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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORTS (PART 1 and 2) TO THE COMMISSION

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Introduction

Part 1 Reports

1. At the First Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC1) in December 2005, Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) agreed to provide an Annual Report to the Commission. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Commission on fisheries research and statistics during the preceding calendar year (Part 1), and management and compliance issues since the previous report (Part 2). Part 1 should be submitted one month before the regular session of the Scientific Committee (SC).

2. From 2006 to 2009 many of the Part 1 reports were submitted to the Secretariat well after the due date. At the time of writing of this paper the Secretariat had received Part 1 Reports for 2008 from 32 CCMs that are available to the Sixth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC6). Part 1 Reports are expected from 33 CCMs in 2009.

Part 2 Reports

3. WCPFC3 endorsed recommendations by the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) that:

- a. the revised template for Part 2 of the Annual Report (Attachment K of the WCPFC3 Summary Report) be adopted for future reports;
- b. Part 2 of the Annual Report be completed on a calendar year basis and submitted to the Secretariat by 31 July each year;
- c. the Commission invite the SC to review Part 1 of the Annual Report in light of its relationship with Part 2, including its consistencies (such as reporting periods and submission times); and
- d. the Secretariat be tasked with preparing guidelines, including minimum standards, for the completion of Part 2 of the Annual Report. These guidelines should be focused to ensure that a minimum level of consistency is achieved without being overly prescriptive.

4. Part 2 of the report relating to management and compliance covering the period 1 January-31 December 2008 was to be submitted by 31 July 2009. Twenty-nine (29) CCMs have submitted Part 2 Reports which are available to WCPFC6¹.

Provision of Part 1 and Part 2 Reports on the WCPFC website

¹ France has advised that it has provided the Annual Report (Part 2) on behalf of French Polynesia, New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna. New Caledonia and French Polynesia have each provided an independent report.

5. Part 1 Reports are posted on the WCPFC website. Since Part 2 Reports are currently regarded as confidential, the Secretariat is not able to post them on the WCPFC website, but has instead posted them in the secure “CCM Section” on the WCPFC website.

Outstanding Reports

6. The following table lists the numbers of Annual Reports that have been provided to the Secretariat to date, with the numbers of outstanding reports in parenthesis.

Annual Report (Part 1)

Submission Date	Reporting Period	No. of Reports
30 Jun. 2006	Previous year	29(2)
13 Jul. 2007	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2006	29(3)
11 Jul. 2008	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2007	30(3)
10 Jul. 2009	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2008	32(1)

Annual Report (Part 2)

Submission Date	Reporting Period	No. of Reports
28 Aug. 2006	Previous year	29(1)
31 Jul. 2007	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2006	30
31 Jul. 2008	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2007	29(1)
31 Jul. 2009	1 Jan.-31 Dec. 2008	29(5)

Adoption of a new template for Part 1 Reports

7. The template for Part 1 was first prepared at TCC1. Following two years of discussion, the SC4 adopted a new template for Part 1 Reports (Attachment N of the SC4 Summary Report) that is available on the WCPFC website. All CCMs were required to use the newly adopted Part 1 Report template in 2009.

Formats used in the preparation of Part 2 Reports

8. Of the 29 Part 2 Reports provided to the Secretariat, 21 used the revised template contained in Appendix B of WCPFC5-2008/IP07 adopted by WCPFC5 as enhanced guidelines for Part 2 submissions and eight (8) used an independent reporting format.

9. At TCC5, the Secretariat noted the requirement in paragraph 40 of CMM 2008-01 for TCC to prepare a template for reporting on the implementation of CMM 2008-01 for their fishing vessels operating on the high seas and/or in waters under national jurisdiction. This template was circulated by the Secretariat to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2009/06 in March 2009 and presented to TCC5 as an attachment to WCPFC-TCC5-2009/19 together with comments received from Australia and Japan. In addition to these comments, at TCC5 several other CCMs provided comments on the draft revised template.

10. TCC5 reviewed Secretariat paper “Revised Template for Annual Report, Part 2” (WCPFC-TCC5-2009/19) and directed the Secretariat to incorporate CCMs’ suggestions in a revised Part 2 template for consideration at WCPFC6 (**Attachment 1**).

11. The Secretariat circulated enhanced guidelines on 29 October 2008, inviting CCMs to comment by 13 November 2009. At the time of writing this paper the Secretariat had received no comments on these guidelines from CCMs.

Discussion

12. If WCPFC6 can agree on a Part 2 Report template for 2010 this should greatly assist CCMs to meet the next reporting deadline of 31 July 2010, thus providing the Secretariat with sufficient material with which to prepare a comparative report for presentation at TCC6.

Recommendation

13. WCPFC6 is invited to:

- consider the information provided by CCMs in the Part 1 and Part 2 Reports available to the meeting;
- consider any additional advice or recommendations in relation to the format and guidelines for the Part 1 and Part 2 Reports;
- note the situation with respect to outstanding Part 1 and Part 2 Reports for activities by CCMs in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008;
- encourage those CCMs that have not already done so to submit their Part 1 and Part 2 Reports for the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 activity periods;
- propose a Part 2 Report template for 2010; and
- consider and adopt a Part 2 Report template for 2010.

