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**JAPAN'S PROPOSAL ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROP BY VESSELS  
FISHING FOR FRESH FISH IN THE AREA NORTH OF 20 DEGREES NORTH**

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**30 August 2010**

**Conservation and Management Measure 2010-XX**

*The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean;*

*Recalling* Article 28(1) of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPF Convention), which requires the Commission to develop a Regional Observer Programme to, among other things, collect verified catch data, and to monitor the implementation of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;

*Further recalling* Article 28(7) of the WCPF Convention, which requires the Commission to develop procedures and guidelines for the operation of the Regional Observer Programme (ROP);

*Cognizant* of Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2007-01, which established the procedures to develop the ROP, in particular paragraph 9 of Annex C of CMM2007-01, which gives considerations on special circumstances for fishing vessels used exclusively to fish for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north;

*Adopts*, in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention, the following Conservation and Management Measure for the Establishment of the Implementation of the ROP by vessels fishing for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north.

**The ROP for fishing vessels used exclusively to fish for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north shall be implemented in the following manner:**

1. No later than 31 December, 2014, CCMs shall commence implementation of observer programmes for fishing vessels used to fish for fresh fish beyond the national jurisdictions in the area north of 20 degrees north (hereinafter referred as “the Northern Convention area”).
2. For fishing vessels whose legal maximum number of persons allowed on board is seven or more, CCMs shall achieve at least 5% coverage of the effort of each fishery.

3. For fishing vessels whose legal maximum number of persons allowed on board is six or less, CCMs shall make the best efforts to collect scientific information through monitoring and sampling at landing sites and/or other monitoring programs to substitute the observer programmes.
4. Observers shall be sourced from the WCPFC Regional Observer Programme, including authorized national programs of flag states.
5. Unless expressly set forth in this CMM, procedures in CMM 2007-01 will be applied *mutatus mutandis* to the implementation of this CMM.