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

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May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States and the European Fisheries Control Agency?	
Yes:	yes
Yes except for questions (list):	
No:	

Please check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation (Articles 15.2, 17.8 and 21.3) correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021XC0215\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021XC0215(01))

If not, please provide the updated notification to DG MARE through the Functional mailbox: MARE-NOTIFICATIONS-IUU-1005-2008@ec.europa.eu

Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with Article 39.4 (nationals):

- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
- Inspectorate of RS for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries
- Financial Administration of RS

Section 1. Information on legal framework¹

Please transmit your national law and/or any administrative guides for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation). If available, please provide the link to the official national database.

https://www.fu.gov.si/carina/prepovedi_in_omejitve/ribiski_proizvodi/

Section 2. Information on administrative organisation²

2.1. Please provide information on your administrative organisation for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation), in particular as regards:

- port inspections (Chapter II);
 - Not applicable
- catch certification scheme (Chapter III).
 - Financial Administration of the RS

If different authorities/services are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation, please distinguish between:

- *the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;*
 - Not applicable
Slovenia has not designated ports for access to port services or direct landings or transhipment of fishery products by third country fishing vessels in accordance with Article 5 of the IUU Regulation therefore no control of direct landing of third country fishing vessels carried out.
- *validation of catch certificates upon exports;*
 - There it needs to be highlight that this part of the catch certification scheme is not applicable in the Republic of Slovenia because Slovenia does not export fishery products caught by Slovenian vessels. However, we have a short coastline, therefore the Financial Administration of the RS is notified in this area.
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;*
 - Not applicable
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);*
 - Financial Administration of the RS

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.

- *validation and verifications of re-exports.*
 - Financial Administration of the RS

In addition (if different authorities/services are involved), please explain and describe:

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

Implementation of Catch certification scheme is managed centrally from The Financial Administration of RS (FARS) - Customs Administration in Ljubljana. On the operational level, its organizational units – eight (8) regional financial offices (customs departments) implement these tasks. All eight (8) financial offices (customs departments) conduct checks and verifications of catch certificates to authorise or suspend the importation of fishery products.

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

Three authorities are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation:

- Financial Administration of RS, Customs Department – FARS (body within the Ministry of Finance)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and.
- Inspectorate of the RS for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries – IRSAE (body within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food)

Their scope of competences in relation to the implementation of the IUU Regulation is defined in national law – the national Decree on the implementation of the Regulation (EC) establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MKGP) competent for fisheries has its headquarters in Ljubljana and the Inspectorate of the RS for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSAE) has headquarters also in Ljubljana – however, the inspectors who deal directly with control of marine fisheries are located at the Slovenian coast, in the city of Koper. IRSAE is a body within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food; the co-operation therefore takes places smoothly, also due to the smallness of the Slovenian fishery sector and administration.

2.2. 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 checks and verifications in accordance with Articles 16 and 17;*
2020: 0,15 FTE
2021: 0,22 FTE
- *for validation of catch certificates and re-export certificates in accordance with Articles 15.2 and 21.3.*
2020: 0 FTE
2021: 0,003 FTE

In Slovenia (FARS), 12 people are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation, no one works full-time on IUU matters, they also perform other customs work in accordance with the Customs Code.

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

Yes

No

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

If yes, please provide a list of such zones/ports.

Slovenia has one freezone/freeports, namely: Luka Koper – Prosta cona Koper, Financial Office Koper, Ferrarska ulica 30, 6001 Koper SI – Slovenia.

Only import and export of fishery products in term of Article 2, Paragraph 11 and 13 of the IUU Regulation.

Section 3. Information on access to ports, including for direct landings and transshipments of fishery products, by third country fishing vessels⁴ (and information on related port inspections and confirmed infringements)⁵

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

Yes No

Slovenia has not designated ports for access to port services or direct landings or transhipment of fishery products by third country fishing vessels in accordance with Article 5 of the IUU Regulation therefore Section 3 below is not fulfilled.