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1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2009

PART 2. MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

2.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Report on CCM steps to implement conservation and management measures in the Convention area (Article 23(2)c)	Implemented (yes/no) (If no, explain why not)							Measures in place
CMM 2004-01: Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish	A.1. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i)	A.2.	A.3. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	B.4.	B.5. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r)	B.6. (a) (b) (c)	B.7.	

CMM 2004-03: Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels	2.1.1 (a) (b)	2.1.3 (a) (b) (c) (d)	2.2.1 (a) (b)	2.2.2 (a) (b) (c) (d)	2.2.3	2.2.4	2.2.5 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l)	3.1		
CMM 2005-02: Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific Albacore	1.									
CMM 2005-03: Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore	2.		3.		4.		7.			
CMM 2006-04: Conservation and Management Measures for Striped Marlin in the South West Pacific	1.			3.			4.			
CMM 2006-08: WCP Boarding and Inspection Procedures	13.(a)(i)	13.(a)(ii)	13.(a)(iii)	13.(b)(i)	13.(b)(ii)	13.(b)(iii)	14-24.			
CMM 2007-01: Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme.	13.				Attachment K, Annex C, 1.					

CMM 2007-02: Commission VMS <i>(Revision of CMM-2006-06 to include the requirement that vessels in the Convention Area must maintain VMS transmission even while beyond the Commission boundaries at 20°N and 175°E).</i>	9 (a).																	
CMM 2007-03: IUU Fishing <i>(Replacement of entire text of CMM-2006-09).</i>	4.			5.			8.			9.			22.					
CMM 2007-04: <i>(Revision of CMM-2006-02 for mitigating the impact of fishing on seabirds).</i>	1.		2.		1.		2.		4.		5.		7.		9.			
CMM 2008-01: Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna in the WCPO. <i>(Replaces CMM 2005-01 and CMM 2006-01).</i>	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	15.	23.	26.	29.	33.	39.	40.	42.	43.	45.			
CMM 2008-02: Cooperating Non-Members. <i>(Replaces CMM 2004-02)</i>	16.																	
CMM 2008-03: Conservation and Management for Sea	1.			2.			4.			5.			6.			8.		

Turtles.												
CMM 2008-04: Conservation and Management Measure to Prohibit the Use of Large Scale Driftnets on the High Seas in the Convention Area.	2.					5.						
CMM 2008-05: Conservation and Management of Swordfish. (Replaces CMM 2006-03).												
CMM 2008-06: Conservation and Management for Sharks in the WCPO. (Replaces CMM 2006-05).	1.	2.	3.	4.	6.	7.	9.	10.	12.	13.		

Report on CCM measures adopted for conservation and management of HMFS in areas under national jurisdiction (Art. 23(3))	Action taken
Title of legislation or other conservation and management measure adopted by the CCM.	Brief summary description of conservation and management methods used for Highly Migratory Fish Species (HMFS) in areas under national jurisdiction.

Report on CCM measures adopted for regulating the activity of vessels which fish in the Convention Area. (Art. 23(4)) Examples provided below but further fields may be added	Action taken
Vessel Registration and Authorisation Procedures.	
Control of fishing vessels.	
Instruction/education/extension programs for industry including vessel owners, operators, crews and fish receivers/buyers.	

Port access and inspections (such as FAO Port Measures where applicable).

2.2 MONITORING AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The information is to be in a summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
VMS		
Transhipments		
Transshipment inspections		
At-sea inspections		
Port inspections		
Observer monitoring		
Monitoring of trade and domestic distribution of HMFS.		
Inspections of domestic-only vessels		
High seas boardings and inspections of flag vessels.		Report observation of alleged violations, including any proceedings instituted and sanctions applied.

2.3 SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The completion of this section should be in summarized form.

Activity	Frequency	Comment
Seagoing patrols		
Aerial surveillance		

2.4 INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION ACTIVITY

The completion of this section should be in summarized form to the level of detail that domestic requirements allow

Activity	Number	Reason and summary outcome
Brief summary description of investigations conducted		Briefly report the reason for the investigation.
Outcomes – penalties or other action		Provide a brief summary of the outcomes of the investigation, including the amounts of fines where applicable, or other sanctions.
- No further action		Briefly report the reason for cessation of any investigation subsequent to commencement of proceedings.

2.5 FURTHER MCS MEASURES TAKEN AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Inform relevant changes to national legislation.
- Trade measures (if adopted by the Commission).
- Cooperating non-CCMs annual reporting (to maintain cooperating status).
- Prompt IUU fishing activity reporting (Art 25(2,3)); estimated IUU catch within EEZ?
- NPOA reporting/IPOA actions taken through RFMO.