

Draft Outline for a South Pacific Albacore CMM that Implements the Management Procedure

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- DP11 - SPA CMM for Management Procedure (scheduled for adoption at WCPFC21) – separate presentation
- DP12 - A second CMM that will define the management arrangements to implement that MP (scheduled for 2025) – this presentation
 - A new measure that replaces CMM 2015-02
- The SPA MP CMM will set a TAC but will not have details for how this will be achieved (allocation, limits etc.)



Guiding Principles

1. Applies in EEZs and high seas throughout the range of the stock in the WCPF-CA.
2. Reflects current best understanding of SPA science and its assessed status.
3. Prevents further decreases in vulnerable biomass in order to sustain/improve catch rates and support improving economic conditions for SIDS domestic fleets and national fisheries.
4. Accommodates subregional zone-based management approaches and limits and ensures compatible management and limits on the high seas.
5. Recognises the sovereign rights of coastal States to explore, exploit, conserve and manage highly migratory species within areas under their national jurisdiction.
6. Recognises the special requirements of, and avoids transferring a disproportionate burden of conservation upon, SIDS and Participating Territories.

Components of the implementing arrangement CMM

- Applies to all WCPF-CA SPA fisheries south of the equator including IATTC overlap area
- This CMM is to achieve required catch levels from the MP
- Allocations and management tools to be determined
- There is a need to consider interannual variability and subregional catch reconciliation
- Consideration of the impacts of SPA catch levels in the EPO

Management measures

- Full catch retention of all SPA, BET, YFN
 - Discards only for a full hold on last set or depredation
 - Discarding only undertaken with observer or EM verification
- Sovereign rights of coastal States to determine how some of these management measures will be applied in their waters, or to apply additional or more stringent measures

Monitoring requirements

- Electronic reporting of operational catch and effort data (logsheets) to the Commission including discards reporting requirements.
- 100% unloading data to be (electronically) collected and reported to the Commission.
- Minimum 5% observer coverage of fishing vessels in areas where allocation applies. Electronic Monitoring may be applied if/when appropriate.
- Any vessels transshipping albacore must have 100% observer coverage on carrier vessels. This may include EM if required information for transshipment notification/declaration can be verified (e.g. volume of fish transferred and species can be effectively monitored).

Reporting

- CCMs will report annually to the WCPFC Secretariat at SC, TCC, and the annual Commission meeting

Suggested way forward

- Initial comments and suggestions to be discussed at WCPFC21
- WCPFC21 task the SPA-IWG progress the implementing arrangement for the SPA MP in 2025
- WCPFC22 work to adopt this implementing arrangement at the end of 2025