

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

Reporting period 2018-2019 (deadline for submission 30 April 2020)

Member State:	Republic of Croatia
Organisation:	Ministry of Agriculture - Directorate of Fisheries (MA-DoF) and the Ministry of Finance - Customs Administration (MFCA)
Date:	30.04.2020.
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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 check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:

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Article 15.2 (exportation of catches): Competent authority for the validation of the catch certificates for its own fishing vessels in Republic of Croatia is Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Fisheries (MA-DoF).

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates): Ministry of Finance, Custom Administration is competent authority for checks and verification of the catch certificates in accordance with Article 16 and paragraphs (1) to (6) of this Article. (Article 17(8)).

Article 21.3 (re-exportation): Competent authority for the validation and verification of the section re-exportation of catch certificates in Republic of Croatia is Ministry of Finance, Custom Administration (MFCA).

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

Article 39.4 (nationals): Ministry of Finance, Custom Administration (MFCA) and Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Fisheries, together are responsible authorities for coordinating the collection and verification of information on activities of nationals and for reporting to and cooperating with the Commission

Section 1. Information on legal framework¹

Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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

Nation Legislation, Marine Fisheries Act (OJ 62/17, 14/2019) is in line with the EU Regulation and no changes have been adopted for the application of the IUU Regulation since the last exercise covering the period 2016-2017.

Section 2. Information on administrative organisation²

2.1. Are there any changes as regards your administrative organisation since the last reporting exercise?

Yes No

2.2. *If yes, please fill in the following questions.* Does your country have different authorities/services to deal with the implementation of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

2.3. 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) vertical co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);

Please explain and describe this cooperation: Please explain and describe this cooperation:

In the Republic of Croatia the Ministry of Agriculture Directorate of Fisheries (MA- DoF) and the Ministry of Finance Customs Administration (MFCA) are jointly responsible for implementation of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation). Internal agreement (2013.) defines responsibility on implementation of IUU Regulation 1005/2008 between the Ministry of Finance (Customs Administration) and Ministry of Agriculture (Directorate of Fisheries- DoF).

MFCA & MA-DoF have a good communication and cooperation on a daily basis. Also, good communication is with other authorities such as Veterinary inspection, Port Authorities in the

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.

implementation of the IUU Regulation which have given support to MFCA in the phase checking CC and importing fisheries products.

Directorate of Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture) is the competent authority for control and management measures related to all fishing activities. DoF organisational structure is adequate to cover many of the issues related to the regulation and administration of the fisheries sector. Inspection, surveillance and control of the fisheries sector in Republic of Croatia is undertaken by several different services. The most important one is the Fisheries Inspection of the Ministry of Agriculture, which is the only strictly dedicated service for inspection, surveillance and control in fisheries.

- 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:

Considering the geographical characteristics of Croatia there are many landing places. To facilitate the on-the-spot control and increase coverage of the inspection activities Croatia has adopted an electronic system for detection of the discrepancies between data and potential irregularities. On-the-spot inspections are planned and implemented based on risk analysis and potential number of infringements in relation to landed quantities and/or number of vessels operations in a certain port. As mentioned above, given the length of the coast and different types of activities in the field of fisheries other authorities beside Fisheries Inspection ~~is~~ are authorized to perform these tasks as well:

Maritime police – Ministry of the Interior Affairs

Port Authority inspectors – Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure

Coast Guard – Ministry of Defence

All these authorities cooperate through the “Government Cooperation for surveillance and control at sea”.

During a 2019. also an expert Committee for linking different ministries was established as the result of harmonizing legal framework regulating the rights and interests of the Republic of Croatia on sea and are involved in the IUU Regulation.

The Members elected by the Government are as follows:

- the Coast Guard commander
- a representative of the ministry responsible for defense
- a representative of the ministry responsible for maritime affairs
- a representative of the ministry responsible for internal affairs
- a representative of the ministry responsible for marine fisheries
- a representative of the ministry responsible for the environment
- a representative of the ministry responsible for the economy
- a representative of the ministry responsible for finance
- a representative of the ministry responsible for foreign affairs
- a representative of the ministry responsible for culture
- a representative of the Ministry of Justice
- a representative of the Civil Protection Directorate
- a representative of the State Inspectorate
- a representative of the Croatian Fire Association

Established expert Committee performs following tasks:

1. Collects and distributes reports and other data on the state of safety and protection of marine areas under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia
2. Prepares reports, plans and other acts necessary for the work of the Central Coordination and submits an annual report on the implementation of the plans of joint activities no later than March 1 in the current year for the previous year
3. Prepares and proposes to the Central Coordination the annual plan of the bodies competent for the control and protection of the rights and interests of the Republic of Croatia at sea
4. Adopt quarterly plans for joint activities based on the annual plan of the authorities responsible for surveillance and protection.

