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### **SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORTS (PART 1 and 2) TO THE COMMISSION**

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*Revised to reflect the latest available information provided to the Secretariat by CCMs*

### **Paper prepared by the Secretariat**

#### **Introduction**

##### *Part 1 Reports*

1. At the First Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee in December 2005, Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) agreed to provide an Annual Report to the Commission, the purpose of which is to report relevant information to the Commission on their respective fishing activities during the preceding calendar year, and management and compliance issues during the present year. Part 1 of this report relating to information on fisheries, research and statistics for 2005 was to be submitted by 30 June 2006 or one month before the meeting of the Second Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC2). The Part 1 report for 2006 was to have been submitted by 13 July 2007 or one month before the Third Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC3). In both 2006 and 2007 many of the Part 1 reports were submitted well after the due date. Nevertheless, the Commission Secretariat has now received Part 1 reports from all but two (2) CCMs for 2005,<sup>1</sup> all but three (3) CCMs for 2006 and all but three (3) CCMs for 2007. The submitted Part 1 Reports for 2007 are available to the Fifth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC5).

##### *Part 2 Reports*

2. CCMs were required to submit their respective Part 2 Reports on Management and Compliance to the Commission 30 days in advance of WCPFC5 or the Fourth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC4). WCPFC3 endorsed recommendations by the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) that:

- a. the revised template for Part 2 of the Annual Report (Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report) be adopted for future reports;
- b. Part 2 of the Annual Report be completed on a calendar year basis and submitted to the Secretariat by 31 July each year;
- c. the Commission invite the SC to review Part 1 of the Annual Report in light of its relationship with Part 2, including its consistencies (such as reporting periods and submission times); and

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<sup>1</sup> Part 1 reports are expected from 30 CCMs in 2008. Since French territories send a Part 1 Report of their scientific activities, France declared that no supplementary report from France was needed. The USA has noted that its Annual Report will cover its three territories.

d. the Secretariat be tasked with preparing guidelines, including minimum standards, for the completion of Part 2 of the Annual Report. These guidelines should be focused to ensure that a minimum level of consistency is achieved without being overly prescriptive.

3. In relation to “d” above, the Secretariat circulated a set of guidelines to CCMs in mid-May 2007.

4. Part 2 of the report relating to management and compliance covering the period 1 January-31 December 2007 was to be submitted by 31 July 2008. Twenty-eight (28) CCMs have submitted Part 2 Reports which are available to WCPFC<sup>5</sup>.

#### *Provision of Part 1 and Part 2 Reports on CD-ROM*

5. Since Part 2 Reports are currently regarded as confidential, the Secretariat is not able to post them on the WCPFC website, but has instead provided them with the Part 1 Reports on CD-ROM to WCPFC5 delegations.

#### *Outstanding Reports*

6. At present there are two (2) outstanding Part 1 Reports from 2005 activities, three (3) outstanding Part 1 Reports from 2006 activities, three (3) outstanding Part 1 Reports from 2007 activities, five (5) outstanding Part 2 Reports from 2005, six (6) outstanding Part 2 Reports from 2006 and one (1) outstanding Part 2 Report from 2007. At WCPFC3, the Chair noted that six (6) CCMs were yet to comply with the decision of WCPFC2 regarding annual reports to the Commission. WCPFC3 encouraged those CCMs with outstanding reports to submit them to the Secretariat by 31 January 2007. Although the Secretariat did not receive any outstanding reports by that date, it has subsequently received one (1) outstanding Part 2 Report for 2005 and three (3) outstanding Part 2 Reports for 2006.

#### **Adoption of a new template for Part 1 Reports**

Following two years of discussion, the SC4 adopted a new template for Part 1 Reports. This new format forms Attachment N of the SC4 Summary Report that is available on the WCPFC website. All CCMs are required to use the newly adopted Part 1 Report template in 2009.

#### **Formats used in the preparation of Part 2 Reports**

7. Of the 28 Part 2 Reports provided to the Secretariat, 15 used the revised template presented in the guidelines prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to CCMs in mid-May 2007, nine (9) used the template presented at Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report and four (4) used an independent reporting format.

8. At TCC4, several CCMs indicated their discomfort with the revised templates. TCC4 reviewed the issue of Part 2 Report templates and agreed that the Secretariat issue enhanced guidelines to which will be attached the current templates that have been considered by TCC. The Secretariat circulated enhanced guidelines on 16 October 2008, inviting CCMs to comment by 10 November 2008. CCMs will then be invited at WCPFC5 to propose a Part 2 Report template for 2009.

#### **Discussion**

9. If WCPFC5 can agree on a Part 2 Report template for 2009 this should greatly assist CCMs to meet the next reporting deadline of 31 July 2009, thus providing the Secretariat with sufficient material with which to prepare a comparative report for presentation at TCC5.

#### **Recommendation**

10. WCPFC5 is invited to:

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<sup>2</sup> France has advised that it will provide the Annual Report (Part 2) on behalf of French Polynesia, New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna. New Caledonia has also provided an independent report.

- note the adoption of a new Part 1 Report template that forms Attachment N of the SC4 Summary Report;
- consider the information provided by CCMs in the Part 1 and Part 2 Reports available to the meeting;
- consider any additional advice or recommendations in relation to the format and guidelines for the Part 1 and Part 2 Reports;
- note the situation with respect to outstanding Part 1 and Part 2 Reports for activities by CCMs in 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- encourage those CCMs that have not already done so to submit their Part 1 and Part 2 Reports for the 2005, 2006 and 2007 activity periods; and
- propose a Part 2 Report template for 2009.