

If yes, please detail, in order to reach the objective of at least 5% of landing and transshipment operations as set in Article 9(1) of the IUU Regulation, which benchmarks you use and rank them:

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Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation¹⁸

4.1. How many catch certificates¹⁹ from non-EU countries were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please complete the following table by flag State validating the catch certificates, including cases where catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.²⁰ Please only provide information on catch certificates accompanying the consignments to be imported in your country; for consignments meant for transit to another Member State (Article 19(1) of the IUU Regulation), please see the question 4.7. of this questionnaire.

Flag State (non-EU) ²¹	2022		2023	
	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³
<i>AR</i>	6	N/A	8	N/A
<i>CA</i>	1	N/A	0	N/A
<i>CN</i>	2	N/A	1	N/A
<i>CO</i>	6	N/A	2	N/A
<i>EC</i>	6	N/A	10	N/A
<i>FO</i>	28	N/A	3	N/A
<i>IN</i>	2	N/A	3	N/A
<i>IS</i>	441	N/A	362	N/A
<i>KI</i>	0	N/A	1	N/A
<i>KR</i>	17	N/A	43	N/A
<i>MU</i>	34	N/A	54	N/A
<i>MV</i>	84	N/A	61	N/A
<i>NI</i>	1	N/A	3	N/A
<i>NO</i>	341	N/A	357	N/A
<i>NZ</i>	6	N/A	2	N/A
<i>PA</i>	5	N/A	14	N/A
<i>PG</i>	1	N/A	2	N/A
<i>PH</i>	109	N/A	32	N/A
<i>RU</i>	8	N/A	2	N/A
<i>SB</i>	1	N/A	0	N/A

¹⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States.

¹⁹ Please provide only the number of catch certificates i.e. not the number of all transactions (imports/declarations) where the same certificates have been (re)used.

²⁰ If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

²¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²² Based on Annex II to the IUU Regulation

²³ Based on Annex IV to the Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009

Flag State (non-EU) ²¹	2022		2023	
	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³
<i>SC</i>	187	N/A	130	N/A
<i>SV</i>	28	N/A	18	N/A
<i>TH</i>	4	N/A	0	N/A
<i>TW</i>	110	N/A	29	N/A
<i>UK</i>	2	N/A	0	N/A
<i>US</i>	6	N/A	3	N/A
<i>VN</i>	53	N/A	49	N/A
TOTAL	1489		1189	

4.2. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates (Annex V to Commission Regulation 1010/2009) accompanied consignments destined to your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

RFMO document	2022	2023
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	0	0
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	0	0
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0	0
Total	0	0

4.3. How many catch certificates from EU Member States (including from your country) were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Flag State (EU)	2022	2023
<i>ES</i>	224	134
<i>FR</i>	127	55
<i>IT</i>	22	2
<i>LV</i>	6	1
Total	379	192

4.4. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates from EU Member States accompanied imports into your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

RFMO document	2022	2023
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	0	0
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	0	0
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0	0

RFMO document	2022	2023
Total	0	0

4.5. How many processing statements (Article 14(2) – Annex IV) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and per processing country.

Processing non-EU State ²⁴	2022	2023
<i>EC</i>	12	7
<i>SV</i>	9	11
<i>PH</i>	1	0
<i>IN</i>	4	3
<i>IS</i>	2	0
<i>CN</i>	12	6
<i>MU</i>	119	76
<i>NO</i>	75	34
<i>PG</i>	1	0
<i>SC</i>	23	16
<i>TH</i>	185	109
<i>TR</i>	0	1
<i>VN</i>	0	7
<i>TOTAL</i>	445	272

4.6. How many single transport documents referred to in Article 14(1)(b)(i) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and by third country concerned.

Non-EU State concerned ²⁵ – single transport document	2022	2023
<i>AR</i>	3	1
<i>CN</i>	2	1
<i>CO</i>	6	2
<i>EC</i>	6	9
<i>FO</i>	0	1
<i>IN</i>	0	2
<i>SI</i>	N/A	N/A

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁵ Country through which fishery products went when transported from the territory of the flag State and before arriving to your country.

Follow-up:

Section 6. Information on checks and verifications of catch certificates and related documents according to Articles 16(1) and 17(1)-(5) of IUU Regulation³²

Please note: points 6.1 to 6.3 in this Section refer to checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1) whereas points 6.4 to 6.11 refer to verifications of catch certificates in accordance with Article 17.

The clear separation between checks and verifications in this Section thus reflects the provisions of the mentioned Articles of the IUU Regulation.

It is therefore important to provide the requested information in line with this separation.

6.1. Has your country established a procedure for checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide relevant instruction manuals/ guidance documents. [Attached](#).