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):

For the checks and verifications of the catch certificates and Annex IV are responsible 14 officials. There are five Single Liaison Officers on the central level (4 SLO in MA-DoF and 1 SLO in MFCA). In the Ministry of Finance Customs Administration there are 9 customs officers in 4 the Regional Customs Office (RCO) those who are competent for the checks and verifications of the catch certificates and Annex IV regarding IUU Regulation. Every catch certificate and every Annex IV processing statement were checked by authorized customs officers regarding IUU Regulation. It is very difficult to tell exact time spent on checking of CCs, since it is not the only job included in their tasks but for sure is one defined as the most important one.

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

Not applicable

If yes, which and how many audits/verifications have they undertaken since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017? Which authorities are responsible for audits/verifications? Please detail the results:

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

Yes No

Croatia does not issue any authorization for customs procedures (importation/exportation/processing) of fishery products in free zones/free ports.

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

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.

3.1. Please check if your list of designated ports correspond to the latest version of the Office Journal.

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2019.276.01.0011.01.ENG

3.2. Does your country have designated ports for direct landings or transshipment 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.:

- a) PLOČE (HRPLE)
- b) RIJEKA (HRRJK).
- c) ZADAR-GAŽENICA (HRGNE)
- d) SPLIT SJEVERNA LUKA (HRSPU)

3.3. How many landings and transshipments in designated ports of third country vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? How many inspections has your country carried out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2018):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2018)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2018)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁷					
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings						0
		Number of inspections						0
		% of inspections / landings						0
		Number of infringements						0
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports						0
		Number of inspections	0					0
		% of inspections / transshipments	0					0
		Number of infringements	0					0

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.)

⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Please fill-in the table below (2019):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2019)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2019)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁸					Total
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings						0
		Number of inspections						0
		% of inspections / landings						0
		Number of infringements						0
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports						0
		Number of inspections						0
		% of inspections / transshipments						0
		Number of infringements						0

3.4. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements by third country vessels between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019, 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 (2018):

Flag of the third country vessel ⁹	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			
FS2			
...			
FSx			

Please fill-in the table below (2019):

Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁰	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			

⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

FS2			
...			
FSx			

We have already stated that there were no landings and transshipments in HR designated ports of third country vessels between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019

3.5. 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 and the measures taken:

In 2018:

In 2019:

We have already stated that there were no landings and transshipments in HR designated ports of third country vessels between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019

3.6. Since January 2018, 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 2018:

In 2019:

We have already stated that there were no landings and transshipments in HR designated ports of third country vessels between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019

3.7. 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 2018:

In 2019:

We have already stated that there were no landings and transshipments in HR designated ports of third country vessels between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019

Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation¹¹

4.1. How many catch certificates from non-EU countries were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? Please complete the following table by flag state validating the catch certificates, including in cases catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.¹²

Flag State (non-EU)¹³	2018	2019
AL	1	30
DZ	0	4
AR	61	77
EG	0	5
EC	20	6
SV	0	1
FK	0	1
PH	36	35
GH	4	5
IN	1	7
ID	36	17
IS	6	0
ZA	22	28
CA	0	3
CN	36	31
KR	2	7
MA	15	62
NA	3	0
NO	2	0
NZ	54	47
PA	13	5
RU	10	11
SC	1	3
SN	6	3
SB	0	2
TW	8	0
TN	8	53

¹¹ 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*"

¹² If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

¹³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State (non-EU)¹³	2018	2019
US	25	33
VN	3	2
Total	373	478

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	2018	2019
<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 were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Flag State (EU)	2018	2019
GR	1	0
ES	7	25
GB	0	2
HR	122	229
Total	130	256

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	2018	2019
<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

4.5. Has your country received processing statements from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

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.

Processing non-EU State ¹⁴	2018	2019
AL	50	24
BA	8	27
EC	21	7
CN	33	41
PG	2	2
TH	14	14
TR	0	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>119</i>

4.6. 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 2018-2019)

4.7. Has your country received requests to authorise APEO¹⁵s in 2018-2019?

Yes *No*

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

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4.8. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEO in 2018-2019?

