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STREAMLINE ANNUAL REPORTS - PART 2

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ISSUE:

1. A TCC6 small working group gave the following general criteria to the Secretariat for streamlining the Annual Report – Part 2.
 - Cost effectiveness for CCMs and the Commission
 - A clear role for the Secretariat
 - Basing the reporting on fisheries management needs and priorities
 - A reporting format that is flexible and relevant to individual CCMs, while retaining consistency
 - Efficiency – avoiding duplication and repetition
 - Transparency (noting relevant data confidentiality rules)
 - Allows for effective monitoring of compliance with measures
2. The current part 2 Annual Report format will continue to be used until a new version is approved by the Commission.

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

3. The WCPFC7 are invited to consider:
 - tasking the Secretariat to lead a development exercise intersessionally using the advice of the TCC6 small working group to streamline the Part 2 Annual Reports for consideration by TCC7;
 - providing initial comments on the attached proposal to automate the Part 2 reporting process; and
 - approve the use of contingency funds for this development.

INTRODUCTION:

4. Based on the advice of the small working group, the Secretariat proposes automating the process to provide online reporting of report progress.

PROPOSAL TO AUTOMATE PROGRESS REPORTING OF ANNUAL REPORTS PART 2

5. The Information Management System could be utilized to automate the compliance with reporting requirements of CMMs, and thus transfer the focus of Part 2 Annual Reports to reports on compliance with the CMMs activities. The proposed plan of action follows:

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6. Reload the CMMs into the IMS with “alerts” to give notice [x] days prior to a report being due.

7. Re-develop the IMS to produce reports on each CMM reporting paragraph with a ‘yes/no’ for each CCM and highlight those paragraphs where reports are due within [x] days.

8. E-mail quarterly summary reports of all CCMs reports received (the yes/no block) against CMMs reporting paragraphs to CCMs and regional organizations to enable them to monitor their reporting compliance quarterly.

9. 31 August 2011, print the summary of reports received against CMMs and the reporting compliance then becomes automatic and is not required from CCMs.

10. Reconfigure the Annual Report Part 2 that is to be completed by CCMs to focus on actual patrols and compliance with CMMs, e.g., quotas, observer coverage, vessel numbers, effort, *problems with CMMs regarding implementation, etc.*

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11. Bring the compliance with reporting online so CCMs can check their own reporting on a daily basis and receive prior notice via alerts as to which reports are due.

12. Assess development costs to expand the IMS to include patrol reports, High Seas and Boarding Information, and eventually VMS anomalies for automatic reporting purposes.

DEVELOPMENT AND FIELD TESTING ESTIMATE

13. Notional budget estimates include:	
Computer programme development	US\$50,000
Field Testing	<u>US\$20,000</u>
Total	US\$70,000