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**STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF  
HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC  
OCEAN**

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1 In its capacity as depositary of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, the Government of New Zealand advises that since its last report to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission at the eighteenth regular session of the Commission in December 2021, New Zealand has not received notification of any instruments of ratification or accession to the Convention.

2 A table summarising the status of the Convention as at 27 October 2021 is annexed to this statement.

## Annex: Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

Status of the Convention as at 27 October 2022

| <b>COUNTRY</b>   | <b>SIGNATURE</b> | <b>RATIFICATION, ACCESSION (A)</b> | <b>ENTRY INTO FORCE</b> |
|--|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Australia  | 30/10/2000       | 22/09/2003                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Canada   | 02/08/2001       | 01/11/2005                         | 01/12/2005              |
| China <sup>1</sup>   |                  | 02/11/2004 (A)                     | 02/12/2004              |
| Cook Islands   | 05/09/2000       | 01/10/2003                         | 19/06/2004              |
| European Union <sup>2</sup>  |                  | 20/12/2004 (A)                     | 19/01/2005              |
| Federated States of Micronesia   | 05/09/2000       | 20/12/2002                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Fiji Islands   | 05/09/2000       | 13/03/2001                         | 19/06/2004              |
| France (extends to French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna) <sup>3</sup> |                  | 12/05/2005 (A)                     | 11/06/2005              |
| Indonesia  | 31/08/2001       | 30/10/2013                         | 29/11/2013              |
| Japan  |                  | 08/07/2005 (A)                     | 07/08/2005              |
| Republic of Kiribati   |                  | 09/06/2003 (A)                     | 19/06/2004              |
| Republic of Korea  |                  | 26/10/2004 (A)                     | 25/11/2004              |
| Republic of the Marshall Islands   | 05/09/2000       | 23/04/2001                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Republic of Nauru  | 18/08/2001       | 13/08/2003                         | 19/06/2004              |
| New Zealand (extends to Tokelau) <sup>4</sup>  | 05/09/2000       | 19/12/2003                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Niue   | 30/10/2000       | 17/12/2003                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Republic of Palau  | 05/09/2000       | 02/11/2005                         | 2/12/2005               |
| Independent State of Papua New Guinea  | 17/01/2001       | 17/10/2001                         | 19/06/2004              |
| Republic of the Philippines  | 05/09/2000       | 17/06/2005                         | 17/07/2005              |
| Independent State of Samoa   | 05/09/2000       | 09/02/2001                         | 19/06/2004              |

<sup>1</sup> Upon accession, the Government of the People's Republic of China advised that the Convention shall apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China but not to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China prior to further notice by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

<sup>2</sup> On 28 January 2010, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union advised that, as from 1 December 2009, the European Community has been replaced and succeeded by the European Union in respect of the Convention.

<sup>3</sup> On 12 May 2005, the Government of France advised that, in accordance with Article 43, French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna, are authorised by the Government of France to participate in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

<sup>4</sup> On 19 December 2003, the Government of New Zealand advised that, in accordance with Article 43, Tokelau is authorised by the Government of New Zealand to participate in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

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|---|------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Solomon Islands   | 23/04/2001       | 09/06/2003                             | 19/06/2004                  |
| Kingdom of Tonga  | 23/04/2001       | 13/10/2003                             | 19/06/2004                  |
| Tuvalu  | 05/09/2000       | 13/04/2004                             | 19/06/2004                  |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland (for<br>Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and<br>Oeno Islands) |                  |  |                             |
| United States of America <sup>5</sup>   | 05/09/2000       | 27/06/2007                             | 27/07/2007                  |
| Republic of Vanuatu   | 23/04/2001       | 06/10/2005                             | 05/11/2005                  |

On 5 September 2000, a representative of Chinese Taipei signed an Arrangement for the Participation of Fishing Entities. On 2 November 2004, in accordance with that Arrangement, Chinese Taipei advised the Depositary that it had fulfilled its domestic requirements

<sup>5</sup> Upon ratification, the Government of the United States of America advised that, in accordance with Article 43, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are authorised by the Government of United States of America to participate in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.