If yes, please check if your list of designated ports in accordance with Article 5.3 corresponds to the latest version of the Office Journal:

[EUR-Lex - 52021XC1201\(03\) - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

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3.2. In years 2020 and 2021 respectively, how many times have third country fishing vessels been granted authorisation to access designated ports in your country only for repair/maintenance/supply?⁷

3.3. How many landings and transshipments in designated ports by third country fishing vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? How many inspections did your country carry out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2020):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2020)							
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2020)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁸				Total
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	

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 It is reminded that provisions of Chapter II apply to third country fishing vessels aiming to access EU ports for port services, even in cases they do not carry fishery products on board and therefore no landing or transhipment operation is foreseen. Only designated ports in accordance with Article 5 can be used in this context.

⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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	0				
		% of inspections / transhipments	0				
		Number of infringements	0				

Please fill-in the table below (2021):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2021)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2021)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁹					
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
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 concerning third country vessels, please specify for each infringement the flag, the vessel's name, the type of infringement and the measures taken / sanction imposed (Article 11 of the IUU Regulation).

Please fill-in the table below (2020):

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

⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

FS1			
FS2			
...			
FSx			

Please fill-in the table below (2021):

Flag of the third country vessel¹¹	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			
FS2			
...			
FSx			

3.5. Please provide:

- the quantities of fish landed by third countries' fishing vessels in your designated ports in 2020 and 2021, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels);
- the quantities of fish transhipped from third countries' fishing donor vessels (to third countries or EU fishing receiving vessels) in your designated ports in 2020 and 2021, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels):

Please fill-in the table below (landings):

Landings in 2020		Landings in 2021	
Flag of the third country vessel¹²	Landed quantities by species	Flag of the third country vessel¹³	Landed quantities by species
FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
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¹¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹² ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

FSx	...	FSx	...
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Please fill-in the table below (transhipments):

Transhipments in 2020		Transhipments in 2021	
Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁴	Transhipped quantities by species	Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁵	Transhipped quantities by species
FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
...
FSx	...	FSx	...

3.6. Has your country recorded any case of non-compliance by third country fishing vessels with the provisions of Articles 6 (prior notice) and 7 (authorisation) of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

If yes, please detail the nature of the infringement and the measures taken / sanctions applied:

In 2020:

In 2021:

3.7. Since January 2020, has your country denied access to its ports to a fishing vessel for port services, landing or transhipment of fishery products based on the conditions of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the case for each vessel concerned (please include the flag of the vessel and its name) and detail the reasons for the denial:

In 2020:

In 2021:

3.8. Do you have cases of third country fishing vessels landing in your ports with the landed products destined to another Member State? [Article 19.3 of the IUU Regulation]

¹⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Yes No

If yes, please indicate the number of landings meant for transit:

In 2020:

In 2021:

3.9. In order to identify the vessels to be subject to port inspection, do you use risk assessment criteria [cf. benchmarks for port inspections, Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009]?

Yes No

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

If yes, please detail, in order to reach the objective of 5% of landing and transhipment operations as set in Article 9.1 of the IUU Regulation, which benchmarks you use and rank them:

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Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation¹⁶

4.1. How many catch certificates¹⁷ from non-EU countries were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please complete the following table by flag State validating the catch certificates, including in cases catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.¹⁸ Please only provide information on catch certificates accompanying the consignments to be imported in your country; for consignments meant for transit to another Member State (Article 19.1 of the IUU Regulation), please see the question 4.7. of this questionnaire.

Flag State (non-EU) ¹⁹	2020	2021
AR	17	23
CN	10	13
EC	3	5
ID	2	0
IN	5	6
KR	0	48
MA	5	4
MV	0	1
MU	2	0
NZ	0	1
OM	5	0

¹⁶ Section to be filled-in by all Member States.

¹⁷ Please provide only the number of catch certificates i.e. not the number of all transactions (imports/declarations) where the same certificates have been (re)used.

¹⁸ If catch certificates are submitted only for transhipment purposes, please specify.

¹⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State (non-EU) ¹⁹	2020	2021
<i>PE</i>	0	2
<i>PH</i>	9	1
<i>PNG</i>	2	0
<i>RU</i>	5	9
<i>SC</i>	4	0
<i>TN</i>	4	5
<i>TW</i>	1	0
<i>US</i>	0	2
<i>VN</i>	3	6
<i>ZA</i>	6	8
Total	83	134

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

RFMO document	2020	2021
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	0	0
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	0	0
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0	0
Total	0	0

4.3. How many catch certificates from EU Member States (including from your country) were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Flag State (EU)	2020	2021
<i>ES</i>	12	5
Total	12	5

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	2020	2021
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	0	0
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	0	0

RFMO document	2020	2021
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0	0
Total	0	0

4.5. How many processing statements (Article 14.2) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please provide details per year and per processing country.

