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SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER TROPICAL TUNA CMMs FROM 2018 TO 2022

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Purpose

1. This paper provides for information of WCPFC19 the updated versions of tables and notes that summarize the reports made in 2019 - 2021 and part of 2022 by CCMs under *Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack* (CMM 2018-01, CMM 2020-01 and CMM 2021-01). The information in this paper is based on recent information received by the Secretariat. It should be noted that some related replies to CMR or recent reporting may not be reflected in this paper.

Updated Tables and Notes

2. The Tables and Notes in this paper may be categorized into these categories:

- Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set management in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S: 2019 2021 and 2022 to date (*Table 1 − 4*);
- WCPFC IATTC Overlap Area (WCPFC9 Decision, paragraph 80) (notes);
- Monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2018-01, CMM 2020-01 paragraph 41 and CMM 2021-01 paragraph 38) (*Table 5*); and
- Summary of Notifications of purse seine effort and/or catch limits for EEZs in 2022 (notes).

3. Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 below relate to notification and reporting on additional FAD Set management:

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 1 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD	2019 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)		
	closure will not apply in 2019 ¹	Apr-May 2019	Nov-Dec 2019	
Australia China Cook Islands El Salvador European Union		YES YES YES	YES	
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ²		YES	
Indonesia Japan Kiribati Republic of Korea			YES YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs) YES	
Marshall Islands Nauru New Zealand	YES ³ YES ⁴	YES YES YES		
Papua New Guinea Philippines			YES	
Solomon Islands Chinese Taipei Tuvalu United States of America	YES ⁵	YES	YES YES YES	
Vanuatu			YES	

Table 1: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2019 (CMM 2018-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 1) - as at 17 November 2022

¹ The list of vessels included in the notification received by the Secretariat as at 3 August 2020 is contained in Circular 2020/80 dated 3 August 2020.

² Notified of 23 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2019

³ Notified of 11 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2019

⁴ Notified of 2 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Nauru waters during July – September 2019

⁵ Notified of 1 purse seine vessel to be managed under PNA 3IA in Tuvalu waters during July – September 2019

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 1 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD	2020 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)		
	closure will not apply in 2020 ⁶	Apr-May 2020	Nov-Dec 2020	
Australia China			YES	
Cook Islands El Salvador European Union		YES YES YES		
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ⁷		YES	
Indonesia				
Japan	YES ⁸		YES YES (if applicable activities occur	
Kiribati	TE3		outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs)	
Republic of Korea			YES	
Marshall Islands	YES ⁹		YES	
Nauru	YES ¹⁰		YES	
New Zealand		YES		
Papua New Guinea	YES ¹¹		YES	
Philippines				
Solomon Islands	YES ¹²	YES		
Chinese Taipei			YES	
Tuvalu United States of America	YES ¹³		YES YES	
Vanuatu			YES	

Table 2: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2020 (CMM 2018-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 1) - as at 17 November 2022

⁶ The list of vessels included in the notification received by the Secretariat as at 31 August 2020 is contained in Circular 2020/80 dated 3 August 2020 and Circular 2020/94 dated 31 August 2020.

⁷ Notified of 27 purse seine vessels, including 2 vessels flagged to another CCM to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2020

⁸ Notified of 23 purse seine vessels, including 14 vessels flagged to another CCM to be managed under PNA 3IA in Kiribati waters under CMM 2018-01

⁹ Notified of 11 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2020

¹⁰ Notified of 13 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Nauru waters during July – September 2020

¹¹ Notified of 12 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in PNG waters during July – September 2020

¹² Notified of 5 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Solomon Islands waters during July – September 2020

¹³ Notified of 1 purse seine vessel to be managed under PNA 3IA in Tuvalu waters during July – September 2020

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 1 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD	2021 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)		
	closure will not apply in 2021	Apr-May 2021	Nov-Dec 2021	
Australia China Cook Islands El Salvador European Union		YES YES YES YES		
Federated States of Micronesia Indonesia	YES ¹⁴	YES		
Japan Kiribati Republic of Korea			YES YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs) YES	
Marshall Islands Nauru New Zealand	YES ¹⁵ YES ¹⁶	YES YES YES		
Papua New Guinea Philippines Solomon Islands		YES	YES	
Chinese Taipei Tuvalu United States of America Vanuatu	YES ¹⁷		YES YES YES YES	

Table 3: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2021 (CMM 2020-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 1) - as at 17 November 2022

¹⁴ Notified of 28 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2021

¹⁵ Notified of 11 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2021

¹⁶ Notified of 20 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Nauru waters during July – September 2021

¹⁷ Notified of 6 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Tuvalu waters during July – September 2021

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 1 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD	2022 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 15)		
	closure will not apply in 2022	Apr-May 2022	Nov-Dec 2022	
Australia China			YES	
Cook Islands El Salvador European Union		YES YES YES		
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ¹⁸	YES		
Indonesia Japan		YES		
Kiribati			YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs)	
Republic of Korea Marshall Islands	YES ¹⁹		YES YES	
Nauru	YES ²⁰	YES		
New Zealand	-	YES		
Papua New Guinea Philippines			YES	
Solomon Islands	YES ²¹	YES		
Chinese Taipei	N/50 ²²		YES	
Tuvalu United States of America	YES ²²		YES	
Vanuatu			YES	

