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Introduction

1. The Third Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC3) adopted Conservation and Management Measure-2006-09 (CMM-2006-09) 'Conservation Measure to establish a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities in the western and central Pacific Ocean'. CMM-2006-09 requires the Executive Director to prepare a draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List based on information received from Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) at least 120 days before the annual meeting of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC). CMM-2006-09 further requires the Executive Director to transmit the draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List, together with all the supporting evidence provided, to all CCMs, as well as to non-CCMs with vessels on the list, at least 90 days before the annual meeting of the TCC.
2. On 13 June 2007 the Executive Director dispatched to CCMs a draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List and supporting evidence that was prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of information provided by CCMs, pursuant to CMM-2006-09. This draft list was also dispatched to those non-CCMs with vessels on the draft list.
3. In relation to the distribution of communications from the Secretariat on this matter, the Secretariat is aware of some confusion relating to Circular numbers. WCPFC-TCC3-2007/13 clarifies the communications from the Secretariat in relation to this matter.

Draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List

3. In accordance with CMM-2006-09, CCMs and non-CCMs transmitted, at least 30 days before the annual meeting of the TCC, their comments to the Executive Director, including verifiable evidence and other supporting information, showing that the vessels neither have fished in contravention of WCPFC Conservation Measures nor had the possibility of fishing for species covered by the WCPFC Convention. Using this information, the Executive Director drew up a draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List and dispatched it on 13 September 2007 to CCMs and non-CCMs concerned, together with all the evidence provided.

Provisional IUU Vessel List

4. Pursuant to CMM-2006-09, TCC3 is invited to, following consideration of the draft WCPFC IUU Vessel List, and information and evidence circulated by the Executive Director on 13 June and 13 September 2007:

- a. adopt a Provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List; and
- b. submit this Provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List to the Commission for consideration and approval.