Processing non-EU State ²⁰	2020	2021
<i>BA</i>	2	0
<i>CN</i>	6	10
<i>EC</i>	0	1
<i>MU</i>	4	1
<i>PNG</i>	2	0
<i>TH</i>	2	0
<i>VN</i>	6	0
Total	22	12

4.6. Please indicate if you retain and record the information contained in processing statements referring to the corresponding catch certificates (quantity management):

Yes *No*

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2020-2021)

4.7. Do you have cases where third country fishery products arriving to your country (entry point) were destined to another Member State? [Article 19.1 of the IUU Regulation]

Yes *No*

If yes, please indicate the number consignments meant for transit:

In 2020: 136 consignments

In 2021: 108 consignments

4.8. Has your country received requests to authorise APEOs²¹ in 2020-2021?

Yes *No*

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

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²⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²¹ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

4.9. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEOs in 2020-2021?

Yes No

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

If yes, please detail:

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4.10. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Yes No

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

Destination country (non-EU) ²²	2020	2021
MA	0	2
Total	0	2

4.11. 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 2020-2021)

If yes, please detail:

The re-export certificate is a part of the export customs declaration and it must be attached to the export declaration. Upon release of the goods for export, the customs SIAES system automatically sends a message to the office of exit. The customs office of exit checks the consignment and, in the system, confirm the exit of the consignment. As the customs authority, we are responsible for validation of re-export certificate under IUU Regulation and we also control that consignment leave the EU under customs legislation, therefore we can confirm that we monitor that consignment actually leave the EU.

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

Yes No

In order to monitor the number of submitted catch certificate for consignment release into free circulation in Slovenia a simple electronic database has been developed. The catch certificate's data is recorded in the database along with the information contained in the catch certificate and processing statement. The copies of original documents are also uploaded in the database.

²² ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

For consignment which entry into the territory of Slovenia and placed under a transit procedure and transported to another Member States (Article 19/1 of IUU Regulation) we keep records in the form of an Excel table.

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

- Yes No

4.13. 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 exportation²³

5.1. Have you 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 2020-2021)

Catch certification scheme for exportation in Slovenia is not applicable because Slovenia does not export fishery products caught by Slovenian fishery vessels.

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

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5.2. Have you validated catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021 in accordance with Article 15?

- Yes No

If yes, how many catch certificates did you validate from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021? Please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State ^{24, 25}	Year	
	2020	2021
Third Country 1		
Third Country 2		
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Third Country x		
Total		

²³ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁵ It is recommended that the validation of a catch certificate for exportation takes place when the country of destination is known.

5.3. Have you established any IT tool to monitor the catch certificates you have validated for fish caught by your own vessels?

Yes No

5.4. Do you monitor that the catches for which you have validated catch certificates actually leave the EU?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2021?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021)

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

Reason:

Follow-up:

Section 6. Information on checks and verifications of catch certificates and related documents according to Articles 16.1 and 17.1-5 of IUU Regulation²⁶

6.1. Has your country established a procedure for checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16.1?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

For fishery products enters in Slovenia, the catch certificate should be submitted in accordance with Article 16 of IUU Regulation. Where at the point of entry into Slovenia, fishery products are placed under transit procedure and transported to another Member States, the copy of catch certificate we required. For those consignment we do not carry out any checks anymore, we keep records for those consignment in the form of an Excel table. For consignment which release into free circulation in Slovenia we carry out checks and verification in accordance with article 16, 17 and 18 of IUU Regulation at the place of destination. The selection of catch certificate for checks is not carried out based on risk assessment as customs perform 100% checks.

