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1. Areas of Application

- To apply throughout the Convention Area, but there will be different requirements for different areas.
- Must have aspects that apply outside the Convention Area.

2. Size of Vessels

- Should apply to all vessels.

3. Type of Vessels

- The measure should be largely applied by fishery (method/species/area).
- Applied initially to freezer longline and purse seine vessels required to be on the WCPFC Record, and carrier vessels receiving fish from freezer longline and purse seine vessels required to be on the WCPFC Record.

4. Species of Fish

- Some aspects may apply to specific products or species.

5. Time-line for Implementation

- Rigorous procedures (including prior authorization, reporting for each operation and monitoring) from 2008 for freezer longline and purse seine.
- Simpler procedures (such as annual reporting) for all other fisheries from 2008.
- Additional fisheries may be subject to more rigorous procedures over time.

6. In Port

- In accordance with applicable national laws.
- Also subject to WCPFC reporting provisions for specified fisheries.

7. In Zone

- In accordance with applicable national laws and any other applicable WCPFC measures (e.g. catch documentation, port state).
- Also subject to WCPFC requirements for authorisation, monitoring and reporting for specified fisheries.

8. High Seas in the Convention Area

- High seas transshipment (other than purse seine which is banned unless exempted)
 - a. will be subject to high standards of monitoring and control, and
 - b. may be banned for specific fisheries with particular compliance issues.

9. Compatibility with other RFMOs

- Need to cooperate with RFMOs with overlapping areas.

10. Carrier Vessels as CCM Vessels

Separate issue to be covered under Authorisation to Fish.

11. Existing Operations & Exemptions

- Commission process for considering and reviewing exemptions.
- Set conditions and term:
 - a. Reporting only for national vessels in national waters,
 - b. Authorisation, reporting and monitoring outside national waters.

12. Tools to Implement

- Essential tools for implementation include authorisation, reporting, monitoring, logsheets, VMS, catch documentation.

13. Reporting, How & What

- Each transshipment operation to be reported for fisheries such as freezer longline & purse seine to flag, coastal states and the Commission as appropriate.
- Reporting forms to combine:
 - a. the Regional Unloadings Data forms currently used for catch and landings verification by most CCMs.
 - b. the Transshipment Declaration forms used in other RFMOs related to statistical documentation needs.
- Other fisheries covered by annual reporting in Part 2 of the Annual Report of CCMs.

14. Consequences of Non-Compliance

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15. Complementarity With Other MCS Measures

- Logsheets, ROP, VMS and catch documentation are essential requirements for an effective monitoring measure.

16. Impact of Fishing & Associated Activities

- Critically important for legitimate fishers as an essential element to avoid IUU fishing damaging stocks and adversely affecting markets.

17. Existing Transshipment Measures

- Build on and coordinate with existing national and regional transshipment measures and standards.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

18. Outside Convention Area

- No transshipment of WCPO catch outside the WCPO.
- Reporting of landings of fish transshipped from the WCPO.

19. Monitoring

Observers

Freezer longline

- 100% observer coverage on carriers receiving fish from longline vessels on the WCPFC Record at sea.
- 20% observer coverage on longline fishing vessels undertaking transshipping at sea.

Purse Seine

- 100% observer coverage on purse seine vessels undertaking transshipping at sea.

VMS

- On all vessels undertaking transshipping at sea.

Logsheets

- Must be provided for all catch transshipped.

Catch Documentation

- Catch documentation for all catch transshipped.

20. Product Coverage

- Reporting to cover all fishery products.
