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**SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS TO WCPFC OF CHARTER, LEASE OR OTHER  
MECHANISMS**

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**Paper by Secretariat**

**Purpose**

1. This paper tables a summary of all notified chartered vessels for the information of and review by the Commission. This paper responds to paragraph 6 of CMM 2021-04 *Conservation and Management Measure for the Charter Notification Scheme*.

**Background**

2. Since 2010, the WCPFC has had a Charter Notification Scheme under various versions of the CMM on Charter Notification. The current measure is CMM 2021-04 which expires on 28 February 2025.<sup>1</sup>
3. In accordance with CMM 2021-04 paragraphs 2 and 3, each Member or Participating Territory can choose to notify the Commission of any vessel to be identified under the Charter Notification Scheme, for the purpose of conducting fishing operations in the Convention Area as an integral part of the domestic fleet of that chartering Member or Participating Territory.
4. Paragraph 7 of CMM 2021-04 also states: “Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, catches and effort of vessels notified as chartered under this CMM shall be attributed to the chartering Member or Participating Territory. Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, the chartering Member or Participating Territory shall report annually to the Executive Director catch and effort of chartered vessels in the previous year.”

**Overview**

5. Paragraph 5 of CMM 2021-04 tasks the Executive Director to make available to all CCMs information submitted under CMM 2021-04. Information received from CCMs on charter arrangements can currently be found in two places on the WCPFC Intranet.

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<sup>1</sup> This replaced CMM 2019-08 and prior to that was CMM 2016-05, CMM 2015-05, CMM 2012-05, CMM 2011-05 and CMM 2009-08.

I. As part of the Record of Fishing Vessels: where flag CCMs are expected in accordance with the RFV SSPs to confirm charter arrangements for their vessels are submitted in accordance with CMM 2014-03 (CMM 2014-03, RFV SSPs).

II. In the Charter Notification List maintained by the Secretariat: which records advice that chartering Members or chartering participating territories have advised the Secretariat as well as the appropriate flag CCM, in accordance with the WCPFC Charter Notification Scheme (CMM 2021-04 or its predecessor)

6. During the second half of 2022, work has started on an enhanced system to support the Record of Fishing Vessels (RFV). The purpose of the upgrade is to remove reliance on unsupported Sharepoint and provide improved and streamlined user interface. The release of the upgraded RFV is planned for early 2023 and the RFV system will include information received from CCMs on charter arrangements. Further updates will be provided to CCMs intersessionally in 2023.
7. In 2022 as of 18 November 2022, the Secretariat received 23 submissions from 6 Members and Participating Territories containing notifications or updates related to the Charter Notification Scheme. At the time of writing this paper there were a total of 295 individual vessels (283 longline vessels, 10 purse seine vessels and 2 carrier vessels) that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme CMM during the 2022 calendar year. In 2022, thirty-seven (37) individual longline vessels were notified to have a charter application area of “EEZ only”, and the remaining vessels were either notified or inferred to have a charter application area of “EEZ and high seas”. In addition, there were two (2) carrier vessels, that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme for 2022 calendar year and beyond.
8. In accordance with paragraph 6 of CMM 2021-04, a summary of the list of notified charter vessels, with annual counts of individual vessels by Charter Notification period are presented in **Annex 1** attached to this paper.

## **Recommendation**

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| 9. WCPFC19 is invited to note the paper. |
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**ANNEX 1: SUMMARY OF VESSELS NOTIFIED OF BEING UNDER CHARTER, LEASE OR OTHER MECHANISMS BY CCM, BY GEAR AND BY YEAR (CMM 2021-04 paragraph 6)**  
**(as of 18 November 2022)**

<b><u>Chartering CCM</u></b>	<b><u>Gear**</u></b>	<b><u>Flag CCM</u></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
American Samoa	longline	United States of America	140	140	132		136
Commonwealth of Northern Marianas	longline	United States of America	141	139	134	141	
Cook Islands	longline	China	17				
Cook Islands	longline	Federated States of Micronesia	1				
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	China	54	57	52	34	18
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Chinese Taipei	6	5	20		
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Vanuatu		1			
Federated States of Micronesia	purse seine	Chinese Taipei		2	2	2	
Fiji	longline	China	10	8	8	8	8
Kiribati	longline	China	9	36	30	34	28
Kiribati	longline	Fiji	2	1			
Kiribati	purse-seine	China	10	14	14	16	6
Kiribati	purse-seine	Nauru				2	3
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Panama	2	2	2	1	1
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Vanuatu				1	1
Marshall Islands	longline	China	27	24	27	28	27
Marshall Islands	purse seine	China	2				
Palau	longline	Chinese Taipei	38	39			
Papua New Guinea	longline	China					10
Papua New Guinea	longline	Chinese Taipei	6	8			
Papua New Guinea	longline	Vanuatu	2	2			

<b>Chartering CCM</b>	<b>Gear**</b>	<b>Flag CCM</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Samoa	longline	Chinese Taipei					
Samoa	longline	Vanuatu	7	10	10		10
Solomon Islands	longline	China	11	4		11	5
Solomon Islands	longline	Fiji	1	1	1	1	
Solomon Islands	longline	Chinese Taipei	49	44	26	22	40
Solomon Islands	longline	Vanuatu					1
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Chinese Taipei					
<b>total count of individual vessels</b>			<b>426</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>count of fish carriers</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>count of longline vessels</b>			<b>412</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>count of purse-seine vessels</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>

\*\* **Longline** = “Tuna longliner”, “Longliner” or “Freezer Longliner” classification of fishing gear in Record of Fishing Vessels

\*\* **Purse-seine** = “Tuna purse seiner” or “Purse seiner” classification of fishing gear in Record of Fishing Vessels