6.2. Do you check all catch certificates in light of the information provided in the notifications received from the flag States in accordance with Article 20 (i.e. (i) if all required data are provided in a catch certificate and (ii) if these data correspond to the notification from the flag State in question³³)?

☒ Yes

☒ No

All catch certificates are checked, especially that all required data is provided in a catch certificate. However, the data of the catch certificates are not always compared with the notifications in the CIRCABC, taken into consideration that the inspectors know by heart (experience) the right outlook. CIRCABC is opened when the country of origin is not frequent. The data requested below in the table is not available.

If you do not check all catch certificates as indicated above (i.e. for data completeness and correspondence with information from the flag State notification) and instead you apply risk management for checks, please provide the following:

- risks identified in 2022 and 2023 on the basis of risk management used to check catch certificates, and
- number of catch certificates checked:

Please fill-in the table below:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁴	2022		2023	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³³ Based on comparison of the information in the catch certificate with the information provided in the flag State notification available to Member States authorities on the Commission website (in CIRCABC database).

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

If you apply Union criteria, please detail the methodology used (and which criteria are used always/regularly, often, occasionally, never):

If you apply national criteria, please detail them and the methodology used³⁶:

The whole procedure of the checks and partly verifications is carried out in the national IT system. The IT system includes warnings and blockades that automatically recognise for example the following characteristics: vessel, fish species and country of origin as well as importer and exporter. After the checks and risk analysis in the IT system the catch certificates are verified in accordance with the EFCA common methodology.

6.7. If you apply risk management to verifications, please provide information on the risks identified in 2022 and 2023 respectively (Article 32 of Commission Regulation (EC) 1010/2009) on the basis of the criteria used. Please also provide information on whether all consignments identified as risky have been covered by verifications. If this is not the case, please specify the percentage of consignments identified as risky that have been covered by verifications and the reasons of such situation.

The IT system identifies from time to time medium or high risk cases and they are verified. Any statistics is not readily at hand. In 2022-2023 the risks identified have been rather normal, no special new risks have arisen.

6.8. If you do not apply risk management to verifications, please describe the procedure used³⁷:
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6.9. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁸	2022		2023	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
AR	6	2	7	2
CN	2	1	1	1
CO	6	2	2	0
EC	6	2	10	6
ES	224	18	134	25
FO	28	0	3	0
FR	127	5	55	9
IN	2	1	3	1
IS	441	3	362	1

³⁶ Please provide a complete description (not only examples of national criteria and of their use).

³⁷ Please provide a complete and accurate description

³⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁸	2022		2023	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
IT	22	2	2	0
KR	17	2	43	12
LV	6	0	1	1
MU	34	2	54	15
MV	84	1	61	4
NI	1	0	4	2
NO	341	2	357	6
NZ	6	0	2	0
PA	5	0	14	3
PG	1	1	2	1
PH	109	8	32	11
RU	8	6	2	2
SB	1	0	0	0
SC	187	3	130	26
SV	28	1	18	7
TH	4	0	0	0
TW	110	12	29	5
UK	2	1	0	0
US	6	2	3	0
VN	53	5	49	1
CA	1	0	0	0
KI	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	1868	82	1381	141

6.10. Please reply to the following questions:

- a) How many catch certificates have you verified in the context of the application of Article 17(4)?
- b) How many catch certificates have you verified on the basis of risk identified in accordance with Article 17(3)?
- c) How many catch certificates have been verified at random (Article 17(5))?

Verifications are not recorded by ELY Centre according to paragraphs of articles. No answer can be provided.

6.11. Does your country also physically examine the consignments in the context of verifications?
Please note that under this point you are asked to provide information on physical examinations based only on IUU-related grounds.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details on:

- a) Number of physically examined consignments (per year) and percentage in relation to all verifications made: In 2023 one consignment was verified physically.
- b) Method of selection of consignments: The documents caused concerns (Article 17.4.).

Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries³⁹

7.1. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications under Article 17(6) of the IUU Regulation to flag States' authorities in 2022-2023⁴⁰?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many assistance requests for verifications? Note: please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023:

Flag States ⁴¹	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2022	Justification (please provide a brief description)	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2023	Justification (please provide a brief description)
SV	2	17.4.(a),(b)	0	
PA	0		1	17.4.(a)
KR	0		2	17.4.(a)
PH	1	17.4.(a)	0	
MV	0		1	17.4.(a), (b)
SC	1	17.4.(a), (b)	0	
CO	2	17.4.(a), (b)	0	
IS	1	17.4.(a), (b)	0	
FR	1	17.4.(a)	0	
TOTAL	8		4	

³⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

⁴⁰ Please note that assistance requests for verifications sent to countries other than flag States should be listed under point 7.4.

⁴¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.