Yes *No*

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

If yes, please detail:

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4.9. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Yes *No*

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

¹⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁵ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

Destination country (non-EU)¹⁶	2018	2019
<i>AR</i>	0	1
<i>VN</i>	1	0
Total	1	1

4.10. 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 2018-2019)

If yes, please detail:

It can be monitored through the Customs IT system in the process of customs clearance procedure. IT tools are established as risk profiles (different criteria) to monitor the catch certificates in the importation or re-exportation in the process of customs clearance procedure by MFCA. The declarant (importer/exporter or forwarder agent) in the process of customs clearance procedure (import/export) have to fulfil TARIC code (C673) for catch certificate and his number or code for other species of fisheries products (e.g. ICCAT BCT/C047; ICCAT re-export C041 etc.) or that the declared goods are not concerned by IUU Regulation in box 44 of customs declarations. In this case is possible to monitor the status of catch certificate by MFCA.

4.11. 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*

Not applicable. In accordance with the provisions of the Customs Law, post audit controls are carried out of import goods.

4.12. 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*

¹⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation¹⁷

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 2018-2019)

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

Croatia is well organised and committed concerning the catch certification scheme. The overall catch documentation scheme also integrates regional fisheries management organization catch documents, which shall be accepted as catch certificates in respect of the fishery products from species to which such catch documentation schemes apply.

Products shall only be exported when accompanied by a Catch Certificate which contains information validated by the Croatian competent authority (Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Fisheries) of its own fishing vessels, in line with its duty under international law to ensure that fishing vessels flying Croatian flag comply with international rules.

The system of certification in the Republic of Croatia is based on an earlier commitment to meet sales notes. Every first buyer is obliged to fulfil the information about the first sale (sale note) before putting the fish in the market. The first buyer – exporter entering the web application using its user name and password meet the sales list, from which the exporter can automatically generate a catch certificate. Once filled sales notes, automatically enrolling types and their codes, and the first buyer – exporter manually enter the headings and the amount sent in exports. Exporters who are not early first buyers will receive their user name and password, and the database has the ability to generate catch certificates using a number of sales notes that they must provide the first buyer first.

5.2. Has your country validated catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019 in accordance with Article 15?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many catch certificates did your country validate from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019? If possible, please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State ¹⁸	Year	
	2018	2019
AL	2203	1535
BA	269	704
BO		2
CH	2	
CN	12	
DZ	42	10

¹⁷ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

¹⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Destination State ¹⁸	Year	
	2018	2019
LA		1
MA	138	183
MK	0	5
ME	136	162
PR	0	1
QA	0	4
RS	636	566
TN	5	40
UA	7	22
IS	1	0
JP	0	1
Total:	3.451	3.236

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 2018-2019)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019)

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

Reason:

Follow-up:

Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 5 of IUU Regulation¹⁹

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:
All documents are checked during verification.

6.2. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU) ²⁰	Number of verifications 2018		Number of verifications 2019	
	No of basic document-based verifications ²¹	No of in-depth verifications ²²	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
<i>Country 1</i>		All CC & all ANNEX IV/ See Section 4.1. and 4.5 List of countries		All CC & all ANNEX IV/ See Section 4.1. and 4.5 List of countries
<i>Country 2</i>				
...				
<i>Country x</i>				
Total				

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

Yes *No*

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

Every catch certificate and every Annex IV processing statement passing through risk analysis.

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²¹ See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks "helicopter view"*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

²² 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.

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail:

The consignment will be physically inspected in accordance with the results of the risk analysis system. Also, the consignment will be physically inspected in the case of reasonable suspicion which was detected in document control of catch certificate or Annex IV processing statement

Number (per year):

Method of selection:

Follow-up:

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States²³

7.1. Has your country sent requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other countries authorities in 2018-2019?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019:*

Flag States²⁴	No of requests for verifications 2018	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)-	No of requests for verifications 2019	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)
<i>GH</i>	1	17.4	0	
<i>RU</i>	0		1	17.4
<i>AL</i>	1	17.4	0	
Total	2		1	

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? Could you please specify when the request, despite reminder(s), remained unanswered? What measures have you taken in that case (i.e. denial of importation) [Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019]

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

Yes *No*

²³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

7.4. Has your country been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partly verification of catch certificates and how many verifications were made through these systems (approximately)?

