

**QUESTIONNAIRE to be used for biennial reporting
on the application of the IUU Regulation**

Reporting period 2016-2017 (deadline for submission 30 April 2018)

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May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?	
Yes:	Yes
Yes except for questions (list):	
No:	

Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with:

Article 15.2 (exportation of catches): Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates): Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Article 21.3 (re-exportation): Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Article 39.4 (nationals): Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Section 1. Information on legal framework¹

Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country adopted/modified national law or any administrative guides for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation)?

Yes No

If yes, please detail and provide copies or provide link to the official national database

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Section 2. Information on administrative organisation²

2.1. Does your country have different authorities/services to deal with the implementation of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

2.2. If different authorities/services are involved, please distinguish between:

- the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;
- validation of catch certificates upon exports;
- verification of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;
- verification of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);
- validation and verifications of re-exports.

a) internal co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);

Please explain and describe this cooperation: The Department of Fisheries liaises with the Customs Department for the importation of Fishery products

b) co-operation with other authorities and allocation of tasks for various authorities in the implementation of the IUU Regulation (Fisheries, Health, Customs, Coast Guard, Navy, etc.);

Please explain and describe this cooperation: Arrangements are in place between the Department of Fisheries, Customs, Health Department/ VET and BIP on fishery products under relevant HS codes.

c) How many officials are involved in the implementation of the catch certification scheme?

Please specify the number of officials expressed in Full Time Equivalent (FTE): Four in number officers are involved in the verification of Catch certificates

d) Do the authorities of your country have the possibility to audit/verify a company for the purposes laid down in the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

If yes, which and how many audits/verifications have they undertaken since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015? Please detail the results: Nil

2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports³ in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

¹ This section 1 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

² This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

Yes

No

Section 3. Information on direct landings and transhipments of fishery products by third country fishing vessels⁴ (including information on port inspections and infringements)⁵

3.1. Does your country have designated ports for direct landings or transhipment operations of fishery products and port services of third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation⁶)?

Yes

No

If yes, please list your country's designated ports (including ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations requirements) and answer to questions 3.2. to 3.7.:

Valletta port

3.2. How many landings and transhipments in designated ports of third country vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? How many inspections has your country carried out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2016):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2016)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2016)	Flag of the third country vessel(s)*					
			Ex. NO	PA	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					Nil
		Number of inspections	10					Nil
		% of inspections / landings	10%					Nil
		Number of infringements	3					Nil
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	2	7				7
		Number of inspections	0	14				14
		% of inspections / transhipments	0	100%				100%
		Number of infringements	0	Nil				Nil

*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

³ https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones_en

⁴ Fishing vessels as defined in article 2.5 of the IUU Regulation

⁵ This section 3 refers to Chapter II (Articles 4 to 11) of the IUU Regulation and is applicable to coastal Member States. Landlocked Member States should not fill in this section.

⁶ Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species etc.)

Please fill-in the table below (2017):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2017)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2017)	Flag of the third country vessel(s)*					Total
			Ex. NO	PA	LR	JP	FSx	
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					Nil
		Number of inspections	10					Nil
		% of inspections / landings	10%					Nil
		Number of infringements	3					Nil
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	2	2	1	1		4
		Number of inspections	2	3	3	1		7
		% of inspections / transhipments	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
		Number of infringements	0	Nil	Nil	Nil		Nil

*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

3.3. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements by third country vessels between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2017, please specify the flag, the vessel's name, the type of infringement and the measures taken (Article 11 of the IUU Regulation).