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

Yes No

If no, please provide the following:

²⁶ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

- risks identified in 2020 and 2021 on the basis of risk management used (i.e. for risk-based targeting of catch certificates to be checked); and
- number of catch certificates checked, respectively:

Please fill-in the table below:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ²⁷	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>
<i>AR</i>	17	17	23	23
<i>CN</i>	10	10	13	13
<i>EC</i>	3	3	5	5
<i>ES</i>	12	12	5	5
<i>ID</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>IN</i>	5	5	6	6
<i>KR</i>	0	0	48	48
<i>MA</i>	5	5	4	4
<i>MV</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>MU</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>NZ</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>OM</i>	5	5	0	0
<i>PE</i>	0	0	2	2
<i>PH</i>	9	9	1	1
<i>PNG</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>RU</i>	5	5	9	9
<i>SC</i>	4	4	0	0
<i>TN</i>	4	4	5	5
<i>TW</i>	1	1	0	0
<i>US</i>	0	0	2	2

²⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<i>VN</i>	3	3	6	6
<i>ZA</i>	6	6	8	8
Total	95	95	139	139

What do you check in catch certificates in accordance with Article 16.1? Please describe:

First, we check the notification from the flag States in accordance with Article 20 of IUU Regulation in the SMS application (from March 2022 in CIRCABC), such us:

- flag state validation (competent authority, stamps, signatures, template) in SMS application (since March 2022 in CIRCABC) and
- flag state status (non-cooperating country)

Then we continue with checks and verification of the data provided in the catch certificate, namely:

- contains all information specified in the Annex II of IUU Regulation,
- fishing vessel (IUU vessel list, flag state)
- dates (catch date, transshipment date, validated date)
- product (CN, quantity management)
- withdrawal or refusal of catch certificate form our or another MS,
- information in MA message from Commissions
- transport details
- processing statement (endorsed by the competent authority, third country establishing list of DG SANTE, match the catch certificate)
- non-manipulation document (Article 14/1 /), we check that refer to and cover the products listed in the catch certificate, document issued by the competent authority
- physical examination when necessary for clarification

We would like to emphasize that we do not established the strict line between checks and verification because we check and verify all catch certificate linked to consignment of fishery product released into free circulation in Slovenia. Due to the small number of those consignment we perform 100% checks and verification and we did not establish risk management/use risk assessment approach.

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

- Yes* *No*

The selection of catch certificates for verification is not carried out on the basis of risk assessment as customs offices perform 100% checks and verifications.

If yes, please detail:

6.4. Do you verify all catch certificates linked to consignments of fishery products intended for importation into the EU or do you verify only part of the catch certificates by applying (or not) risk management?

- All* *Only part by applying risk management*
 Only part without applying risk management *No verifications*

6.5. If you apply risk management to verifications (Article 17.3), do you use Union (Article 31 of Commission Regulation (EC) 1010/2009) or national criteria for identification of risks on which verifications shall focus?

- Union criteria* *National criteria*

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

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

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6.6. Please provide information on the risks identified in 2020 and 2021 respectively (Article 32 of Commission Regulation (EC) 1010/2009) on the basis of the criteria used. Please also provide information on whether all consignments identified as risky have been covered by verifications. If this is not the case, please specify the percentage of consignments identified as risky that have been covered by verifications and the reasons of such situation.

The selection of catch certificates for verification is not carried out on the basis of risk assessment as customs offices perform 100% checks and verifications.

6.7. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ²⁸	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
<i>AR</i>	17	17	23	23
<i>CN</i>	10	10	13	13
<i>EC</i>	3	3	5	5
<i>ES</i>	12	12	5	5
<i>ID</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>IN</i>	5	5	6	6
<i>KR</i>	0	0	48	48
<i>MA</i>	5	5	4	4
<i>MV</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>MU</i>	2	2	0	0

²⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ²⁸	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
<i>NZ</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>OM</i>	5	5	0	0
<i>PE</i>	0	0	2	2
<i>PH</i>	9	9	1	1
<i>PNG</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>RU</i>	5	5	9	9
<i>SC</i>	4	4	0	0
<i>TN</i>	4	4	5	5
<i>TW</i>	1	1	0	0
<i>US</i>	0	0	2	2
<i>VN</i>	3	3	6	6
<i>ZA</i>	6	6	8	8
Total	95	95	139	139

Please reply to the following questions:

- How many catch certificates have you verified in the context of the application of Article 17.4?
- How many catch certificates have you verified on the basis of risk identified in accordance with Article 17.3?
- How many catch certificates have been verified at random (Article 17.5)?

