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**Proposed amendment to the current CMM 2019-08 for Charter Notification Scheme**

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**Submitted by Japan**

**Explanatory note**

1. The current WCPFC CMM for Charter Notification Scheme, CMM 2019-08, will expire on 28 February 2022 unless renewed by the Commission. This CMM is critical for the Commission, especially in terms of compiling fundamental catch and effort data for each CCM, by clarifying the attribution of catch and efforts of chartered vessels.
2. In this context, we propose the extension of this CMM, with the following amendments:
  - (i) It is important to ensure that the information of charter notifications is transmitted to the Scientific Service Provider (SSP) in a timely manner, so that the SSP can compile catch and effort data for each CCM accurately. We therefore propose the amendments to the paragraphs 2 and 3, so that charter information is transmitted to the SSP at the same timing as flag States and the Secretariat.
  - (ii) In WCPFC16, when the current CMM adopted, “(T)he Commission encouraged Chartering CCMs to report on their application of the chartering measure, to EEZs, high seas, or both EEZ and high seas.” Such information is also important for the Secretariat and SSP to compile catch and effort data accurately; therefore, we propose the amendment to paragraph 2 to add “the area of application” to the list of information to be notified.

**CMM 2013-06 Criteria**

In accordance with CMM 2013-06 (Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of Conservation and Management proposals), the following assessment has been undertaken.

*a. Who is required to implement the proposal?*

The current CMM addresses all CCMs which are involved in charter arrangement, which will not be changed by our proposal.

*b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?*

In accordance with paragraph 2, chartering CMMs will be required to notify “the area of application” of charter arrangement, in addition to the existing list of items a)-f). We believe that “the area of application” is generally specified in charter arrangements, so the administrative work related to the collection and notification of such information should be minimal.

*c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?*

No.

*d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?*

The proposed amendments do not affect development opportunities for SIDS, since the proposed amendments only require CMM to notify “the area of application” of charter arrangement, in addition to the existing list of items a)-f).

*e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?*

The proposed amendments do not affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations, since the proposed amendments only require CMM to notify “the area of application” of charter arrangement, in addition to the existing list of items a)-f).

*f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?*

We consider that “the area of application” is a basic element of information in charter arrangements, so the administrative work related to the notification of necessary information should be minimal.

*g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?*

We consider that the administrative work related to the proposed amendment should be minimal.

*h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?*

We consider that the administrative work related to the proposed amendment should be minimal.



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**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR CHARTER  
NOTIFICATION SCHEME**

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**Conservation and Management Measure 2021-XX<sup>1</sup>**

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

*ACKNOWLEDGING* the important contribution of chartered vessels to sustainable fisheries development in the Western & Central Pacific Ocean;

*CONCERNED* with ensuring that charter arrangements do not promote IUU fishing activities or undermine conservation and management measures;

*REALIZING* that there is a need for the WCPFC to establish procedures for charter arrangements;

Adopts, in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPF Convention that:

1. The provisions of this measure shall apply to Commission Members and Participating Territories that charter, lease or enter into other mechanisms with vessels eligible under paragraph 4 flagged to another State or Fishing Entity for the purpose of conducting fishing operations in the Convention Area as an integral part of the domestic fleet of that chartering Member or Participating Territory.
2. Within 15 days, or in any case within 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a charter arrangement, the chartering Member or Participating Territory shall notify the Executive Director of any vessel to be identified as chartered in accordance with this measure by submitting electronically where possible to the Executive Director the following information with respect to each chartered vessel:
  - a) name of the fishing vessel;
  - b) WCPFC Identification Number (WIN);
  - c) name and address of owner(s);

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<sup>1</sup> By adoption of this CMM (CMM 2021-XX) the Commission rescinds CMM 2019-08 which has been replaced.

- d) name and address of the charterer;
- e) the duration of the charter arrangement;
- f) the flag state of the vessel; and
- g) the area of application (i.e., [the chartering CCM's EEZ](#), [other CCM's EEZ and/or high seas](#), ~~or both EEZ and high seas~~).

Upon receipt of the information the Executive Director will immediately notify the flag State and the Scientific Service Provider (SSP).

3. Each chartering Member or Participating Territory shall notify the Executive Director as well as the flag State, within 15 days, or in any case within 72 hours before commencement of fishing activities under a charter arrangement of:
  - a) any additional chartered vessels along with the information set forth in paragraph 2;
  - b) any change in the information referred to in paragraph 2 with respect to any chartered vessel; and
  - c) termination of the charter of any vessel previously notified under paragraph 2.

Upon receipt of the information the Executive Director will immediately notify the SSP.

4. Only vessels listed on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels or the WCPFC Interim Register of Non-CCM Carriers and Bunkers, and not on the WCPFC IUU vessel list, or IUU List of another RFMO, are eligible for charter.
5. The Executive Director shall make the information required in paragraph 2 and 3 available to all CCMs.
6. Each year the Executive Director shall present a summary of all notified chartered vessels to the Commission for review. If necessary, the Commission may review and revise this measure.
7. Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, catches and effort of vessels notified as chartered under this CMM shall be attributed to the chartering Member or Participating Territory. Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, the chartering Member or Participating Territory shall report annually to the Executive Director catch and effort of chartered vessels in the previous year.
8. This Measure shall expire on 28 February 2024<sup>45</sup> unless renewed by the Commission.

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