



TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY OF CCMs' ANNUAL REPORTS (PART 2) TO THE COMMISSION

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Introduction

1. Twenty-five Commission Members, one Cooperating Non-Member and seven Participating Territories (CCMs) were required to submit their respective Part 2 Reports on Management and Compliance to the Commission 30 days in advance of the Fourth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC4) or the Third Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC3). WCPFC3 endorsed recommendations by the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) that:

- a. the revised template for Part 2 of the Annual Report (Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report) be adopted for future reports;
- b. Part 2 of the Annual Report be completed on a calendar year basis and submitted to the Secretariat by 31 July each year;
- c. the Commission invite the SC to review Part 1 of the Annual Report in light of its relationship with Part 2, including its consistencies (such as reporting periods and submission times); and
- d. the Secretariat be tasked with preparing guidelines, including minimum standards, for the completion of Part 2 of the Annual Report. These guidelines should be focused to ensure that a minimum level of consistency is achieved without being overly prescriptive.

2. In relation to “d” above, the Secretariat circulated a set of guidelines to CCMs in mid-May 2007.

3. Part 2 of the report relating to management and compliance covering the period 1 January-31 December 2006 was to be submitted by 31 July 2007. Fourteen CCMs have submitted Part 2 Reports which are available to TCC3.

4. Since Part 2 Reports are currently regarded as confidential, the Secretariat is not able to post them on the WCPFC website, but has instead provided them on CD-ROM to TCC3 delegations. TCC3 may care to consider the information contained in this paper under Agenda Item 4.2.

Formats used in the preparation of Part 2 Reports

5. Of the 14 Part 2 Reports provided to the Secretariat, 13 used the revised template (Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report) and one used an independent reporting format. Five of the 13 reports using the revised template followed the guidelines prepared by the Secretariat.

Discussion

6. Judging from the untimely submission of many of the Part 2 Reports it is clear that the reporting obligations associated with complying with the Convention's principles and implementing the Commission's decisions continue to present significant challenges for many CCMs, and that some CCMs are experiencing difficulties complying with the current requirements. The development of a revised draft Part 2 Report format agreed by TCC2 has clearly assisted some CCMs in this regard during the 2006 reporting period.

Recommendation

7. TCC3 is invited to:

- consider the information provided by CCMs in the Part 2 Reports available to the meeting;
- consider any additional advice or recommendations in relation to the format and guidelines for the Part 2 Reports; and
- encourage those CCMs that have not already done so to submit their Part 2 Reports.