The selection of catch certificates for verification is not carried out based on risk assessment (Article 17.3) because we perform 100% checks and verifications. We carry out in-depth verifications, but not always cover all the points indicated in the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks. It depends on what is found on basic document-based verification (irregularities, inconsistencies... etc.). An important part of the verification is the identification of fishery products falling within the scope of the mutual assistance message from Commission or MS.

6.8. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

- Yes* *No*

If yes, please detail:

FURS, Customs Department in case of doubt that consignment corresponds to the submitted catch certificate physical verify the consignment.

For these purposes we also cooperate with veterinary authority which also performed between 20 and 30% of physical checks of consignment of fishery products.

Number (per year) and percentage in relation to all verifications made:

2020: 1 consignment

2021: 1 consignment

Method of selection: doubts concerning the indicated products;

Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries²⁹

7.1. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other flag States' authorities in 2020-2021?

Yes

No

If yes, how many assistance requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021:*

Flag States ³⁰	No of assistance requests for verifications 2020	Justification	No of assistance requests for verifications 2021	Justification
AR			3	Fishing licence- date Mismatch in quantity
EC			1	Authenticity of the CC
KR			3	Catch date Official name not the same as in SMS Transshipment at sea
PE			1	Flag state validation
RU			2	Transshipment at sea
TW	1 CC 1 PPS	Master signature missing Weight – consistency of consignments data		
VN	1	Authenticity of the CC Fishing vessel	1	Template Fishing vessel
Total	3		11	

7.2. How many assistance requests for verification were not replied to by the other flag States' authorities within the deadline provided in Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation? In these cases, do you send a reminder to the authorities of the country in question? Could you please specify when the assistance request, despite reminder(s), remained unanswered? What measures have you taken in that case (i.e. denial of importation) [Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021]

2020: 1 (VN); we sent a reminder, after that we got satisfactory reply within the time limit laid down in Article 17/6/b of the IUU Regulation

²⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

2021: 1 (VN); we sent a reminder, after that we got satisfactory reply within the time limit laid down in Article 17/6/b of the IUU Regulation.

7.3. Was the quality of the answers provided overall sufficient to satisfy the assistance request? If no, please explain why the quality was not sufficient, and the measures you have taken in such case(s).

All answers were sufficient to satisfy the assistance request.

7.4. Have you sent assistance requests to other countries than the flag State? If yes, please specify the number, the reasons and the countries concerned, and the quality of the feedback provided.

We also sent 4 assistance requests to Spain. Two of them concerned the information in relation the validation of the re-export certificate (2021) and the other two concerned the confirmation of the authenticity of catch certificate (2020). We received a satisfactory reply in the same day.

7.5. Have you been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partial verification of catch certificates and how many verifications were made through these systems (approximately)?

We used IT system of Russia, China and United State for verification of all catch certificate related to consignment release into free circulation.

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)³¹

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? *Note: please only consider refusals based on the IUU Regulation, not for other reasons e.g. Food Safety legislation, Customs legislation, etc.*

Yes No

If yes, please provide details in the table below:

Reason for refusal of importation	2020		2021	
	Flag State ³²	No.	Flag State ³³	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				

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³² ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

³³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Reason for refusal of importation	2020		2021	
	Flag State ³²	No.	Flag State ³³	No.
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 EU 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 in relation to the consignments refused (Article 18.3)?