Please fill-in the table below (2016):

Flag of the third country vessel*	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1	Nil	Nil	Nil
FS2	Nil	Nil	Nil
...	Nil	Nil	Nil
FSx	Nil	Nil	Nil

*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

Please fill-in the table below (2017):

Flag of the third country vessel*	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1	Nil	Nil	Nil
FS2	Nil	Nil	Nil

...	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
FSx	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

3.4. Has your country had any problems with third country fishing vessels when implementing Articles 6 (prior notice) and 7 (authorisation) of the IUU Regulation?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail the nature of the problems:

In 2016: *Nil*

In 2017: *Nil*

3.5. Since January 2016, has your country denied access to its ports to a fishing vessel for port services, activities of landing or transshipment of fishery products based on the conditions of the IUU Regulation?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail the nature of the problem, the number of vessels concerned and their flags:

In 2016: *Nil*

In 2017: *Nil*

3.6. Do you have third country fishing vessel landings in transit in your country with final destination in another Member State? [Article 19.3 of the IUU Regulation]

Yes *No*

If yes, please indicate the number of landings in transit per year:

In 2016: *Nil*

In 2017: *Nil*

3.7. In order to determine the cases for port inspection, does your country use risk assessment criteria [cf. benchmarks for port inspections, Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No1010/2009]?

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of landings/transshipments from third countries)

If yes, please detail:

Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation⁷

4.1. How many catch certificates from non-EU countries were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Flag State (non-EU)	2016	2017
<i>China</i>	50	6
<i>Ecuador</i>	6	10
<i>Faroe Islands</i>	Nil	1
<i>India</i>	8	5
Indonesia	12	14
Kenya	1	1
Morocco	183	Nil
Mauritania	1	Nil
Mauritius	3	1
Mexico	5	Nil
Morocco	Nil	509
Norway	Nil	25
Oman	26	7
Peru	2	22
Philippines	Nil	39
Russia	Nil	5
Senegal	218	159
Seychelles	32	Nil
South Africa	7	1
Thailand	2	1
Tunisia	1	1
USA	Nil	12
Vietnam	2	2
Total	559	821

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

RFMO document	2016	2017
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

⁷ Section to be filled-in by all Member States. Article 2.11 of the IUU Regulation – "importation means the introduction of fishery products into the territory of the Union, including for transshipment purposes at ports in its territory"

RFMO document	2016	2017
<i>(CCAMLR)</i>		
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Total	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

4.3. Has your country received processing statements from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many processing statements under Article 14.2 accompanied imports into your country? If possible, please provide details per year and per processing country. Please only report processing statements received from non-EU countries:

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
China	1	2
Ecuador	Nil	5
Ivory Coast	2	Nil
Mauritius	7	70
Papua New Gynea	1	1
Philippines	30	Nil
Seychelles	Nil	2
Thailand	32	13
USA	7	3
Total	80	96

4.4. Please indicate if the information in processing statements referring to the corresponding catch certificates is retained and recorded:

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2016-2017)

4.5. Has your country received requests to authorise APEO⁸s in 2016-2017?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many requests has your country received and how many APEOs have been authorised?

Nil

4.6. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEO in 2016-2017?

Yes *No*

⁸ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

Not applicable (e.g. absence of APEO request)

If yes, please detail:

N/A

4.7. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017

Yes *No*

If yes, how many re-export certificates? Please detail per year and, if possible, per destination country:

Destination country (non-EU)	2016	2017
<i>Third Country 1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Third Country 2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Third Country x</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Total	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

4.8. Does your country monitor if the catches for which your country has validated a re-export certificate actually leave the EU?

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of re-export certificates in 2016-2017)

If yes, please detail:

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4.9. Has your country established any IT tools to monitor the catch certificates and processing statements accompanying imports?

Yes *No*

If yes, does it include a module for re-exportation of imported catches?

Yes *No*

4.10. Does your country implement the provisions regarding transit under Article 19.2 at the point of entry or the place of destination?

At the point of entry *At the place of destination* *Not implemented*

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation⁹

5.1. Has your country established a procedure for validation of catch certificates for exportation of catches from own vessels in accordance with Article 15?

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

If yes, please explain briefly the established procedure and answer questions 5.2 to 5.5.

N/A

5.2. Has your country validated catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many catch certificates did your country validate from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017? If possible, please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State	Year	
	2016	2017
<i>Third Country 1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Third Country 2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Third Country x</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Total	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

5.3. Has your country established any IT tool to monitor the catch certificates validated for exports stemming from own vessels?

