 2025 to reaffirm all relevant SPRFMO requirements. 2. Severe penalties imposed on the three companies and 25 vessels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The three companies were fined a total of approximately RMB6,860,000 ➤ The following penalties were imposed on 25 vessels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 25 vessels are mandated to return to port in China for rectification. b. - All 25 vessels suspend operations for six months. - Each of the 25-vessel master’s has been fined RMB20,000 3. Fujian Provincial Department of Ocean and Fisheries summoned the three companies, directing them to undertake rigorous compliance training, strengthen their internal management mechanisms and enhance team capacity for compliance. Additionally, the case also circulated throughout the provincial industry to serve as a warning and learning example. <p>China reaffirms its full commitment to adhering to all SPRFMO CMMs and will continue to cooperate closely with the Commission to promote sustainable fisheries management.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: CTC noted the strong actions and follow up measures taken by China in response to the situation.</p>	
Korea	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 9 – Late Submission of Transshipment Data)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect to the late submission of the Transshipment Operational Details related to the 22 January 2025 squid transshipment from the Korean flagged vessel <i>No.5 DONG IL</i>. The established deadline for submitting 1st quarter Transshipment operational details pertaining to Jumbo Flying Squid was 20 April 2025 and the information was submitted on 08 May 2025.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 12-2023 (Transshipments and At-Sea Transfers)	2024/25 Compliance Status
		<p>Comment by Member/CNCP: The late submission of the transshipment data was simply due to an administrative oversight. There was no transshipment of squid by Korean vessels during the preceding 4 years (2021-2024) and we were not submitting the transshipment data for quite a long time. We believe that it led to the late submission somehow.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: Preliminary compliance status assigned as per the provisions of CMM 10-2020 Paragraph 11.</p>	
Korea	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 2 – Transshipment with vessel not authorised on SPRMO ROV)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect to paragraph 2 resulting from the 22 January 2025 transshipment by the Korean flagged vessel <i>No.5 DONG IL</i>, owned by KYUNG TAE CO. LTD, of 95,550 kgs Jumbo Flying Squid caught in SPRFMO Convention Area to the Panama flagged carrier vessel <i>KANO REEFER</i>, owned by MARINE GROWTH S.A., on 22 January 2025. While the <i>KANO REEFER</i> had previously been authorized on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels since December 2019, the vessel’s authorisation end date was 08 December 2024. At the time of the transshipment, the carrier vessel was no longer authorised on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels and hence, unable to engage in the transshipment of SPRFMO Resources.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP: As soon as we became aware of the incident during an inspection conducted at Busan port, we informed the flag State (Panama) of the carrier vessel concerned (<i>KANO REEFER</i>) and the Secretariat of the case. As for the fishing vessel (<i>No.5 DONG IL</i>), we first kept the catch under custody upon unloading and released it afterwards as we concluded that the fishing vessel/operator did not have any intention to misreport or hide certain information on purpose, based on the fact that the vessel operator did report to Korean FMC in accordance with Korea’s relevant national regulation.</p> <p>Not all the RFMOs have the same or similar regulation (i.e. to apply the relevant regulations/reporting requirements for transshipment to any catch caught within the Convention Area regardless of where the transshipment takes place) and sometimes a Captain/vessel operator or even a government officer may not be fully familiar with such a requirement.</p> <p>Although we do not believe that this particular incident is a serious non-compliance case, developing an administrative system to prevent the recurrence of similar cases will be explored and a legal procedure is being considered against the vessel operator in accordance with Korea’s relevant national law.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment:</p>	Non-Compliant, Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 12-2023 (Transshipments and At-Sea Transfers)	2024/25 Compliance Status
		<p>CTC noted that the legal procedure has not yet concluded and asked that Korea update on the outcome of the matter.</p>	
Panama	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 2 – Transshipment involving SPRFMO Resources after Authorisation end date)</i></p> <p>There is a potential compliance issue identified in respect to paragraph 2 following the engagement of the carrier vessel <i>KANO REEFER</i>, owned by Marine Growth S.A., on 22 January 2025 for the at-sea transshipment of fish product, which included 95,550 kgs Jumbo Flying Squid caught in SPRFMO Convention Area, from the Korean flagged vessel <i>No.5 DONG IL</i>, owned by Kyung Tae Co Ltd after the carrier’s SPRFMO authorisation had ended. The <i>KANO REEFER</i> had previously been authorized on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels since December 2019; however, the vessel’s last authorisation end date was 08 December 2024. On 07 December 2024 Panama advised that the vessel would not be renewing their authorization for SPRFMO hence at the time of the transshipment the <i>KANO REEFER</i> was no longer SPRFMO authorised to engage in the transshipment of SPRFMO Resources.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP:</p> <p>Further to the Secretariat’s assessment regarding the at-sea transshipment conducted on 22 January 2025 by the carrier vessel <i>KANO REEFER</i>, Panama informs that, upon receipt of the information arising from the landing inspection carried out by the competent authorities of the Republic of Korea, the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) proceeded to initiate the corresponding administrative sanctioning proceedings. Following the verification that the transshipment of SPRFMO-regulated resources was conducted after the expiration of the vessel’s authorization on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels on 08 December 2024, the case was processed in accordance with the applicable national legal framework. All procedural stages of the administrative process have now been duly completed.</p> <p>As established in Final Resolution DGIVC/RF/PSI/0001-2026 dated 8 January 2026 and duly notified through Edict No. 0005-2026 dated 12 January 2026 the administrative process resulted in the imposition of an administrative fine in the amount of USD \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand United States dollars). In addition to the pecuniary sanction imposed, the following complementary administrative measures were adopted, in view of the seriousness of the non-compliance identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Suspension of the International Service Fishing Licence, which authorizes the vessel to operate in areas regulated by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs). 2) Formal communication to the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) requesting the restriction of any procedure related to a change of ownership or the cancellation of the vessel’s registration. <p>These measures described above were applied immediately as part of Panama’s preventive and deterrent approach adopted by the Republic of Panama and will only be lifted once full payment of the fine imposed has been made, which is currently pending, and following verification of full compliance with the conditions established in the sanctioning resolution.</p>	Non-Compliant, No Further Action



Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 12-2023 (Transshipments and At-Sea Transfers)	2024/25 Compliance Status
		<p>The Republic of Panama reiterates its firm commitment to the effective implementation of the Conservation and Management Measures adopted by the SPRFMO, as well as to the principle of effective cooperation in matters of monitoring, control, and enforcement.</p> <p>CTC Consideration/Comment: CTC considered the information provided by Panama and the action taken.</p>	



Table 7: CMM 18-2025 (Jumbo Flying Squid)

Member/ CNCP	2023/24 Compliance Status	2024/25 Assessments - Potential Compliance Issues for CMM 18-2025 (Jumbo Flying Squid)	2024/25 Compliance Status
China	Compliant	<p>Secretariat Assessment: <i>(Paragraph 17 – did not fully achieve minimum observer coverage)</i></p> <p>There was a potential compliance issue identified in respect of paragraph 17 that the minimum observer coverage target of 2% of fishing days for the Jumbo Flying Squid fleet was not fully achieved as of 01 September 2025.</p> <p>Comment by Member/CNCP:</p> <p>Based on the data submitted by the returned observers and the status of those still onboard at sea, the estimated coverage rate for the period from October 2024 to September 2025 is 1.7%. The main reasons for failing to meet the 2% standard are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Firstly, the round-trip travel time between the port and fishing grounds for observers takes about 90 days, which reduces the time they actually working on fishing vessels; ➤ Secondly, certain unforeseen incidents have resulted in lower observed fishing days—for instance, an observer developed a sudden illness and had to terminate the observation mission early, thus he only working on the fishing vessel for one month; ➤ Thirdly, uncertainties in estimating the next year’s total fishing days and the observer deployment process, such as the departure time of observers from the port and the transit time from carrier vessels to target fishing vessels after arriving at the fishing grounds, have led to deviations in the estimated number of deployed observers and their observation days. <p>Improvement Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of observers to reduce emergencies and uncertainties during the deployment process. • Appropriately extend the duration of observers' service onboard the fishing vessels. • Enhance the direct communication mechanism between observer dispatch units and fishing vessels to ensure strict alignment between voyage plans and observation tasks, guaranteeing that observers arrive in the SPRFMO Convention Area at the scheduled time. <p>CTC Consideration/Comment:</p> <p>CTC noted that failing to meet minimum observer coverage levels undermines the effectiveness of the CMMs.</p>	Priority Non-Compliant