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

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

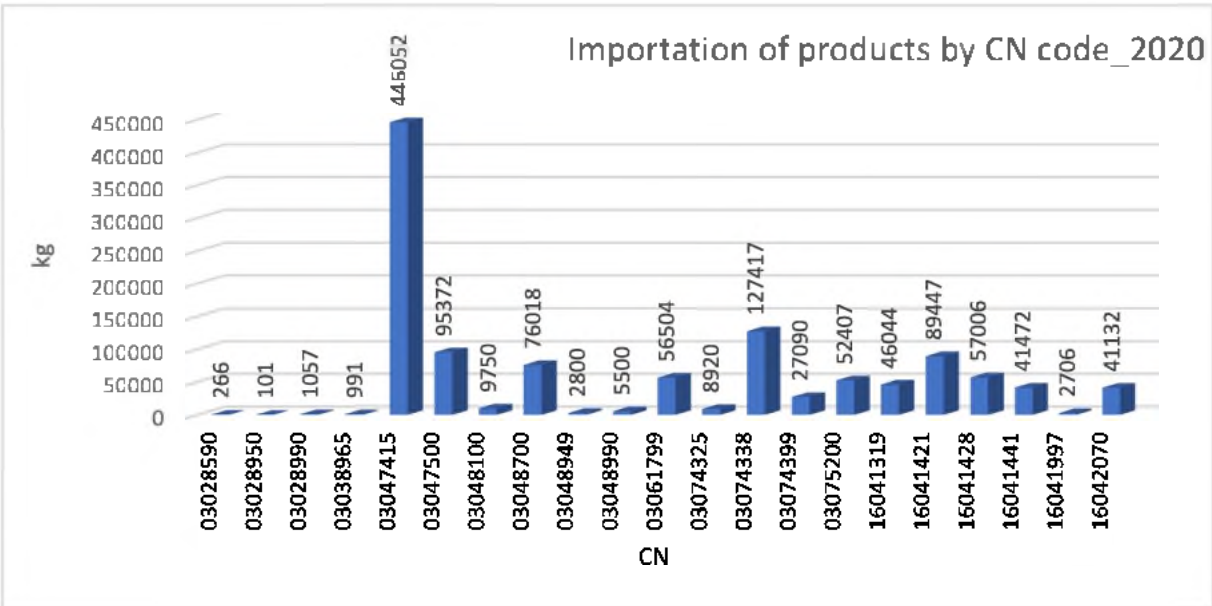
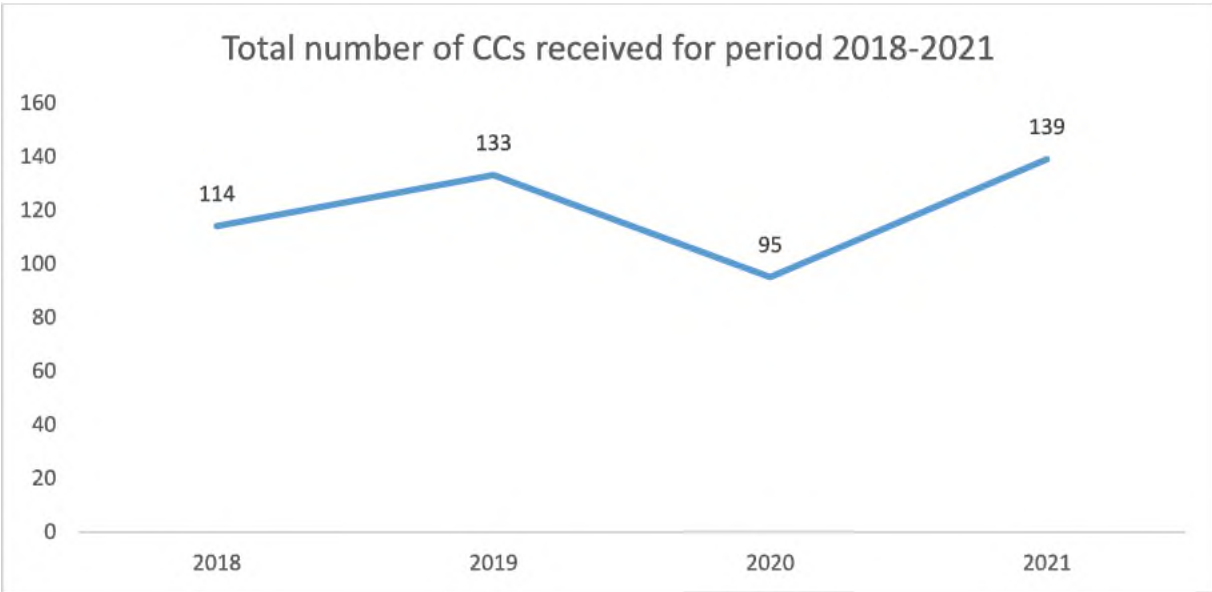
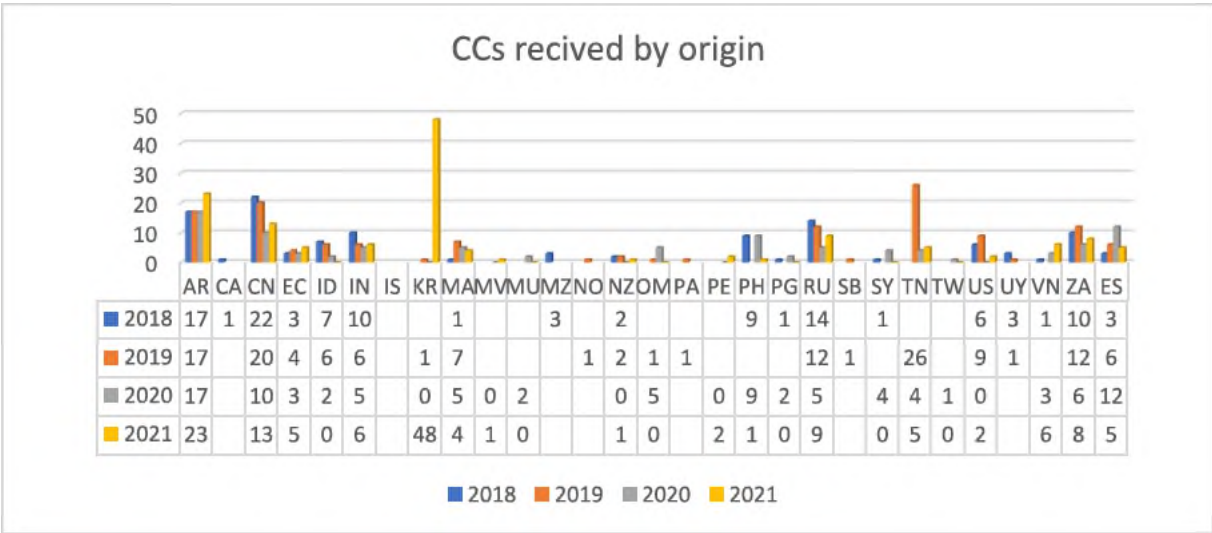
Section 9. Information on trade flows³⁴

