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**WCPFC-*Informal* Small Group WP-8**

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1. A small informal group met five (5) times over the past days to review part 1 of the Annual Report to the commission.

*Out come*

2. A suggested layout template was produced, basically better organising the current format. In addition two proposed revisions were done to the existing template. These are;
  - more specific deadline for submission
  - tick box relating to provision of scientific data to the commission
3. However, only about 90% of the suggested template was accepted. The group had great difficulty in reaching consensus on the other 10% of the draft template. This then means that by default members of the commission will keep on using the current format which was approved by the commission at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in FSM. It is hoped that the draft template and the review of part 1 of the Annual Report to the commission as a whole, could be addressed again next year with a view to some how reaching consensus on the remaining 10 %.

Attachment: *Draft template.*

**Small Working Group Chair’s Text to Plenary**

**PART 1: INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS of  
the ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

**Revised Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2007**

**Proposed revisions**

1. Addition of the following text in the agreed requirements for Part 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission :

***“Part 1 of the Annual Report is due one-month prior to the annual regular session of the Scientific Committee.”***

To replace the existing text :

***“(To be submitted by 30 June of the current year/ one month before SC Meeting)”***

2. Addition of the following text in the agreed requirements for Part 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission :

***“Part 1 of the Annual Report will include the following, completed box at the front of the report.”***

<b><i>Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2xxx</i></b>	<b><i>[answer YES or NO]</i></b>
<b><i>If no, please indicate the reason(s) and intended actions:</i></b>	

3. Addition of an annex providing a suggested layout for Part 1 of the Annual Report.

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Proposed revision as at August 2007

**Purpose:** To provide relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs and cooperating non-CCMs including management and compliance issues. The report should include all fishing activities being undertaken within the Convention area.

## PART 1. INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

(summary information for the previous year, complementary to data submitted\*)

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<i>Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2xxx</i>	<i>[answer YES or NO]</i>
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### 1.1 ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION

#### Essential information

I	Annual catch by primary species, gear in the WCPFC Convention Area	Previous calendar year (x-1) and previous 4 years (x-2 to x-5)	Annex 1 (Agreement) Art 23(2)b
II	Number of vessels by gear type, size (fleet structure)	Previous calendar year (x-1) and previous 4 years (x-2 to x-5)	
III	Fishing patterns (catch by time/area)	Previous year; comparisons with earlier years	
IV	Estimated total catches of non-target, associated and dependent species (if	Previous calendar year; other years if available	

	available)		
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### Useful information

V	Developments/trends in the fishery (changes in fishing patterns, fleet operations, target species, level of transshipment etc)
VI	Associated socio-economic factors (which may influence or explain the above trends)
VII	Disposal of catch (fresh/frozen/other)/market destination (export/domestic)
VIII	Onshore developments (processing plants, support facilities etc)
IX	Future prospects of the fishery (long term viability, expansion/contraction etc)

## 1.2 RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

X	Summary of observer and port sampling programmes (scientific data)	
XI	Research activities (tunas, other species, species of special interest, oceanographic influences etc)	
XII	Statistical data collection systems in use (describe)	Art 23(2)a, Annex 1
XIII	Data coverage of catch, effort and size data for all species	

\* Catch/effort and scientific data in unaggregated form supplied separately to the Commission according to agreed guidelines/ timelines by the Commission e.g. SC1-ST-1, SC1-ST-2, subject to adoption by the Commission.

## Annex. Suggested layout for PART 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission

In order to better to organise the information required in PART 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission, acknowledging the relative importance of the information to be presented and making it easier for the reader and users of these data, the following layout is suggested. Reference to existing requirements of Part 1 of the Annual Report is provided in the right-hand column.

