

**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:	PORTUGAL
Organisation:	Directorate-General of Natural Resources, Security and Maritime Services (Direção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos- DGRM)
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May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?	
Yes:	X
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:

[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):

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates):

Article 21.3 (re-exportation):

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

Article 39.4 (nationals):

The list of the Official Journal is updated.

DGRM is responsible for exercising the functions of National Fisheries Authority under the provisions of the Union Control System and the regime that aims to prevent, stop and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, including those concerning Articles 15(2), 17(8), 21(3) and 39.4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008.

Details and contacts are listed above.

Additionally, contact details of regional services are provided below.

Azores:

Regional Fisheries Inspection (*Inspeção Regional das Pescas – IRP*)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Madeira:

Regional Fisheries Directorate (*Direção Regional de Pescas/ Direção de Serviços de Inspeção e Controlo*)

[Redacted]

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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

Decree-law n° 35/2019, laying down the sanctions applied to the commercial maritime fishing activity, including the punishment of facts practiced on IUU fishing vessels.

<https://dre.pt/web/en/home/-/contents/120696372/details/normal> - summary in English

<https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/120696372/details/maximized> - Portuguese language

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:

In terms of the competencies and operability of the authorities involved, there were no changes compared to previous biannual reports.

However, it should be noted that since 01/09/2019 two divisions of DSMC have been merged in the current Unit/Division of Inspection and Control.

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:

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.

No significant changes from the previous biannual reports

- 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):

During 2019 DGRM had a decrease in officials dealing with the subject and not yet been possible to replenish staffing needs.

FTE of 3.0.

- 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 2016-2017? Which authorities are responsible for audits/verifications? Please detail the results:

DGRM has the capacity and competence to carry out that inspections, checks or audits through its inspectors. However, this capacity is limited and has not been carried out recently due to priorities and low perceived risk.

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

Yes No

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

No changes in recent years.

- 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.:

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.)

Designates ports are set in the Ordinance n° 58/2014 (<https://dre.pt/pesquisa/-/search/572420/details/maximized>), as follows:

A - Airport (products import); P - Port (products import, direct landing and transshipment)

Viana do Castelo [PT VDC 1] - P
Porto [PT OPO 1] - P
Porto [PT OPO 4 - A
Aveiro [PT AVE 1] - P
Peniche [PT PEN 1] - P
Lisboa [PT LIS 1] Liscont - P
Lisboa [PT LIS 1] Xabregas P
Lisboa [PT LIS 4] - A
Setúbal [PT SET 1] - -P
Sines [PT SIE 1] -P
Faro [PT FAO 4] – A

Azores: Ponta Delgada [PT PDL 1] - P
Azores: Ponta Delgada [PT PDL 4] -A
Azores:Horta [PT HOR 1] – P

Madeira: Caniçal [PT CNL 1] - P
Madeira: Funchal [PT FNC 4] – A

RFMO-ICCAT

Mainland: Olhão, Peniche, Sesimbra e Viana do Castelo

Madeira: Funchal e Caniçal

Azores: i) Corvo Island: Porto da Casa; ii) Flores Island: Lajes das Flores; iii) Faial Island: Horta; iv) Pico Island: Madalena; v) São Jorge Island: Velas; vi) Graciosa Island: Praia da Graciosa; vii) Terceira Island: Praia da Vitória; viii) São Miguel Island: Ponta Delgada, Rabo de Peixe e Vila Franca do Campo; ix) Santa Maria Island: Vila do Porto

RFMO-NAFO

Mainland: Aveiro;

Madeira: Funchal e Caniçal;

Azores: Horta.

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):

Absence of landings/transshipments from third countries fishing vessels.

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	

⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	<i>100</i>					
		Number of inspections	<i>10</i>					
		% of inspections / landings	<i>10%</i>					
		Number of infringements	<i>3</i>					
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	<i>2</i>					
		Number of inspections	<i>0</i>					
		% of inspections / transhipments	<i>0</i>					
		Number of infringements	<i>0</i>					

Please fill-in the table below (2019):

Absence of landings/transhipments from third countries fishing vessels.

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					
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	2					
		Number of inspections	2					
		% of inspections / transhipments	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):

Absence of landings/transhipments from third countries fishing vessels.

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

⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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Please fill-in the table below (2019):
Absence of landings/transhipments from third countries fishing vessels.

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

Absence of landings/transhipments from third countries fishing vessels.

Yes No

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 transhipment 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/transhipments from third countries)

If yes, please detail:

¹⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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	Code	2018	2019*
Angola	AO	8	0
Argentina	AR	312	216
Belize	BZ	28	32
Brazil	BR	27	0
Canada	CA	131	236
Cape Verde	CV	20	76
Chile	CL	128	20
China	CN	1454	1336
Colombia	CO	7	0
Coraçao	CW	0	4
Ecuador	EC	167	176
Egypt	EG	1	112
El Salvador	SV	114	108
Falkland	FK	32	32
Faroe	FO	3	16
Fiji	FJ	2	0
Gambia	GM	10	20
Ghana	GH	67	164
Greenland	GL	9	16
Guatemala	GT	2	0
Iceland	IS	118	136
India	IN	549	968
Indonesia	ID	973	1740
Ivory Coast	CI	67	120
Japan	JP	1	4
Kenia	KE	23	52
Madagascar	MG	115	16
Malaysia	MY	3	0
Maldives	MV	4	8
Mauritania	MR	91	112
Mauritius	MU	62	40
Mexico	MX	48	8
Morocco	MA	430	240
Mozambique	MZ	1105	780

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.

