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**CCMs' RESPONSES TO WCPFC CIRCULAR 2008/21, 16 OCTOBER 2008 – ENHANCED
GUIDELINES FOR CCMs' PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT (PART 2)**

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Introduction

1. At the 4th Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC4) that met at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia from 2-7 October 2008, the issue of a template for CCMs' preparation of the Annual Report (Part 2) was reviewed. TCC4 agreed that the Secretariat issue enhanced guidelines to which will be attached the current templates that have been considered by TCC. These enhanced guidelines are appended at Attachment 1.

2. At TCC4, CMMs were invited by the TCC Chair to comment by 10 November 2008 to the Secretariat regarding the current templates. CCMs will then be invited at the 5th Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC5) to propose a new template for 2009.

CCM Responses to WCPFC Circular 2008/21

3. The Secretariat received responses from Australia, Belize, Cook Islands, Japan, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei. Three of these CCMs preferred the template attached at Appendix B of Attachment 1, one CCM preferred the template attached at Appendix A of Attachment 1 and two CCMs had no preference for either template.

4. In addition to expressing their preferences for the templates, some of the CCMs that responded to WCPFC Circular 2008/21 provided additional comments. Some of these comments are presented below.

- i. The template attached at Appendix B of Attachment 1 is “user-friendly”.
- ii. Given the importance of annual reporting by CCMs, the added detail in Appendix B will provide the Commission with a greater level of understanding of the status of CMMs and usefully inform the future work of the Commission as we refine or adopt future measures.
- iii. We support efforts to collect more detailed data on the implementation of CMMs.
- iv. Our preference is for a simpler form of template rather than one that is more detailed and complex.
- v. Not only the frequency of activities by individual CCMs but also the numbers of activities should be acceptable.
- vi. The Secretariat should be tasked, following each WCPFC session, with updating the template to include or exclude CMMs, or Resolutions, as required.
- vii. The template should not be revised frequently.

- viii. We recommend that an insertion should be made in the Part 2 template to accommodate reporting by CCMs of their “active” vessel lists.
- ix. The template attached at Appendix B of Attachment 1 provides a good starting point for discussions at WCPFC5 on the new template.

Discussion

- 5. CCMs are invited to propose a new template for the Annual Report (Part 2) for use in 2009.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION - PART 2

ENHANCED GUIDELINES

Introduction

Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) have agreed to provide an 'Annual Report to the Commission', the purpose of which is to report relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs, including management and compliance issues. This report is to include all fishing activities undertaken within the Convention Area.

The Annual Report to the Commission comprises two parts:

Part 1 - primarily relating to information on fisheries, research and statistics; and

Part 2 - relating to management and compliance.

Part 1 – Fisheries Research and Statistics

Part 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission primarily relates to scientific information and is not addressed here.

Part 2 – Management and Compliance

The information provided in Part 2 reports is critical to the effective functioning of the Technical and Compliance Committee.

Timing of submission of Part 2

Part 2 of the Annual Report to the Commission is to be submitted to the Commission Secretariat by July 31 each year.

Period of coverage of Part 2

Part 2 of the Annual Report to the Commission is to cover the period from 1 January through 31 December of the previous year.

Guidelines for preparation of the Annual Report (Part 2) by CCMs

In relation to the format of Part 2 of the Annual Report, WCPFC3 endorsed TCC2's recommendations 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. 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.

In relation to "b" above, the Secretariat circulated a set of guidelines to CCMs in mid-May 2007.

The Fourth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC4) agreed that the Secretariat issue enhanced guidelines to which will be attached the current templates that have been considered by TCC, to be circulated by 16 October 2008. The following sections 2.1 to 2.5 are enhanced guidelines to CCMs regarding completion of Part 2 of the Annual Report. The current templates that have been considered by TCC are attached, as follows:

- a. Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report, attached at Appendix A; and
- b. Attachment 4 of WCPFC Circular 2008/03, attached at Appendix B.

An example of a completed Part 2 Report using Appendix B as a template is attached at Appendix C.

