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IWG-ROP CHAIR'S DRAFT ON ROP IMPLEMENTATION

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Annex C (revised)

Chair's Draft

Implementation Programme

1. By [1 January 2008], CCMs will commence implementation of the ROP, in accordance with a measure to be adopted at WCPFC 4, by using the sub-regional and national programmes already operational in the region.
2. By 31 December 2008:
 - Existing sub-regional program and National Programs will be regarded as a part of ROP.
 - Data obtained through these observer programs will be submitted to the Commission and will be considered Commission data.
 - Arrangements in 2008 do not preclude future development of ROP at the Commission.
 - The IWG-ROP will continue to develop the framework and important elements of the ROP (e.g., training and accreditation of observers, roles and responsibilities of observers, data requirements, and cost issues).
3. During the period 1 January 2009 – 31 December 2010:
 - The Commission will review the recommendations from the IWG-ROP and further develop, and refine as necessary, the ROP, including application of the ROP.
4. By 30 June 2012:
 - Achieve 5% coverage on the unit of trip (except for vessels provided for in paragraphs 6 and 7).

- At the 2012 annual sessions of the SC and TCC the data generated by the ROP will be reviewed and those subsidiary bodies will make appropriate recommendations to the Commission.

5. CCMs will also be expected to meet any additional ROP observer obligations that may be included in any measure adopted by WCPFC, such as provisions of a catch retention measure, a FAD management measure or a transshipment measure. Such measures may include observer requirements for freezer longliners, purse seiners and/or carriers.

Special Circumstances

6. Fishing vessels used exclusively to fish for fresh fish¹ in the area north of 20 degrees North will be accorded the following considerations:

- i) By 31 December 2008, the Northern Committee will consider the implementation of the ROP adopted by the Commission for fishing vessels used to fish for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees North.
- ii) By 31 December 2010, the Northern Committee will make recommendations to the Commission on the implementation of the ROP for fishing vessels for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees North.
- iii) The recommendations of the Northern Committee will provide for a date of implementation of the ROP of no later than 31 December 2014.

7. Application of the ROP to the following fishing vessels is to be deferred:

- small fishing vessels, defined to be [] and determined to include []
- troll and pole-and-line vessels used for fishing for skipjack tuna or albacore

8. Based on the advice and recommendations of the SC and TCC, the Commission will annually review the ROP and make adjustments as necessary.

¹ For the purpose of this measure, “fresh fish” means highly migratory fish stocks that are live, whole or dressed/gutted, but not further processed or frozen