Yes *No*

5.4. Does your country monitor that the catches for which your country has validated catch certificates actually leave the EU?

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2017?

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

⁹ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year): *N/A*

Reason: *N/A*

Follow-up: *N/A*

Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 5 of IUU Regulation¹⁰

6.1. Has your country established a procedure for verification of catch certificates for importation in accordance with Article 17.2?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail: *Checks carried out ensure accuracy of Catch Certificates and supporting documents. 100% inspections of fresh consignments are also carried out.*

How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU)	Number of verifications 2016		Number of verifications 2017	
	No of basic document-based verifications ¹¹	No of in-depth verifications ¹²	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
<i>China</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Ecuador</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Faroe Islands</i>	<i>Nil</i>		<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>India</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Morocco</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Mauritania</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mexico</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Morocco</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>509</i>

¹⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

¹¹ See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks “helicopter view”*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

¹² See fields CC7 to CC32 (*Verify and cross-check information related to the form, flag state, validating authority, fishing vessel, product(s), transshipment operations*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU)	Number of verifications 2016		Number of verifications 2017	
	No of basic document-based verifications ¹¹	No of in-depth verifications ¹²	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
Norway	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Norway	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>25</i>
Oman	<i>Nil</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>7</i>
Peru	<i>Nil</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>22</i>
Philippines	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>39</i>
Russia	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>5</i>
Senegal	<i>Nil</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>159</i>
Seychelles	<i>Nil</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
South Africa	<i>Nil</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
Thailand	<i>Nil</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
Tunisia	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>
USA	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>12</i>
Vietnam	<i>Nil</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>2</i>
Total	Nil	559	Nil	821

6.2. Does your country use a risk assessment approach for verification of catch certificates in accordance with Article 17?

Yes *No (See comment below)*

If yes, please detail (e.g. EU criteria for verifications (Article 31 of Commission Regulation 1010/2009); EFCA risk assessment methodology; national criteria).

A100% verification process on all Catch Certificates received is applied

6.3. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail:

*Number (per year):***100%**

Method of selection: ***fresh imported fishery products.***

Follow-up:

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States¹³

7.1. Has your country sent requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other countries authorities in 2016-2017?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017:*

Flag States	No of requests for verifications 2016	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)-	No of requests for verifications 2017	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)
<i>India</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Norway</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Ecuador</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Panama</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Korea</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Faroe Islands</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Total	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Nil</i>

7.2. How many requests for verification were not replied to by the other countries' authorities within the deadline provided in Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation? Does your country in these situations send a reminder to the authorities of the country in question? [Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017]

2016 *Nil*

2017 *Nil*

7.3. Was the quality of the answers provided overall sufficient to satisfy the request?

Yes *No*

¹³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)¹⁴

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? *Note: please only consider refusals based on the IUU Regulation, not for other reasons e.g. Food Safety, Customs legislation, etc.*

Yes *No*

If yes, please provide details in the table below:

Reason for refusal of importation	2016		2017	
	Flag State	No.	Flag State	No.
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
The products intended for importation are not the same as those mentioned in the catch certificate.	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
The catch certificate is not validated by the notified public authority of the flag State	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
The catch certificate does not indicate all the required information.	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
The importer is not in a position to prove that the fishery products comply with the conditions of Article 14.1 or 2.	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
A fishing vessel figuring on the catch certificate as vessel of origin of the catches is included in the Union IUU vessel list or in the IUU vessel lists referred to in Article 30.	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
The catch certificate has been validated by the authorities of a flag State identified as a non-cooperating State in accordance with Article 31	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
Further to the request for verification (Article 18.2)	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

8.2. If the answer to 8.1 is yes, what measures were taken by your authorities towards the refused fishery products?

¹⁴ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

N/A

8.3. In case of refusal of importation, did the operators contest the decision of the authorities of your country?

Yes No

If yes, please detail: N/A

Section 9. Information on trade flows¹⁵

9.1. Did your country note a change¹⁶ of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015?

Yes No

If yes, please detail: N/A

9.2. Please provide information, deriving from your country's statistical data, concerning change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country:

N/A

Section 10. Information on mutual assistance¹⁷

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission has your country replied to?

Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017 (if any)

2016.....2.....

2017.....2.....

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017 (if any)

2016 Nil

2017.....3.....

¹⁵ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

¹⁶ For example: new kinds of fishery products, new trade patterns or significant and sudden increase in trade volume for a certain species and/or certain third countries.

¹⁷ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries¹⁸

11.1. Apart from verifications and refusals under Articles 17 and 18, has your country had information exchange with third countries on issues related to the implementation of the IUU Regulation, such as follow-up of cases concerning nationals, consignments, trade flows, operators, private fishing licencing, as well as the investigation of criminal activities and serious infringements (Article 42)?

Yes No

If yes, please detail (please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017, if any).

N/A

Section 12. Information on nationals¹⁹

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country implemented or modified existing measures to ensure that your country can take appropriate action with regards to nationals involved in IUU fishing in accordance with Article 39 of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

If yes, please detail: N/A

12.2. What measures has your country taken to encourage nationals to notify any information on interests in third country vessels (Article 40.1)?

No formal actions have been taken in this regard, but nationals are encouraged to do so at every meeting between authorities and stakeholders

12.3. Has your country endeavoured to obtain information on arrangements between nationals and third countries allowing reflagging of their vessels in accordance with Article 40.4?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

12.4. If yes to any of the above, how many cases have your country dealt with and which administrative or penal follow-up was given?

Please provide details: N/A

12.5. Has your country put in place procedures to ensure that nationals do not sell or export any fishing vessels to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the Union IUU vessel list (Article 40.2)?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Has your country made use of Article 40.3 and removed public aid under national aid regimes or under Union funds to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the Union IUU vessel list?

¹⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Yes

No

If yes, please detail: *No aid is provided to any National vessel or operator listed in the Union IUU vessel list*

Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)²⁰

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Yes

No

If yes, please detail separately for each year the number of serious infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Serious infringements detected in 2016:			Serious infringements detected in 2017:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>DZA</i>	2	<i>Not fulfilled its obligations to record and report catch or catch-related data</i>	<i>Fines</i>			
<i>TUN</i>	1	<i>Fishing without a valid license</i>	<i>Fines</i>			
<i>LBY</i>	2	<i>Not fulfilled its obligations to record and report catch or catch-related data</i>	<i>Fines</i>			
<i>ITA</i>	1	<i>Not fulfilled its obligations to record and report catch or catch-related data</i>	<i>Fines Penalty points</i>			
<i>CYP</i>	1	<i>Contravention to conservation measures;</i>	<i>Fines Penalty points</i>			

²⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Serious infringements detected in 2016:			Serious infringements detected in 2017:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
		<i>used prohibited or non-compliant fishing gear</i>				
<i>MLT</i>	3	Fishing without a valid licence; Lack of external marking; Not fulfilled its obligations to record and report catch or catch-related data	Fines Penalty points	2	Marking of Gear; fished without a valid licence,	Fines Penalty points
<i>Total</i>	10			2		

13.2. Has your country applied or adapted its levels of administrative sanctions in accordance with Article 44?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail N/A

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)	No of sighting reports issued in 2016	No of sighting reports issued in 2017
<i>Country 1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Country 2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Country x</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)	No of sighting reports issued in 2016	No of sighting reports issued in 2017
<i>Total</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

13.4. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country received any sighting reports for its own vessels from other competent authorities?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail follow-up (in accordance with Article 50 of the IUU Regulation).

All cases reported were investigated and brought before the courts of Malta. Relevant cases are still pending court decisions.

Section 14. General

14.1. In the reporting period 2016/2017, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

No difficulties to report

14.2. Which improvements would your country suggest to the Regulation that would make implementation smoother?

Better communication platforms mainly entailing the insertion of the e mail addresses in Catch Certificates of the validating authorities in the Third Countries.

Section 15. Any other comments
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No comments

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