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FISHERIES TO BE MONITORED

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1. Fisheries within the Convention Area are listed by gear type and flag, with estimates of recent annual catches and observer coverage rates as determined by data held by SPC. The information in Table 1 is used to characterize the nature of the fisheries and to assist in identifying any relevant factors that may need to be taken in account, to develop observer coverage as determined by the Commission. It is the intention to present this table annually with the latest up dates on the observer coverage rates attained by each fleet.
2. The adoption of the Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (CMM 2008-01) at the Busan WCPFC5 meeting has changed the coverage required by purse-seiners for certain areas. Except Members qualifying for alternative arrangements provided for at paragraph 15 of CMM 2008-01, all purse seine fleets that intend to fish in the area between 20°N and 20°S during the period 1 August to 30 September 2009 will require 100 per cent coverage by ROP observers. In addition to collecting data already agreed by the Commission, the primary role of observers during this period will be to monitor compliance with the two-month prohibition for setting on FADs. The prohibition is extended by one month in 2010 to include the month of July.
3. Across all purse seine fisheries the ROP coverage target in 2009 is 20 per cent. This increases to 100 per cent in 2010 and 2011. Other duties for ROP Observers provided for in CMM 2008-01 relate to monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the catch retention provisions of the Measure.
4. The Commission has adopted a ROP coverage target for the longline fleet of 5 per cent by 2012. In addition, it is recalled that CMM 2007-01 (Annex C) provides that the process for achieving implementation of the ROP on vessels that fish exclusively for fresh fish north of 20°N prior to 31 December 2014 has been assigned to the Northern Committee.
5. The ROP-IWG3 is invited to consider implementation issues associated with attaining the target ROP coverage agreed by the Commission for each fishery identified in the accompanying table.

Table 1. Preliminary Estimate of Fisheries to be monitored

Gear Type	Flag and Sector	Catch		Observer Coverage		Implementation
		Year	Tonnes	Year	%	
Longline	Australia	2007	4,662	2006	2.5%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	China	2007	14,855	2007	1.7%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Cook Islands	2007	2,572	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Federated States of Micronesia	2007	1,943	2007	1.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Fiji	2007	9,472	2006	1.9%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	French Polynesia	2007	4,992	2007	17.3%	Current 5%+ coverage to be maintained
	Japan, Coastal	2006	32,591	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010
	Japan, Offshore and Distant-Water	2006	33,244	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Korea (Republic of)	2007	20,305	2007	0.1%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	New Caledonia	2007	1,770	2007	2.2%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	New Zealand	2007	598	2006	2.5%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Papua New Guinea	2007	2,987	2007	0.9%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Samoa	2007	3,559	2006	0.3%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Solomon Islands	2007	267	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Chinese Taipei, Offshore	2007	24,988	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Chinese Taipei, Distant-Water	2007	17,440	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Tonga	2007	861	2006	4.6%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	United States (Hawaii)	2007	6,585	2004	16.6%	Current 5%+ coverage to be maintained
	United States (American Samoa)	2007	6,317	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012
	Vanuatu	2007	8,572	2007	0.0%	Coverage to increase to 5% by end of 2012

Pole and Line	Japan, Offshore and Distant-Water	2006	142,209	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010
	Solomon Islands	2007	3,937	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010
Purse Seine	China	2007	54,941	2007	4.8%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	European Union (Spain)	2007	19,747	2007	0.0%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Federated States of Micronesia	2007	13,497	2007	12.3%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Japan, Coastal	2007	639	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010
	Japan, Offshore and Distant-Water	2007	244,919	2007	0.0%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Kiribati	2007	5,450	2007	0.0%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Korea (Republic of)	2007	258,177	2007	1.6%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Marshall Islands	2007	59,404	2007	27.6%	Current 20% + coverage to be maintained in 2009, 100% in 2010
	New Zealand	2007	30,562	2007	0.6%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Papua New Guinea	2007	219,637	2007	17.0%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Philippines, Distant-Water	2007	13,720	2007	34.6%	Current 20%+ coverage to be maintained in 2009 , 100% coverage in 2010
	Solomon Islands	2007	17,307	2007	4.2%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	Chinese Taipei	2007	232,535	2007	4.0%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.
	United States	2007	72,204	2005	20.6%	Current 20%+ coverage to be maintained in 2009, 100% coverage in 2010
Vanuatu	2007	67,010	2007	9.1%	Coverage 20% in 2009, 100% in 2010.	
Troll	New Zealand	2007	1,734	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010
	United States	2007	1,425	2007	0.0%	Exploratory coverage by end of 2010