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TCC requests that the WCPFC Secretariat and scientific services-provider (SPC-OFP) continue to provide the data gaps report to future TCC sessions, so that compliance by CCMs with agreed data reporting rules can be regularly evaluated and advice provided to the Commission on compliance by CCMs with reporting obligations.

The TCC reviewed the data gaps paper (SC6-ST-WP01) and notes the SC6 advice (SC6 report paragraph 270) that timely provision of data by all CCMs in accordance with the WCPFC data rules *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission* is necessary for stock assessments.

The TCC6 notes with concern the information presented in the data gaps paper (SC6-ST-WP01) which shows significant gaps in data provision by CCMs, particularly provision of operational level catch and effort data.

TCC agreed to recommend to the Commission that CCMs who are not providing operational-level catch and effort data to the Commission in accordance with requirements in the WCPFC data rules *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission* should provide reasons in their Annual Report Part 2. Additionally,

- Those CCMs who have domestic legal constraints that are preventing them from providing operational-level catch and effort data to the Commission in accordance with requirements in the WCPFC data rules *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission* should also provide information on steps that they are undertaking to overcome these constraints.
- Other CCMs, who are also SPC members, that have not yet done should also provide information on the constraints and steps that they are undertaking to overcome these constraints, that are preventing them from authorising SPC-OFP to provide to the Commission on their behalf, operational level catch and effort data that CCMs are required to provide under WCPFC data rules *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission*.