


**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:	Estonia
Organisation:	Ministry of the Environment
Date:	March, 2020
Name, position and contact details of responsible official:	

May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?	
Yes:	
Yes except for questions (list):	13.1
No:	13.1

Please check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0215\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0215(01))

Article 15.2 (exportation of catches):

Veterinary and Food Board

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates):

The Estonian Tax and Customs Board

Article 21.3 (re-exportation):

The Estonian Tax and Customs Board

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

Article 39.4 (nationals):

Ministry of Environment

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

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/514012016001/consolide/current>

New Fishing Law was passed and old legal base was rearranged. 'Ministry of Rural Affairs' has been replaced with the words 'Veterinary and Food Board' in the appropriate case form for items regarding IUU.

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:

According to the Governmental Decree of 10.12.2009 No. 550 (<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/13244107>) the other competent state authorities are as follows: 2 The Estonian Tax and Customs Board is the competent authority pursuant to Article 16 (1), Article 14 and Article 21 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to confirm import and re-export catch certificates. The Environmental Inspectorate is the competent authority pursuant to Article 6 and Article 8 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to carry out catch documentation validation at landings. The Veterinary and Food Board is the competent authority pursuant to Article 15 (1) of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to confirm export catch certificates.

- the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;
Environmental Inspectorate. Now Estonia has no any designated ports.

- validation of catch certificates upon exports;

Veterinary and Food Board

- verification of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;
No direct landings are allowed.

- verification of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);

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.

The Estonian Tax and Customs Board

- validation and verifications of re-exports.
The Estonian Tax and Customs Board

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

Please explain and describe this cooperation:

Internal co-operation is centralised and there are no local/regional IUU fisheries authorities.
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- 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: According to the Governmental Decree of 10.12.2009 No. 550 (<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/13244107>) the other competent state authorities are as follows: 2 The Estonian Tax and Customs Board is the competent authority pursuant to Article 16 (1), Article 14 and Article 21 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to confirm import and re-export catch certificates. The Environmental Inspectorate is the competent authority pursuant to Article 6 and Article 8 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to carry out catch documentation validation at landings. The Ministry of Rural Affairs is the competent authority pursuant to Article 15 (1) of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 and authorised to confirm export catch certificates.

- 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): In the Estonian Tax and Customs Board, 14 inspectors and 1 official are involved in the process of validating catch certificates. In the Veterinary and Food Board, 6 persons are involved in the validation of catch certificates. The circle of persons who are authorised to cross-check and validate catch certificates was enlarged due to the catch certificate requirement introduced in Ukraine from the beginning of 2013. No additional personnel were employed. In the Ministry of Environment, 1 officer is involved in the process of assessment of catch certificates.
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- 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

State and local government environmental protection inspectors have the right to inspect natural and legal persons in private or public law, state agencies and local government bodies and agencies and their places of business if the activity of the persons and agencies affects or may affect the environment or endangers or may endanger the life, health or property of persons, or if the persons and agencies collect natural products or conceal or are alleged to be concealing illegally procured natural products.

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: Last Commission audit related to Control Regulation Implementation in Estonia in year 2019 was related to IUU implementation. Certain figures were submitted to the Commission regarding external fleet. For audits were responsible Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Rural Affairs.

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

Yes No

Muuga Freeport deals with fish import and export (only fish in containers).

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

3.1. 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.:

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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					Total
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					
		Number of inspections	10					
		% of inspections / landings	10%					
		Number of infringements	3					
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using	Number of transshipments in ports	2					

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.)

⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

	MS designat ed ports	Number of inspections	0					
		% of inspections / transhipments	0					
		Number of infringements	0					

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	100					
		Number of inspections	10					
		% of inspections / landings	10%					
		Number of infringements	3					
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					
		Number of inspections	2					
		% of inspections / transshipments	100%					
		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			

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, no any designated ports

If yes, please detail the nature of the problems and the measures taken:

In 2018:

In 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:

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:

3.8. 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 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
<i>AL</i>		9
<i>BZ</i>		1
<i>AR</i>	2	1
<i>CA</i>	114	133
<i>CN</i>	77	82
<i>EC</i>	4	8
<i>FO</i>	7	22
<i>GL</i>		18
<i>ID</i>	1	5
<i>IN</i>	1	
<i>IS</i>	4	6
<i>KR</i>	1	8
<i>MA</i>	1	
<i>NO</i>	24	25
<i>NZ</i>	3	16
<i>PE</i>	24	33
<i>PG</i>	1	
<i>RU</i>	11	96
<i>SC</i>	1	
<i>SB</i>		4
<i>TH</i>	88	102
<i>UA</i>	2	7
<i>US</i>	13	33
<i>UY</i>	1	1
<i>ZA</i>		1
<i>VN</i>	57	61
Total	437	672

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.

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>		
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>		
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>		
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
<i>EE</i>		1
<i>GB</i>		2
<i>FR</i>	1	
Total	1	3

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>		
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>		
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>		
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
<i>AL</i>	53	61
<i>CN</i>	51	204
<i>EC</i>	4	1
<i>KR</i>		1
<i>NO</i>		1
<i>RU</i>		1
<i>TH</i>	1	19
<i>UA</i>	2	2
<i>Total</i>	111	290

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>Third Country 1</i>		
<i>Third Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Third Country x</i>		
Total		

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:

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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*

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.