Depending on the third country from which the goods are imported (e.g. if the import is from USA then we use their database (NOAA)).

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)²⁵

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? *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	2018		2019	
	Flag State ²⁶	No.	Flag State ²⁷	No.
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.				
The products intended for importation are not the same as those mentioned in the catch certificate.				
The catch certificate is not validated by the notified public authority of the flag State				
The catch certificate does not indicate all the required information.				
The importer is not in a position to prove that the fishery products comply with the conditions of Article 14.1 or 2.				
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.				
The catch certificate has been validated by the authorities of a flag State identified as a non-cooperating State in accordance with Article 31				
Further to the request for verification (Article 18.2)				

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

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²⁵ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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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:

Section 9. Information on trade flows²⁸

9.1. Did your country note a change²⁹ of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

The number of imported shipments and the quantity of fishery products increased in 2019. in relation to 2018. major importer in the Republic of Croatia stabilized his finances since the last period.

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:

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Section 10. Information on mutual assistance³⁰

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission has your country replied to?

Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019 (if any)

2018.....2.....

2019.....5.....

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019 (if any)

2018.....1.....

2019.....0.....

²⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries³¹

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 2018 and 2019, if any).

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Section 12. Information on nationals³²

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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:

In June 2017, Croatia adopted a new regulation Marine Fisheries Act (OJ 62/17, updated in 14/2019). Until the adoption of this new regulation, an effective, proportionate and dissuasive measures have been taken, but after 30 June 2017, it is possible to apply point system and criteria for serious infringements. Since the Marine Fisheries Act is in line with the EU Regulation it is possible to take appropriate action with regards to nationals involved in IUU fishing. The co-operation of all national institutions included in control and protection of the interests of the Republic of Croatia at sea regularly take place in education, training, collection of data which is facilitated by new regulation Coast Guard of the Republic of Croatia Act (OJ 125/19)

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

Mostly Croatian fishing fleet operates in the Croatian territorial waters so when it happens, very sporadic, that a third country vessel appears in that specific area, Croatian fisherman notify information to the competent authority, since it is their zone of interests for fishing operations.

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:

This issue is arranged with the Croatian Marine Fisheries Act (OJ 62/17; 14/2019) (Article 2) which is in line with the EU Regulations, sanctions provided in Article 81.1.9 of the same act and also with the Coast Guard Act.

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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:

No case was recorded.

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:

IUU Regulation is included in the national legislation Croatian Marine Fisheries Act (OJ 62/17; 14/2019) (Article 2), sanctions provided in Article 81.1.9 of the same act, as well as the rest of the provisions regulating the criminal acts on the international level are incorporated in the Criminal Law (OJ Nubs: 56/2015, 61/2015, 10/2017, 118/2018, 129/2019, 125/2011; 144/2012).

12.6. 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?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

No public aid or under national aid regime or under Union funds is enabled for operators or ownership of fishing vessel included in the Union IUU vessel list or involved in the IUU operations it is proscribed by the national Law which is in line with the EU Regulations.

Section 13. Infractions (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)³³

13.1. Has your country detected serious infractions as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Yes No

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

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) ³⁴	Serious infractions detected in 2018:			Serious infractions detected in 2019:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied

³³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) ³⁴	Serious infringements detected in 2018:			Serious infringements detected in 2019:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>ITA</i>	4		NOTICE TO FLAG STATE	4		NOTICE TO FLAG STATE
<i>SLO</i>	379		NOTICE TO FLAG STATE	297		NOTICE TO FLAG STATE
<i>Total</i>	383			301		

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

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail:

Croatian flag vessels only on which non-compliance is identified in the inspection (e.g. fishing without authorization, fishing in a restricted area, catch records).

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU) ³⁵	No of sighting reports issued in 2018	No of sighting reports issued in 2019
<i>HRV (Air)</i>		93
<i>HRV (Sea)</i>		301
<i>Total</i>		394

³⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

13.4. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)³⁶	No of sighting reports issued in 2018	No of sighting reports issued in 2019
<i>SVN</i>	102	219
<i>Total</i>	102	219

11 request for 102 vessels in 2018.

21 request for 219 vessels in 2019.

Section 14. General

14.1. In the reporting period 2018-2019, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

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

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Section 15. Any other comments

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³⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.