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**THAILAND**



**ANNUAL REPORT TO  
THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**PART 1: INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

**THAILAND ANNUAL FISHERY REPORT 2023**

**DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES**

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**The Commission for the Conservation and Management of**  
**Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

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**Purpose:** To provide relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs and cooperating non-CCMs, including management and compliance issues. The report should include all fishing activities for highly migratory species being undertaken within the Convention Area as required by the Convention and decisions by the Commission.

**PART 1: INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

**(Summary information for the 2023, complementary to data submitted)**

**Part 1 of the Annual Report is due one-month prior to the annual regular session of the Scientific Committee.**

**Part 1 of the Annual Report shall include the following, completed box at the front of the report.**

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| Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission by 30 April 2024  | NO |
| If no, please indicate the reason(s) and intended actions:<br><br>In 2023, Thailand as a cooperating Non-Member, the participatory rights of Thailand in WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only, thus, Thailand did not collect any scientific data in WCPFC. |    |

## ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION

### Essential information

#### I. Annual Catch and Effort by Primary Species and Gear in the WCPFC Competent Area

As a Cooperating Non-Member, Thailand has participatory rights limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only. In 2023, no Thai fishing vessel operated in the WCPFC Competent Area as usual. For fish transshipment, only Thai carrier vessels were listed in the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels, but these vessels also did not operate in the convention area in 2023.

#### II. Number of vessels

Thailand had (six) fish carrier vessels listed in the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels for transshipment of fishery production from this competent area in 2023. The names of the vessels were as follows;

|                          |                 |           |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. Asean Marine Reefer   | Registration No | 460001769 |
| 2. Asean Marine Reefer 2 | Registration No | 470004272 |
| 3. Patsorn               | Registration No | 530003172 |
| 4. S. Leelawadee         | Registration No | 460003923 |
| 5. Sirichai Reefer       | Registration No | 447400203 |
| 6. Sea Network           | Registration No | 460001298 |

Note: Sirichai Reefer's authorization to transship on the high seas expired on 25 November 2021.

#### III. Fishing patterns (catch by time/area)

Not applicable

#### IV. Estimated total catches of non-target associated and dependent species (if Available)

#### Useful information

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| <b>V</b>    | Developments/trends in the fishery (changes in fishing patterns, fleet operations, target species, level of transshipment, etc.) |
| <b>VI</b>   | Associated socioeconomic factors (which may influence or explain the above trends)   |
| <b>VII</b>  | Disposal of catch (fresh/frozen/other)/market destination (export/domestic)  |
| <b>VIII</b> | Onshore developments (processing plants, support facilities, etc.)   |
| <b>IX</b>   | Future prospects of the fishery (long term viability, expansion/contraction, etc.)   |

#### RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

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|-------------|---|
| <b>X</b>    | Summary of observer and port sampling programmes (scientific data)                                      |
| <b>XI</b>   | Research activities (tunas, other species, species of special interest, oceanographic influences, etc.) |
| <b>XII</b>  | Statistical data collection systems in use (describe)   |
| <b>XIII</b> | Data coverage of catch, effort and size data for all species  |

#### Annex 1. Suggested layout for PART 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission

## 1. ABSTRACT

As a Cooperating Non-Member, the participatory rights of Thailand in WCPO in the year 2023 were limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only. Thailand has 6 (six) fish carrier vessels listed in the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels. In 2023, there was no fish carrier vessel from Thailand operated in the Convention Area.

## 2. Tabular Annual Fisheries Information

### Tabular Annual Fisheries Information - [national fleet], for years [x-5] to [x-1]

The following table shows the suggested captions for the tables and figures required in Annual Report Part 1 covering Annual Fisheries Information.

| Suggested Table / Figure caption  |
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| <b>Table 1.</b> Annual catch and effort estimates for the [National fleet], by gear and primary species, for the WCPFC Convention Area and [other broad ocean area], for years [x-5] to [x-1].  |
| <b>Figure 1</b> Historical annual catch for the [National fleet], by gear and primary species, for the WCPFC Convention Area presented as a line graph.   |
| <b>Figure 2</b> Historical annual vessel numbers for the [National fleet], by gear for the WCPFC Convention Area presented as a line graph  |
| <b>Table 2.</b> Number of [National fleet] vessels, by gear and size category, active in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].   |
| <b>Figure 3</b> Annual distribution of target species catch and effort by the [National fleet] active in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].   |
| <b>Table 3.</b> Observed annual estimated catches of species of special interest (seabird, turtle and marine mammals) by gear for the [National fleet], in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1] to the extent available.   |
| <b>Table 4.</b> Annual estimated catches of non-target, associated and dependent species, including sharks, by the [National fleet], by gear and species, in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1] to the extent available. |
| <b>Table 5.</b> Estimated annual coverage of operational catch/effort, port sampling and observer data for the [National fleet], by gear, active in the WCPFC Convention Area, by gear, for years [x-5] to [x-1].                         |

**Notes:** In 2023, None of Thai carrier vessel operated in the Convention Area, therefore Thailand has no transshipment information to report to the Commission.

## 3. BACKGROUND

Thailand requested the Commission for the status of Cooperating Non-Members (CNM) and was accorded in 2010, the participatory rights of Thailand in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

Since 2015, Thailand has reformed its fisheries laws in several sections in order to comply with international regulations and to improve the monitoring, control, and surveillance measures (MCS) of its fishing vessels and carriers. These included port-in/port-out control, vessel monitoring system (VMS), reporting of a fishing logbook, observer

deployment, and other electronic tools for MCS (E-Reporting System and E-Monitoring System).

**4. Flag State Reporting**

Not applicable

**5. Coastal State Reporting**

Not applicable

**6. Socio-economic factors**

Not applicable

**7. Disposal of catch**

Not applicable

**8. Onshore developments**

Not applicable

**9. Future Prospects of the fishery**

Not applicable

**10. Status of tuna fishery data collection systems**

a. Logsheet data collection and verification

b. Observer programme

c. Port sampling programme

d. Unloading/Transshipment

**11. Research activities covering target and non-target species**

Not applicable

**Notes:** In 2023, None of the Thai carrier vessels operated in the Convention Area, therefore Thailand has no transshipment information to report to the Commission.

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21 June B.E. 2567 (2024)

Dear Ms. Rhea Moss - Christian,

**Subject: Submission of Annual Report Part 1 covering 2023 Activities**

According to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and following the Conservation and Management Measure 2019-01 of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (CMM 2019 - 01) regarding Cooperating Non - Members, an Annual Report Part 1 to provide a summary of each CCMs information on fisheries, research, and statistics during the preceding calendar year shall be submitted to the Executive Director.

In this connection, the Department of Fisheries of Thailand is pleased to inform you that Thailand had 6 (six) fish carrier vessels listed in the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels. However, in 2023, none of these carrier vessels operated in the Convention Area. The above-mentioned Report covering 2023 activities has been made and enclosed herewith for your consideration and assessment under the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. Should further information be required, please contact us at [overc.dof@gmail.com](mailto:overc.dof@gmail.com).

Please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Enclosure: As stated

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