Catch certificates to be validated are submitted to the Veterinary and food Board who runs crosschecks of catch certificate data against fleet register, permit data, logbooks, landings, sales notes etc data. Certificates are registered in the electronic document register of the Board (some metadata + pdf-files). Catch certificates are numbered in accordance with the suggestions from the Commission (ISO-3 code of Flag State (EST) – Fishing Segment (national segmentation) - Year – Certificate Sequence Number in a given year; e.g. EST-2- 2014-213). The Sequence Number is automatically attributed to the certificate by the document register.

All catch certificates submitted for validation are registered in the document register. However, only a certain amount of metadata (name of exporter, name(s) of vessel(s) etc. along with scans (.pdf) of the certificates are recorded. The creation of a more comprehensive IT tool greatly depends on the setting of general standards and data structure by the Commission.

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
<i>Third Country 1</i>		
<i>Third Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Third Country x</i>		
Total	155	160

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?

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

¹⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Yes

No

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

The Veterinary Board does not monitor whether catches declared with catch certificates actually leave the EU, but control authorities have the capability to cross-check catch certificates with the customs declarations and transport documents.

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

Yes

No

The Veterinary Board has refused the validation of catch certificates in the case of insufficient data (required fields of the catch certificate are not filled in or are filled in incorrectly) or inconsistencies revealed by the cross-check of data. The Veterinary Board informs the exporter of the discrepancies, who then has the possibility to send corrected catch certificate.

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):N/A.....

Reason:

Follow-up:the numbers of corrected CC are not registered

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: Verification is carried out by the Estonian Tax and Customs Board. CN codes of fishery products have been entered into Customs risk assessment tool SELECT, all the consignments are sent into the “yellow channel” for document control. A specially appointed Customs 8 Division official ensures an active support in CC verifications for “yellow channel” declarations processing customs officers, then collects pdf-files with catch certificates and forwards them to the single liaison officer from the Ministry of the Environment. Ministry of the Environment assists the Customs Board and carries out ex-post evaluation.

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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>AL</i>			5	4
<i>BZ</i>			1	
<i>AR</i>	1	1		1
<i>CA</i>	57	57	60	73
<i>CN</i>	40	37	40	42
<i>EC</i>	2	2	4	4
<i>FO</i>	3	4	10	12
<i>ID</i>			2	3
<i>IN</i>	1			
<i>IS</i>	2	2	3	3
<i>KR</i>			4	4
<i>MA</i>		1		
<i>NO</i>	12	12	10	15
<i>NZ</i>	1	2	8	8
<i>PE</i>	12	12	15	18
<i>PG</i>	1			
<i>RU</i>	5	6	40	56
<i>SC</i>	1			
<i>SB</i>			2	2
<i>TH</i>	44	44	50	52

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.

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
UA	1	1	3	4
US	5	8	15	18
UY	1			
ZA			1	
VN	25	32	30	31
Total	214	221	303	350

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).

No. 100% documentary check.

Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes No

If needed consignment can be physically verified, but we would use that method only if there is some information about consignment, documents are falsified, etc.

If yes, please detail:

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

²³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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>CA</i>	6	17.4	2	17.4
<i>RU</i>	3	17.4	7	17.4
<i>UA</i>	4	17.4	3	17.4
<i>NO</i>	4	17.4	4	17.4
Total	17		16	

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]

2018

2019

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

Yes

No

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)?

7.5. NO 20 cases, US 30 cases.

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

Commodity	Import			
	Value in euros		Net weight, kg	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
0301	36696	59973	862	5872
0302	34075599	39209712	9031936	20093586
0303	17947801	18162768	14528612	17284468
0304	26830744	32205998	9595728	10510505
0305	5426876	7973339	723726	846679
0306	7472113	6023795	1364105	941465
Total	91789829	103635585	35244969	49682575

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 all messages were replied.

2019 all messages were replied.

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

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.....no any.....

2019.....no any.....

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:

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

NAFO charter arrangement and catches has to be declared.

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: Estonian authority issues fishing authorizations in case when is utilized national quotas.

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: ...In 2018 -2019 no any cases.

12.4. 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: Estonian Fishing Act § 10 (2). <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/514012016001/consolide/current>.

12.5. 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?

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

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

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements 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 infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) ³⁴	Serious infringements *detected in 2017:			Serious infringements* detected in 2018:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>EE</i>	33	Fishing Act § 71 (1)	15800 EUR fines+123 473 EUR for environmental damages	29	Fishing Act § 71 (1)	15180 EUR fines+81 281 EUR for environmental damages
<i>Total</i>						

- EU and EE serious infringements

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

Yes No

If yes, please detail: *Fishing Act § 73 (6,7).*
<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/514012016001/consolide/current>

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?

³³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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>Country 1</i>		
<i>Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Country x</i>		
<i>Total</i>		

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 Regulation).

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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?

Revision of template of report 2 months before submission.

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

Approval of Control Regulation.

Section 15. Any other comments

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³⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.