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE FINAL COMPLIANCE REPORT (Assessing 2024/25)

In accordance with CMM 10-2020, Paragraph 17, below is the executive summary of the Commission.

a) Compliance Status

- c. The Commission accepted the compliance status assigned by the CTC for each possible compliance issue identified in the provisional compliance report. Notations whether any specific further action is required have been made as applicable.

b) Suggestions for possible amendments or improvements to existing CMMs to address implementation or compliance challenges

It was noted that 15 proposals were introduced at CTC to amend current CMMs and 3 proposals to create new CMMs. The key elements of each proposal were introduced at the CTC under agenda item 6 on Conservation and Management Measures. The proposals were referred to the Commission for further discussion and consideration. The CTC did not recommend any proposals to Commission for adoption. Proposals adopted by the Commission will be noted in the Commission report.

c) Obstacles to Implementation (including capacity building) Identified by Members

The Commission noted that CMM 12 requires pre and post activity reporting for carrier vessels engaged in transshipment events but does not have similar requirements for support vessels engaged in other at-sea transfer activities (e.g. bunkering). This presents an obstacle to monitoring bunkering vessel activity and ensuring compliance with the requirement that SPRFMO authorised fishing vessels are only serviced by support vessels that are currently authorised on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels.

d) Additional Obligations to be Monitored or Reviewed under the CMS

The Commission noted that some proposals, if adopted, would create additional obligations to be monitored or reviewed during the CMS process.

e) Other Actions the Commission Deem Appropriate to address Non-Compliance

No working groups or intersessional work was identified from issues stemming directly from the 2024/25 Final Compliance Report.

Other observations

The Commission tasked the CTC Chairperson to develop a CTC workplan in consultation with the Secretariat.

Follow up actions for previous years



CTC13-Doc11 reported on the progress of follow-up actions respect to issues from previous years. Of the 3 follow up actions identified in the 2025 Final Compliance Report; all commitments were fulfilled. With respect to the single follow up action pertaining to other compliance related commitments, this was also fulfilled. There were no issues identified for carry forward to CTC14.



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Table 8 below displays the “Compliance Status” for each Members/CNCP versus each CMM as assigned in the previous tables.

(Note: where a Member/CNCP has 2 compliance issues within a single CMM, only the most serious compliance status as defined in Annex I of CMM 10-2020 is shown)

Assessed CMM	01	02	03	03a	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Australia																				
Belize															n/a					
Chile															n/a					
China															n/a					
Cook Islands																				
Cuba															n/a					
Ecuador															n/a					
European Union																				
Faroe Islands															n/a					
Korea																				
New Zealand																				
Panama															n/a					
Peru															n/a					
Russian Federation															n/a					
Chinese Taipei															n/a					
Vanuatu															n/a					
USA															n/a					
Curacao															n/a					
Liberia															n/a					
2026 Final CMS	1	4	0	0	0	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0



Table 9: Prior Year - Summary of “Non-Compliance” (Final Compliance Reports)

Assessed CMM	PRIOR YEARS – NON_COMPLIANT SUMMARY FROM FINAL CMS																								
	01-2022	02-2022	03-2022	03a-2021	04-2020	05-2022	06-2020	07-2022	08-2019	09-2017	10-2020	11-2015	12-2020	13-2021	14a-2022	14b-2022	14c-2019	14d-2020	14e-2021	15-2016	16-2022	17-2022	18-2020	19-2021	
2025	3	3	0	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	2	3	1	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	2	0	2	n/c	0	1	-	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2023	1	8	0	1	0	2	10/8	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	-	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2022	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a
2021	0	8	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	-	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	n/a	-	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
2019	3	2	0	n/a	3	6	4	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	-	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2018	5	4	2	n/a	0	4	0	3	0	1	4	0	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2017	4	4	0	n/a	0	8	n/a	4	0	2	5	0	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2016	9	9	2	n/a	1	8	n/a	6	0	6	8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a