2.1 Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures

2.1.1 In accordance with Article 23, CCMs are required to report on steps they have taken to implement the Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by the Commission (Table 1)¹ and report on CCM measures adopted for conservation and management measures of highly migratory fish stocks (HMFS) in areas under national jurisdiction. For each CMM, CCMs are required to respond 'Yes', 'No' or 'Partial' in relation to whether or not they have implemented it. In cases where a CMM has entered into force but an effective date does not fall within the reporting period, CCMs should respond 'No – not yet in effect'. In cases where the CMM is not applicable to a CCM because of an exemption (e.g. exemptions for Small Island Developing States and Territories), CCMs should respond 'Not Applicable'.

2.1.2 If the response is 'No', for a particular CMM, the CCM is required to explain why it has not implemented this CMM.

If the response is 'Yes' for a particular CMM, CCMs are required to state what national measure/actions they have taken to implement this CMM. In respect of the 2005 CMMs, CCMs are encouraged to report the exact limits they consider applicable to their respective fleets².

2.1.3 CCMs are also required to report on measures they have adopted for regulating the activity of vessels flying their flags that fish in the Convention Area [Article 23(4)]. Examples of such measures are:

- (a) vessel registration and authorization procedures;
- (b) control of fishing vessels;
- (c) instruction/education/extension programs for industry, including vessel owners, operators, crews and fish receivers/buyers;
- (d) port access and inspections (such as the FAO port measures if applicable).

2.1.4 CCMs are encouraged to report on their implementation of Commission Resolutions, particularly the research and information-reporting provisions of these resolutions.

2.2 Monitoring and Inspection Activities

2.2.1 CCMs are required to list the particular monitoring and inspection activities conducted and the frequency of each activity (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, annually), specifically addressing each of the following:

- (a) vessel monitoring systems (VMS);
- (b) transshipments;
- (c) transshipment inspections;
- (d) at-sea inspections;
- (e) port inspections;
- (f) observer monitoring;
- (g) monitoring of trade and domestic distribution of highly migratory fish species;

¹ The Annual Report to the Commission (Part 2) template will be annually updated based on Decisions of the Commission. The CMMs that entered into force on 15 February 2008 will need to be accommodated in the 2008 Annual Report (due for submission by July 31, 2009) but not in the 2007 Annual Report.

² Example 1: In respect of paragraph 17 of CMM-2005-01, what is the particular limit for a CCM relating to, "The catch of bigeye....for the next 3 years shall not exceed the average annual bigeye catch for the years 2001-2004 or the year 2004?"

Example 2: In respect of paragraphs 1 and 2 of CMM-2005-02, what was the maximum number of the CCM's vessels that actively fished for South Pacific albacore in the Convention Area for 2005 or the previous five years and what are their catches?

Table 1 Conservation and Management Measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, as of 16 October 2008

Conservation and Management Measure	Symbol	Date Adopted	Date Entered into Force
Resolution on expansion of fishing effort and capacity (MHL CIV, February 1999)			
Resolution on expansion of fishing effort and capacity (MHL CV, September 1999)			
Resolution relating to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and limits on fishing capacity (PrepCon3, November 2002)			
Resolution on reduction of overcapacity	Resolution-2005-02		
Resolution on reduction of non-target fish species	Resolution-2005-03		
Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish Cooperating Non-Members	CMM-2004-01	8 Dec. 2004	8 Feb. 2005
Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels	CMM-2004-02	8 Dec. 2004	8 Feb. 2005
	CMM-2004-03	8 Dec. 2004	8 Feb. 2005
Resolution on Conservation and Management Measures	CMM-2004-04		
Conservation and Management Measures for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	CMM-2005-01	16 Dec. 2005	16 Feb. 2006
Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific Albacore	CMM-2005-02	16 Dec. 2005	16 Feb. 2006
Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore	CMM-2005-03	16 Dec. 2005	16 Feb. 2006
Conservation and Management Measures for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	CMM-2006-01	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure to Mitigate the Impact of Fishing for Highly Migratory Fish Stocks on Seabirds	CMM-2006-02	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure for Swordfish in the South West Pacific	CMM-2006-03	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure for Striped Marlin in the Southwest Pacific	CMM-2006-04	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	CMM-2006-05	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Commission Vessel Monitoring System	CMM-2006-06	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme	CMM-2006-07	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Boarding and Inspection Procedures	CMM-2006-08	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	CMM-2006-09	15 Dec. 2006	15 Feb. 2007
Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme	CMM-2007-01	15 Dec. 2007	15 Feb. 2008
Revision of CMM-2006-06 to include the requirement that vessels in the Convention Area must maintain VMS transmission even while beyond the Commission boundaries at 20°N and 175°E.	CMM-2007-02	15 Dec. 2007	15 Feb. 2008
IUU Fishing (Replacement of entire text of CMM-2006-09)	CMM-2007-03	15 Dec. 2007	15 Feb. 2008
Revision of CMM-2006-02 for mitigating the impact of fishing on seabirds	CMM-2007-04	15 Dec. 2007	15 Feb. 2008

