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**DRAFT TOR FOR A CATCH TRACKING SCHEME INTERSESSIONAL  
WORKING GROUP**

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**Purpose:**

To develop and recommend a proposal for a WCPFC Catch Tracking Scheme (CTS) to monitor the catch, transfers and trade of HMFS from catching vessels through to final markets.

The development of the CTS will specifically address the following:

- Documentation and verification of catch, transshipping and landing reporting within WCPFC
- Provide for phased introduction based on priority species
- Recognise the uniqueness in different WCPFC managed fisheries and provide for these variations as appropriate
- Identify market and trade control measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing

The IWG shall consider all matters of relevance to the design and operation of a WCPFC CTS including explicit consideration of the following:

- The Recommendation to Tuna RFMOs on Harmonisation and Improvement of Trade Tracking Programs (Raleigh 2007).
- Existing and proposed catch documentation schemes in other RFMOs (including ICCAT, CCSBT and CCAMLR), noting the particular areas of uniqueness within the WCPFC, such as the prevalence of coastal states and small island developing states.
- Existing commercial trade tracking programs.
- Operational issues of data submission, handling, analysis, reconciliation and dissemination.

- The resources that would be required within CCMs (and particularly small island developing states) to implement and operate a Catch Tracking Scheme. This will necessarily include consideration of capacity building and training programs.
- The roles and responsibilities of flag states, port states, market states and the WCPFC secretariat to implement and manage CTS.
- The integration of CTS within the monitoring, control and surveillance framework of WCPFC

### ***Composition of the IWG***

Open to all CCMs of the WCPFC to participate in the IWG. The Secretariat to coordinate the IWG inter-sessional activities. The IWG will also seek technical expertise and input from CCAMLR, tuna RFMOs and regional customs and trade bodies.

### ***Timeframe***

The IWG shall work inter-sessionally and after consultation with the SC shall provide a draft report to TCC 4 for consideration. The IWG shall provide proposals to WCPFC5 incorporating the outcomes from SC4 and TCC 4.