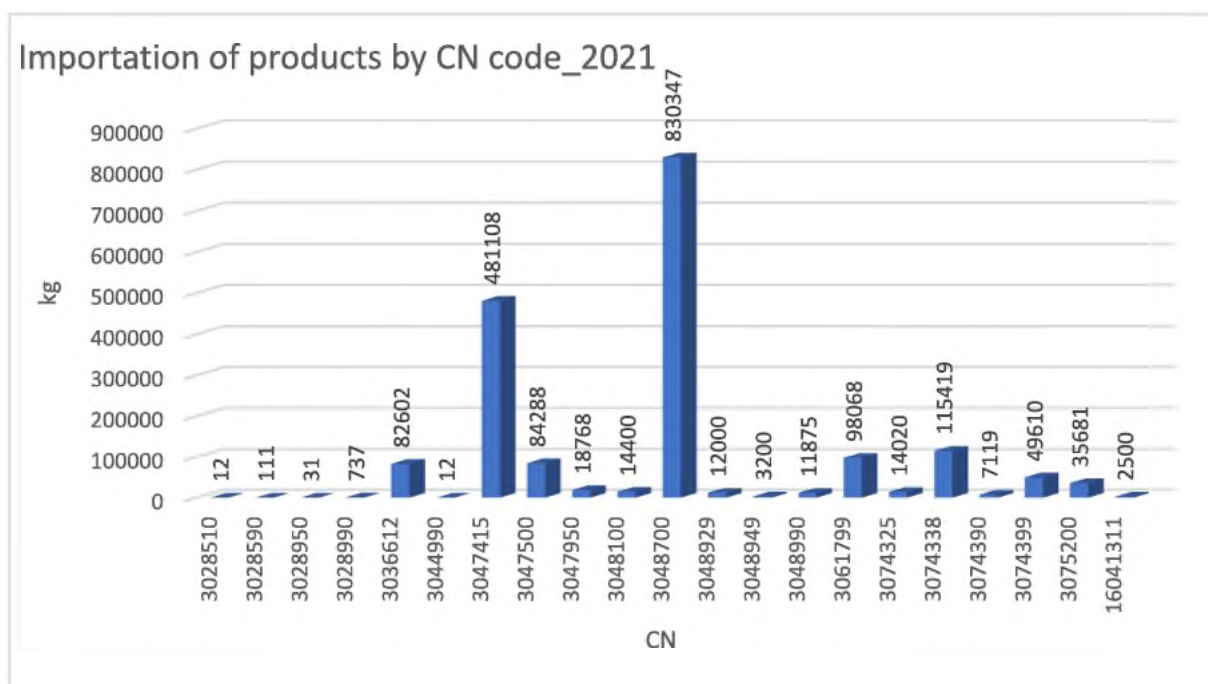
Please provide information, based on your statistical data, concerning any important change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country since the last reporting period covering 2018-2019:

In comparing last report in 2020 (period 2019-2018) and this report in 2022 (period 2020-2021) the following is noticeable:

- in 2019: 19 % increased submission of the catch certificates, mainly due to new trading from Tunisia
- in 2020: there is a clear decline in numbers of submission of the catch certificates from China, India, Russia, Tunisia, South Afrika, mostly due to reduced trade during the Covid-19 pandemic
- in 2021: there is an increase in the number of submitted catch certificates again to the level of the year 2019 and a change in trade pattern (tuna trading from Korea)

³⁴ Section to be filled-in by all Member States





Section 10. Information on mutual assistance³⁵

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2018-2019, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission (DG MARE B4) has your country replied to?³⁶

Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021 (if any)

2020: we have replied to the 8 Commission's mutual assistance messages by e-mail; other mutual assistance messages were considered in verifications of catch certificates if they were relevant for consignments imported in Slovenia.

2021: we have replied to the 5 Commission's mutual assistance messages by e-mail; other mutual assistance messages were considered in verifications of catch certificates if they were relevant for consignments imported in Slovenia.

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2018-2019, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021 (if any)

2020: 195 mutual assistance messages sent to Croatia and Commission in copy

2021: 65 mutual assistance messages sent to Croatia and Commission in copy

³⁵ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁶ Please provide the number of all replies, regardless of their content i.e. including replies which, for example, only confirmed that the request was not relevant for your country. Then please specify the number of cases where you took action and describe the actions taken.

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries³⁷

Apart from assistance requests in the context of verifications of catch certificates and accompanying documents foreseen under the catch certification scheme (Article 17.6), has your country had other exchanges with third countries on issues related to the implementation of the IUU Regulation, such as follow-up of cases concerning nationals, trade flows, operators, private fishing licencing, re-flagging operations, investigations of cases of IUU fishing (Article 42) and investigations of criminal activities associated to IUU fishing?

Yes No

If yes, please detail (please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021, if any).

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Section 12. Information on nationals³⁸

For the reporting period in question, a separate call for information on nationals supporting/engaging in IUU fishing activities has been sent to the Single Liaison Offices of Member States and EFCA as part of a study on the implementation of Articles 39 and 40 of the IUU Regulation. As a result, this section of the biennial reports will be replaced for this reporting period by the more specialised call for data for the abovementioned study.

Member States are kindly asked to provide their input to the external consultant in charge of the study. The Commission will evaluate the responses of Member States and include them in its overall assessment of the biennial reports.

Section 13. Infractions (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)³⁹

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

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) ⁴⁰	Serious infringements detected in 2020:			Serious infringements detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Country 1</i>						
<i>Country 2</i>						

³⁷ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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⁴⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) ⁴⁰	Serious infringements detected in 2020:			Serious infringements detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
...						
<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:

Have you used criminal sanctions? If yes, please specify if in addition to or in replacement of administrative sanctions:

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Yes No

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU) ⁴¹	No of sighting reports issued in 2020	No of sighting reports issued in 2021
<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 2018-2019, has your country received any sighting reports for vessels flying its own flag from other competent authorities?

Yes No

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

⁴¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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Section 14. General

14.1. During the reporting period 2020-2021, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

- Verification of transshipment at sea
- Verification of flag state vessel because not all vessels are in publicly available database

Section 15. Any other comment

- Obtain information about all IT system of third country and their access
- All annex IV processing statements should have its own number

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