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ROP IMPLEMENTATION

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ROP Start Date

1. It is proposed that the ROP would commence on 1 January 2008.

Implementation Programme

2. It is intended that CCMs will commence implementation of the ROP, in accordance with a measure to be adopted at WCPFC 4, by using the sub-regional and national programmes that are already operational in the region.
3. It is expected that there would be a minimum of 5% observer coverage by 2010.
4. CCMs will also be expected to meet any additional ROP observer obligations that may be included in any measure adopted by WCPFC, such as provisions of a catch retention measure, a FAD management measure or a transshipment measure. Such measures may include observer requirements for freezer longliners, purse seiners and/or carriers.

Special Circumstances

5. Where logistical and administrative difficulties associated with specific fisheries make it impossible to meet the requirements of paras 2-3 above, CCMs will have the opportunity to submit to the Commission a proposal for an extended implementation period with respect to those fisheries.

6. Such proposals would need to include a detailed explanation of the need for such an extension, and a timeline for full implementation by 2014 at the latest, including milestones.