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**VESSEL DAY SCHEME (VDS) REPORT TO THE SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (WCPFC6)**

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Submitted by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)

The following report on the VDS has been prepared by the Parties to the PNA consistent with the reporting requirements detailed in paragraph 325 of the ‘Summary Report’ of the Fourth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC4).

The VDS was implemented by the PNA on 1 December 2007. Table 1 show the days utilized for the first Management Year (MY1 - 1 December 2007 to 30 November 2008) and second Management Year (MY2 - year to date as at 31 October 2009) of the VDS.

Table 1: Days used for MY1 and MY2 (year to date as at 31 October 2009) of the VDS.

	Total Days used in MY1 As at 30 Nov 08 12 months	Total Days used in MY2 (as at 31 Oct 09 (10 months)
Total Days Used (domestic & bilateral days, excluding AW)	23,333	21,398
FSMA	3,049	2,552
US Treaty	5,050	6,078
Total Effort in PNA EEZs	31,432	30,029

When implementing the VDS, the best estimate of days fished in 2004 was 33,856 days. In October 2008 at TCC4 this estimate was revised to 29,144 days, which is incorporated in Attachment B of CMM 2008-01. In the WCPFC Secretariat paper WCPFC6-IP-17 this estimate was again revised to 30,720 days.

The PNA is working with the US to bring their fleet under the VDS. This incorporation will see effort limits placed on fleets operating under the VDS.