Namibia	NA	372	596
New Zealand	NZ	143	220
Nicaragua	NI	14	28
Nigeria	NG	4	0
Norway	NO	316	240
Oman	OM	2	0
Panama	PA	326	424
Papua	PG	32	56
Peru	PE	119	48
Philippines	PH	114	101
Russia	RU	675	1124
Senegal	SN	956	1704
Seychelles	SC	192	132
Solomon	SB	5	8
South Africa	ZA	483	776
South Korea	KP	126	99
Sri Lanka	LK	25	136
Saint Helena	SH	3	0
Taiwan	TW	45	216
Tanzania	TZ	74	84
Thailand	TH	25	8
Turkey	TR	5	20
Uruguay	UY	20	20
USA	US	405	648
Vietnam	VN	158	208
Yemen	YE	12	0
Total		10762	13684

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>	1238	1832
<i>IOTC</i>	-	8
Total	1238	1840

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*
Estonia (EE)	0	4
France (FR)	108	136
Italy (IT)	15	4
Lithuania (LT)	0	8
Netherlands (NL)	28	4
Spain (ES)	712	536
U. Kingdom (GB)	0	1
Total	863	693

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>	375	320
<i>IOTC</i>	99	48
Total	474	368

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 State¹⁴	2018	2019*
<i>Total</i>	1087	1016

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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¹⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

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:

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:

Destination country (non-EU) ¹⁶	2018	2019
Mozambique MZ	0	10
Macao (MO)	0	3
Total	0	13

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

The IUU officials (Unit/Division of Inspection and Control) register and file a copy of each import/re-export process in our document management system (SmartDocs), including catch certificates, industrial declaration, health certificates and transport documents.

SmartDocs is an IT tool is used for all types of internal tasks, so it is neither exclusive nor specific for IUU matters.

For each process a huge Excel file dedicated to IUU subject is simultaneously filled. Due to technical problems in it, the 2019 values that are marked with “*” may need to be manually confirmed in certain situations as we have all documentation duly registered and filed in the system.

¹⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

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.

Following the rules established in article 12 of Regulation No. 1005/2008, as explained in detail in the previous biannual report.

Specific procedures are established in the manual “*Controlo IUU | 2017 Ficha 03 – Verificação de exportações*”.

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	2018	2019
Iceland	0	0
Ivory Coast	2	0
Kuwait	0	0
Madagascar	0	0
Norway	1	0
Thailand	0	0
Tunisia	0	0
Ukraine	3	5
Morocco	202	94
China	59	67
USA	19	14

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

Canada	29	25
Other	210	189
Total	525	394

When operators of other countries, in addition to those that have notified the Commission to this effect, require catch certificates for national products, DGRM verify the request and issue the certificates to avoid blockages to the export activity for that reason.

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

Yes No

As for imports, also in the case of exports all data are registered in our document management system (SmartDocs).

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:

<p>Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 5 of IUU Regulation¹⁸</p>

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:

¹⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Following the rules established in article 17 of Regulation No. 1005/2008, as explained in detail in the previous biannual report.

Specific procedures are established in the manual “*Controlo IUU | 2017 Ficha 02- Verificação de importações*”.

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) ¹⁹	Number of verifications 2018		Number of verifications 2019	
	No of basic document-based verifications ²⁰	No of in-depth verifications ²¹	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
<i>All countries</i>	All catch certificates	Not available /not registered	All catch certificates	Not available /not registered
Total	10762		3421	

According to the manual “*Controlo IUU | 2017 Ficha 02- Verificação de importações*” all consignments to be imported and respective documentation, including catch certificates, are controlled at a 1st level.

The operator will pass to a 2nd level analysis due to risk criteria referring to country, ship or species, or risk criteria of Article 31 or due to doubts arising in the basic control. Unfortunately there is no evidence/record of this second control

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).

The criteria laid down in the Manual are basically the community criteria listed in Article 31 of REG.1010/2009.

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

¹⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁰ See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks “helicopter view”*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

²¹ 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.

Method of selection:

Follow-up:

The verification is carried out by inspectors. . However, because of the limited capacity and absence in 2019 and 2020 of serious risk (assessment) no specific inspection was carried out.

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States²²

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

All doubts were resolved in a simpler way (consulting database, short email or phone call). No records available.

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

Flag States ²³	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)
Country 1				
Country 2				
Total				

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 Not applicable

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)?

Yes No

²² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)²⁴

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 ²⁵	No.	Flag State ²⁶	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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²⁴ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

- Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please detail:

Section 9. Information on trade flows²⁷

9.1. Did your country note a change²⁸ of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017?

- Yes No

If yes, please detail:

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 assistance²⁹

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 – 6

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.....

2019.....

²⁷ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries³⁰

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 nationals³¹

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:

Decree-law n° 35/2019, laying down the sanctions applied to the commercial maritime fishing activity, including the punishment of facts practiced on IUU fishing vessels by nationals.

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

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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:

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:

³⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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:

Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)³²

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) ³³	Serious infringements detected in 2018:			Serious infringements detected in 2019:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Country 1</i>						
<i>Country 2</i>						
...						
<i>Country x</i>						
<i>Total</i>						

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

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail:

The Decree-law n° 35/2019 renewed the sanctions applied to the commercial maritime fishing activity, including the punishment of facts practiced in the framework of IUU fishing.

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

Yes *No*

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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) ³⁴	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).

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?

Our main difficulties do not lie in technical matters or in the relationship with the various authorities and agents, national or foreign.
 It should be noted that the perceived level of compliance in this topic has been high. Products, companies, customs brokers, authorities and trade flows tend to be repeated and well known.
 The difficulties are essentially related to scarce human resources and the lack of a user friendly IT tool that allows the easy registration and consultation of the numerous data required.

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

The rapid and mandatory integration in EU TRACES tool.

Section 15. Any other comments

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³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.