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MEASURING AND MONITORING CAPACITY

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1. Paragraph 44 of Conservation and Management Measure 2008-01 (CMM 2008-01) states:

“Drawing on work that has been completed by CCMs, the Commission Secretariat shall present a report on measuring and monitoring fishing capacity in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean for consideration at the Fifth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee.”

2. In May 2009, the Secretariat wrote to all Members, Cooperating Non-members and Participating Territories (CCMs) inviting them to provide details of work that has been completed by CCMs of relevance to this issue. No contributions had been received at the time of preparation of this paper.

Advice and recommendations

3. The Fifth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee is invited to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretariat, the Technical and Compliance Committee and/or the Commission, as considered appropriate, in relation to:
- a. CCM work that has been completed (or is underway) in relation to monitoring and measuring capacity;
 - b. science-related issues to be considered in future discussions relating to measuring and monitoring capacity in WCPO tuna fisheries;
 - c. if capacity-related research is to be supported, the information and data requirements (the capacity metric) to support capacity-related scientific research and assessment in WCPO tuna fisheries; and
 - d. scientific considerations in respect to the relationship between capacity-related issues and other means to achieve effective conservation and management of WCPO tuna stocks, such as catch and effort management.