Table 4: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2022 (CMM 2021-01 paragraph 15 and footnote 1) - as at 17 November 2022

¹⁸ Notified of 26 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2022

¹⁹ Notified of 11 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2022

²⁰ Notified of 20 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Nauru waters during July – September 2022

²¹ Notified of 8 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Solomon Islands waters during July – September 2022

²² Notified of 6 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Tuvalu waters during July – September 2022

4. The applicable WCPFC decisions and notes on the WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area are as follow:

(a) The WCPFC9 decision on the application of measures in the part of the WCPF Convention Area that overlaps with the IATTC Convention Area says that in the case of a WCPFC member who is also an IATTC member, and who has vessels on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member shall decide and notify both organisations under which of the two Commission measures those vessels shall operate when fishing in the overlap area with IATTC and WCPFC. If a CCM is a member of only one RFMO, the rules of that RFMO will apply in the overlap area between WCPFC and IATTC, even if the CCM is a cooperating non-member of the other RFMO. (see WCPFC9 Summary Report, paragraph 80)

(b) CMM 2021-01 paragraph 10 states that:

Where flag CCMs choose to implement IATTC measures in the overlap area, any calculation of limits for the Convention Area (excluding the overlap area) that are done on the basis of historical catch or effort levels, shall exclude historical catch or effort within the overlap area. Notwithstanding decisions on application of catch and/or effort limits, all other provisions of this measure apply to all vessels fishing in the overlap area.

(c) In 2022, the Secretariat received two updates of Member's choice of WCPFC/IATTC measures in the Overlap Area.²³ Accordingly, in 2019 - 2022, or as otherwise specified the following six CCMs could apply IATTC measures in the Overlap Area:²⁴

- Ecuador As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- El Salvador As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- Panama As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- European Union In accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 2 April 2013;
- Commencing February 2019 Nicaragua As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC; and
- Commencing 8 July 2020, the United States of America In accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 8 July 2020.

 $^{^{23}}$ France advised that French Polynesia would apply WCPFC rules in the overlap area from 1 Jan 2022 – 31 Dec 2024. China has advised that will apply both IATTC and WCPFC rules in overlap area, including VMS and HSBI, but catches in the overlap area are to be attributed to WCPFC.

²⁴ The list is a subset of the list of notifications received for the overlap area, the complete list of notifications can be accessed by authorized CCM users from the WCPFC Secure CCM side: <u>https://www.wcpfc.int/overlap-area-iattc</u>

5. Tables 5 and 6 provides the summary of monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2018-01 and CMM 2020-01 paragraph 41 and CMM 2021-01 paragraph 38):

Table 5: Summary of CCM reporting of bigeye longline catch by WCPFC in accordance with CMM 2018-01 and CMM 2020-01 paragraph 41 - as at 17 November 2022 (Note: some CCMs replies to dCMR or most recent reporting to WCPFC may not be reflected below)

	2019		2020		2021	
FLAG CCMs	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹⁴	% of limit	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹⁴	% of limit	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹⁴	% of limit
China	8631 / 8724	98.9%	8631 / 8724	98.9%	5492 / 8724	64%
Indonesia	43 / 5,889	<1%	43 / 5,889	<1%	118 / 5889	<1%
Japan	11916 / 17765	67.1%	12,791 / 17765	72.0%	9465 / 17765	53%
Republic of	13712 / 13942	98.3%	13011 / 13942	98.3%	13708 / 13942	98.3%
Korea						
Chinese Taipei	9198 / 10481	87.8%	9198 / 10481	87.8%	7486 / 10481	71.7%
United States of America	3537 / 3554	99.5%	3557 / 3554	100.1%	3533 / 3554	99%

 Table 6: Summary of CCM reporting of bigeye longline catch by WCPFC in accordance with CMM 2021-01

 paragraph 38 - as at 17 November 2022

	2021			
FLAG CCMs	Catch / Limit (Mt) 14	Reporting Period	% of limit	
China	4390 / 8724	1 Jan – 30 Sept	50.3 %	
Indonesia	64.6 / 5889	1 Jan – 30 Sept	1.0 %	
Japan	5655.7 / 17765	1 Jan – 30 Oct	31 %	
Republic of Korea	10436 / 13942	1 Jan – 30 Sept	74.8%	
Chinese Taipei	6583 / 10481	1 Jan – 30 Sept	63.0%	
United States of	3231 / 3554	1 Jan – 30 Sept	91.0%	
America				

6. No notifications were received during 2022 related to notification of EEZ limits for purse seine effort and/or catch of skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna (CMM 2021-01 paragraph 24).

Recommendation

7. WCPFC19 is invited to note	this paper.
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