- (h) inspections of domestic-only vessels; and
- (i) high seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels.

2.2.2 CCMs are also encouraged to provide clarifying comments on each of these monitoring and inspection activities. The information provided in this section should be in a summarised form.

2.3 Surveillance Activities

2.3.1 CCMs are required to list the particular surveillance activities they undertook and the frequency of each activity (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, annually), specifically addressing each of the following:

- (a) sea-going patrols in national waters;
- (b) sea-going patrols on the high seas;
- (c) aerial patrols of national waters; and
- (d) aerial patrols of the high seas.

2.3.2 CCMs are also encouraged to provide clarifying comments on each of these surveillance activities. The information provided in this section should be in a summarised form.

2.4 Investigations and Prosecution Activity

2.4.1 CCMs are required to list their investigations and prosecution activities related to compliance with the Convention and with the Commission's conservation and management measures. They should indicate the number of investigations undertaken and the reasons for their being undertaken. Of those undertaken, they should indicate the number that have been resolved, along with summary descriptions of the outcomes, indicating, for example, whether or not a prosecution was successful and whether or not any financial or other penalties (e.g. IUU listing) were imposed. The information provided in this section should be in a summarised form to the level of detail that domestic requirements allow.

2.5 Further MCS measures taken and other relevant information

2.5.1 CCMs are required to provide information on any further MCS measures taken and other relevant information. Examples include:

- (a) relevant changes to national legislation;
- (b) implementation of trade measures (if adopted by the Commission);
- (c) annual reporting by cooperating non-Members (to maintain co-operating status);
- (d) prompt reporting of IUU fishing activity [Article 25(2,3)] and action taken in compliance with CMM-2007-03.
- (e) estimated IUU catch within the EEZ; and
- (f) reporting of any actions undertaken through an RFMO with respect to National Plans of Action or International Plans of Action.

REVISED PART 2 REPORTING TEMPLATE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Purpose: To provide relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs and cooperating non-CCMs including management and compliance issues. The report should include all fishing activities being undertaken within the Convention Area.

PART 2. MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

(To be submitted by July 31 each year. Part 2 to cover the period 1 January – 31 December of the previous year.)

2.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

CCMs are required to report on the steps they have taken to implement the conservation and management measures established for the Convention Area. In addition, CCMs are to inform the Commission of measures they have adopted to conserve and manage highly migratory fish stocks (HMFS) in the Convention Area.

Report on CCM steps to implement conservation and management measures in the Convention area (Article 23(2)c)	Implemented (yes/no) (If no, explain why not)	Measures in place
List all current CCMs		

Report on CCM measures adopted for conservation and management of HMFS in areas under national jurisdiction (Art. 23(3))	Action taken
Management methods used for HMFS	

Report on CCM measures adopted for regulating the activity of vessels which fish in the Convention Area. (Art. 23(4)) Examples provided below but further fields may be added	Action taken
Vessel Registration and Authorisation Procedures	

Control of fishing vessels	
Instruction/education/extension programs for industry including vessel owners, operators, crews and fish receivers/buyers.	
Port access and inspections (such as FAO Port Measures where applicable)	

2.2 MONITORING AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The information is to be in a summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
VMS		
Transhipments		
Transhipment inspections		
At-sea inspections		
Port inspections		
Observer monitoring		
Monitoring of trade and domestic distribution of HMFS		
Inspections of domestic-only vessels		
High seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels		Report observation of alleged violations, including any proceedings instituted and sanctions applied.

