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the Chairs Consultative Draft**

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Application of CMM 2013-06 to the United States' proposed revisions to the Tropical Tuna Measure

The following information is being provided to assist the Commission in understanding the CMM 2013-06 effects of the proposed changes by the United States to the tropical tuna measure. Specifically, this information evaluates the proposed revisions to the CMM requiring CCMs to limit the deployment of drifting FADs to those of biodegradability categories I, II, IIIa or IIIb beginning in 2026, and only categories I or II beginning in 2029 (alternative paragraph 18 and new paragraph 19bis), and the submission of satellite buoy data from FADs (new paragraph 23 bis).

a. Who is required to implement the proposal?

All CCMs would be required to implement the proposed revisions requiring 1) the use of FADs of certain biodegradability categories (paragraph 18), and 2) the submission of satellite buoy data from drifting instrumented FADs (paragraph 19bis).

b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?

The proposed revision to paragraph 18, and paragraph 19 bis would apply to all CCMs with purse seine fleets that use drifting FADs.

c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?

IATTC Resolution C-23-04 requires CPCs to only allow vessels to deploy drifting FADs of biodegradability categories I-IV (equivalent to categories I, II, IIIa and IIIb for WCPFC) as of January 2026, and CPCs to allow vessels to deploy drifting FADs only of biodegradability categories I or II as of January 2029.

IATTC Resolution C-21-04 also requires CPCs or their vessels to report daily information on all active FADs to the IATTC Secretariat.

d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?

The proposed revisions requiring the use of FADs of certain biodegradability categories and requiring the submission of satellite buoy data are not expected to affect development opportunities for SIDS.

e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?

The proposed revisions requiring the use of FADs of certain biodegradability categories and requiring the submission of satellite buoy data are not expected to affect SIDS domestic access to resources or development aspirations.

f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?

SIDS would need to implement requirements to use FADs of certain biodegradability categories and to require submission of satellite buoy data through their national legislation/licensing conditions or access agreements, and may need resources, financial and human capacity, to implement the provisions.

The proposal delays implementation of the requirement to use FADs of biodegradability categories I, II, IIIa or IIIb until January 1, 2026, and categories I or II until January 1, 2029, to allow time for CCMs to implement the new provisions

g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?

The proposal requires deployed FADs to fall within certain biodegradability categories to reduce synthetic marine debris.

h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?

This proposal includes an implementation date of January 1, 2026 for the use of FADs of biodegradability categories of I, II, IIIa and IIIb, and January 1, 2029 for the use of FADs of biodegradability categories I or II to allow time for CCMs to implement changes in their national management frameworks.