Section	Sections in Annual Report	Reference
1	<b>ABSTRACT/SUMMARY</b> <i>... for inclusion in the SC summary report</i>	SC2
2	<b>Tabular Annual Fisheries Information</b> ( <i>see below</i> )	I, II, III, IV and XIII
3	<b>Background</b> <i>...for example, a brief historical description of national fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area</i>	
4	<b>Flag State Reporting</b> <i>...describe recent activities by National Fleets (by gear type) in the Convention Area, including development/trends in each fishery (e.g. changes in fishing patterns, fleet operations, target species, trends in size composition, etc.)</i>	I, II, III, IV and V
5	<b>Coastal State Reporting</b> <i>...describe recent activities by foreign and domestic fleets in the waters of national jurisdiction, including development/trends in each fishery (e.g. changes in fishing patterns, fleet operations, target species, trends in size composition, etc.)</i>	V
6	<b>Socio-economic factors</b>	VI
7	<b>Disposal of catch</b>	VII
8	<b>Onshore developments</b>	VIII
9	<b>Future Prospects of the fishery</b>	IX
10	<b>Status of tuna fishery data collection systems</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Logsheet data collection and verification</li> <li>b. Observer programme</li> <li>c. Port sampling programme</li> <li>d. Unloading/Transshipment monitoring</li> <li>e. Other</li> </ol>	X and XII

<b>11</b>	<b>Research activities covering target and non-target species</b> <i>...for example, biological studies supporting stock assessments; composition of the catch according to length, weight and sex; research on environmental factors, abundance/biomass surveys, oceanographic and ecological studies, etc.</i>	XI Annex 1, UNFSA
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## Tabular Annual Fisheries Information - [National fleet], for years [x-5] to [x-1]

The following table shows the suggested captions for the tables and figures required in Annual Report Part 1 covering Annual Fisheries Information. Reference to existing requirements of Part 1 of the Annual Report is provided in the right-hand column.

Suggested Table / Figure caption	Reference
Table 1. Annual catch and effort estimates for the [National fleet], by gear and primary species, for the WCPFC Convention Area and [other broad ocean area], for years [x-5] to [x-1].	I
Table 2. Number of [National fleet] vessels, by gear and size category, active in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].	II
Figure 1 Annual distribution of target species catch and effort by the [National fleet] active in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].	III
Table 3. Annual estimated catches of species of special interest (seabird, turtle and marine mammals) by gear for the [National fleet], in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].	IV
Table 4. Annual estimated catches of non-target, associated and dependent species by the [National fleet], by gear and species, in the WCPFC Convention Area, for years [x-5] to [x-1].	IV, CMM-2006-02 and Resolution-2005-04
Table 5. Estimated annual coverage of operational catch/ effort, port sampling and observer data for the [National fleet], by gear, active in the WCPFC Convention Area, by gear, for years [x-5] to [x-1].	XIII

### Notes

- The [National fleet] data must be broken down by gear. The gears include, but are not limited to, longline, purse seine, pole-and-line, troll, handline, ringnet and driftnet, where relevant. Tables and Figures can be labelled with (a), (b), (c), etc. for each gear.
- The “primary” species catch covered in Table 1 should include, but not limited to, the following species, by gear type:

LONGLINE	Albacore, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Pacific Bluefin and Skipjack tuna. Black, Blue and Striped Marlin. Swordfish.
PURSE SEINE	Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Albacore and Pacific Bluefin tuna
POLE-AND-LINE	Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Albacore and Pacific Bluefin tuna
TROLL	Albacore, Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye and Pacific Bluefin tuna
HANDLINE	Yellowfin, Bigeye, Skipjack and Albacore tuna
[others]	Albacore, Skipjack, Yellowfin and Bigeye tuna

- The catch estimates in Table 1 should be broken down by WCPFC Convention Area, but also by other broad ocean areas, depending on species, according to the section on “Annual Catch Estimates” contained in the document “Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission”.



4. The vessel size classes by gear to be reported in Table 2 are defined in the section on “Number of vessels active” contained in the document “Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission”.
5. Estimates of species catch in Tables 3 and 4 should be reported to the extent available.
6. Table 4 should cover all species not included in Tables 1 and 3.