2.3 SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The completion of this section should be in summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
Seagoing patrols		
Aerial surveillance		

2.4 INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION ACTIVITY

The completion of this section should be in summarized form to the level of detail that domestic requirements allow

Activity	Number	Reason and summary outcome
Investigations		
Outcomes – penalties or other action		
- No further action		

2.5 FURTHER MCS MEASURES TAKEN AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

EXAMPLES:

- Inform relevant changes to national legislation
- Trade measures (if adopted by the Commission)
- Cooperating non-CCMs annual reporting (to maintain cooperating status)
- Prompt IUU fishing activity reporting (Art 25(2,3)); estimated IUU catch within EEZ?
- NOPA reporting / IPOA actions taken through RFMO

REVISED PART 2 REPORTING TEMPLATE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2007

PART 2. MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

2.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Report on CCM steps to implement conservation and management measures in the Convention area (Article 23(2)c)	Implemented (yes/no) (If no, explain why not)							Measures in place
CMM-2004-01: Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish	A.1. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i)	A.2.	A.3. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	B.4.	B.5. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r)	B.6. (a) (b) (c)	B.7.	

CMM-2004-02: Cooperating Non-Members	Not applicable									
CMM-2004-03: Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels	2.1.1 (a) (b)	2.1.3 (a) (b) (c) (d)	2.2.1 (a) (b)	2.2.2 (a) (b) (c) (d)	2.2.3	2.2.4	2.2.5 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l)	3.1		
CMM-2005-01: Conservation and Management Measures for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	1.		3.		8.		13.		17.	
CMM-2005-02: Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific Albacore										
CMM-2005-03: Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore	2.		3.		4.		7.			

Report on CCM measures adopted for conservation and	Action taken
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management of HMFS in areas under national jurisdiction (Art. 23(3))	
Management methods used for Highly Migratory Fish Species (HMFS)	

Report on CCM measures adopted for regulating the activity of vessels which fish in the Convention Area. (Art. 23(4)) Examples provided below but further fields may be added	Action taken
Vessel Registration and Authorisation Procedures	
Control of fishing vessels	
Instruction/education/extension programs for industry including vessel owners, operators, crews and fish receivers/buyers.	
Port access and inspections (such as FAO Port Measures where applicable)	

2.2 MONITORING AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The information is to be in a summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
VMS		
Transhipments		
Transshipment inspections		
At-sea inspections		
Port inspections		
Observer monitoring		
Monitoring of trade and domestic		

distribution of HMFS.		
Inspections of domestic-only vessels		
High seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels		Report observation of alleged violations, including any proceedings instituted and sanctions applied.

2.3 SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The completion of this section should be in summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
Seagoing patrols		
Aerial surveillance		

2.4 INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION ACTIVITY

The completion of this section should be in summarized form to the level of detail that domestic requirements allow

Activity	Number	Reason and summary outcome
Investigations		
Outcomes – penalties or other action		
- No further action		

2.5 FURTHER MCS MEASURES TAKEN AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

EXAMPLES:

- Inform relevant changes to national legislation
- Trade measures (if adopted by the Commission)
- Cooperating non-CCMs annual reporting (to maintain cooperating status)
- Prompt IUU fishing activity reporting (Art 25(2,3)); estimated IUU catch within EEZ?
- NOPA reporting/IPOA actions taken through RFMO

EXAMPLE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2007

PART 2. MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

2.6 IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Report on CCM steps to implement conservation and management measures in the Convention area (Article 23(2)c)	Implemented (yes/no) (If no, explain why not)							Measures in place
	A.1. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Yes (e) Yes (f) Yes (g) Yes (h) Yes (i) Yes	A.2. Yes	A.3. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Yes (e) Yes	B.4. Yes	B.5. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) No (e) Yes (f) No (g) No (h) Yes (i) Yes (j) No (k) Yes (l) Yes (m) No (n) Yes (o) Yes (p) Yes (q) No (r) Yes	B.6. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes	B.7. Yes	
CMM-2004-01: Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish								On 1 July 2005 the Secretariat was provided with a list of flag vessels authorized to fish. The Secretariat has been provided with updates within 15 days of a change occurring since then. Some vessel attribute information was unavailable when this list was provided. An updated list of flag vessels authorized to fish containing all vessel attributes required by the measure [B.5. (a) to (r)] was provided to the Secretariat on 31 July 2007.

CMM-2004-02: Cooperating Non-Members	Not applicable									
CMM-2004-03: Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels	2.1.1 (a) No (b) No	2.1.3 (a) Yes (b) No (c) Yes (d) Yes	2.2.1 (a) Yes (b) Yes	2.2.2 (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Yes	2.2.3 Yes	2.2.4 Yes	2.2.5 (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Yes (e) Yes (f) Yes (g) Yes (h) Yes (i) Yes (j) Yes (k)Yes (l) Yes	3.1 Yes	Purse seine and longline vessels are marked as specified but troll vessels are not. A programme has commenced troll vessels are correctly marked by 17 November 2008.	
CMM-2005-01: Conservation and Management Measures for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	1. Yes		3. Yes		8. Yes		13. No		17. Yes	Regulations were adopted on 17 March 2006 to ensure that the number of fishing licences granted under existing arrangements does not increase. Average catch 2001-2004 (3675mt). Catch 2005 (3400mt). Catch 2006 (3000mt est.) A management plan for the use of FADs within waters under national jurisdiction was submitted to the Commission on 10 August 2007.
CMM-2005-02: Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific	Yes								The number of vessels in the South Pacific Albacore fleet is constrained by a limited access permit	

Albacore										system established on 23 June 2006. Ten (10) active vessels in 2005 caught 6000mt.
CMM-2005-03: Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore	2. Yes		3. Yes		4. Yes		7. Yes			A limited access permit system for the North Pacific Albacore fleet as established in June 2007.
CMM-2006-01: Conservation and Management Measures for BET and YFT in the WCPO	1. Yes	2. Yes	3. Yes	4. Yes	5. Yes	7. Yes	9. Yes	10. Yes		A Catch Retention Plan provided to Secretariat on 23 September 2007. Results of research collaboration provided to Secretariat on 15 August 2007.
CMM-2006-03: Conservation and Management Measure for Swordfish in the South West Pacific	1. Yes		3. Yes		4. Yes					Information on number of vessels from 2000-2005 provided to the Secretariat on 24 April 2007.
CMM-2006-04: Conservation and Management Measures for Swordfish in the South West Pacific	1. Yes		3. Yes		4. Yes					Information on number of vessels from 2000-2005 provided to the Secretariat on 24 April 2007.
CMM-2006-05: Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks in the WCPO	1. Yes	2. Yes	3. Yes	4. Yes	6. Yes	7. Yes	9. Yes	10. Yes	11. Yes	IPOA-Sharks is being implemented. The Fisheries Management Act 2003 was amended on 6 April 2007 to conform with CMM-2006-05.
CMM-2006-08: WCP Boarding and Inspection Procedures	13.(a)(i) Yes	13.(a)(ii) Yes	13.(a)(iii) Yes	13.(b)(i) Yes	13.(b)(ii) Yes	13.(b)(iii) Yes	14-24. Yes			Details of authorized inspection vessels provided to Secretariat on 24 August 2008.

CMM-2007-01: Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme.	13. Yes	Attachment K, Annex C, 1. Yes						WCPFC National Observer Coordinator nominated to Secretariat on 24 May 2008. Data from national programme sent to Secretariat on 7 July 2008.	
CMM-2007-02: Revision of CMM-2006-06 to include the requirement that vessels in the Convention Area must maintain VMS transmission even while beyond the Commission boundaries at 20°N and 175°E.	9 (a). Yes						All authorized flag vessels are equipped with ALCs.		
CMM-2007-03: IUU Fishing (Replacement of entire text of CMM-2006-09).	4. No	5. No	8. Yes	9. No	22. Yes			While no list of vessels was sent to the Executive Director, other requirements of this measure were complied with.	
CMM-2007-04: Revision of CMM-2006-02 for mitigating the impact of fishing on seabirds.	1. Yes	2. Yes	1. Yes	2. Yes	4. Yes	5. Yes	7. Yes	9. Yes	IPOA-Seabirds is being implemented. Flag vessels are using all of the mitigation measures in Table 1.

Report on CCM measures adopted for conservation and management of HMFS in areas under national jurisdiction (Art. 23(3))	Action taken
Management methods used for Highly Migratory Fish Species (HMFS)	Implementing the Vessel Days Scheme for purse seine fishing vessels in association with other PNA-member States.

Report on CCM measures adopted for regulating the activity of vessels which fish in the Convention Area. (Art. 23(4)) Examples provided below but further fields may be added	Action taken
Vessel Registration and Authorisation Procedures	In October 2006, specific regulations were implemented relating to authorizations to fish in the Convention Area and the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels
Control of fishing vessels	Fishers using flag vessels for fishing on the high seas must hold a High Seas Fishing Permit under the terms of part 5A of the Fisheries Management Act 2003.
Instruction/education/extension programs for industry including vessel owners, operators, crews and fish receivers/buyers.	On-going extension program started in August 2006 to explain newly introduced regulations relating to high seas fishing.
Port access and inspections (such as FAO Port Measures where applicable)	Fisheries Act updated in July 2006 in accordance with FAO Port State Measures.

2.7 MONITORING AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The information is to be in a summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
VMS	Automatic VMS reporting rate of six reports per 24 hours.	All 1,500 flag vessels are required to carry and operate VMS at all times while in the high seas.
Transhipments	Zero transhipments were recorded.	Flag vessels are not permitted tranship in areas outside EEZ.
Transhipment inspections	No inspections of transhipments were conducted during the year.	
At-sea inspections	Eighty-seven at-sea inspections were conducted during the year.	Boarding and inspection took place during six maritime surveillance patrols.
Port inspections	A total of 147 port inspections were conducted during the year.	Purse seine – 76 Longline – 31 Reefer/Carriers – 40
Observer monitoring	Twenty-two per cent coverage rate of all fishing trips by flag vessels.	Target observer coverage rate is 25 per cent.

Monitoring of trade and domestic distribution of HMFS.	Weekly checks made of all fish markets and fish exporting companies.	
Inspections of domestic-only vessels	A total of 59 inspections were made during the year	Only longline vessels were inspected.
High seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels.	No high seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels were undertaken.	

2.8 SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The completion of this section should be in summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
Seagoing patrols	Six surveillance patrols were conducted during the year.	An arrangement is in place for the Defence Force to conduct 10 surveillance patrols per year.
Aerial surveillance	Four surveillance patrols were conducted during the year.	The Royal New Zealand Air Force provides aerial surveillance for the EEZ.

2.9 INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION ACTIVITY

The completion of this section should be in summarized form to the level of detail that domestic requirements allow

Activity	Number	Reason and summary outcome
Investigations	Six investigations were conducted.	Illegal fishing (4). Breach of licence conditions (2)
Outcomes – penalties or other action	Four vessels were penalized for illegal fishing. One vessel was penalized for breach of licence conditions.	All four vessels were fined, plus vessels and fishing gear were forfeited to the State. Total revenue was USD1.2 million. One vessel was fined a total of USD50,000.
- No further action	In the case of one vessel no further	It was found that the vessel operator had no case to answer.

	action was taken.	
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2.10 FURTHER MCS MEASURES TAKEN AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Fisheries Management Act 2003 was amended on 6 April 2007 to allow for the implementation of new measures arising from membership of the WCPFC, including CMM-2005-05. The National Seas Act is currently being updated.