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Japan

I. Purse Seine Fishery

1. Effort Control

(1) Total purse seine effort in days fished between 20N and 20S in the Convention area should not exceed the 2010 levels. For this purpose;

- (a) In EEZs, coastal CCMs should, if appropriate through PNA or FFA, take necessary measures to ensure that purse seine effort in days fished should not exceed the 2010 level.
- (b) In High Sea Pockets No.1 and No.2, purse seine fishing may be conducted within effort limit to the 2010 level in PNA EEZs under an arrangement between a flag CCM and PNA¹.
- (c) In other High Seas (high sea area excluding High Seas Pocket No.1 and No.2), flag CCMs will take necessary measures to ensure that their purse seine effort in days fished will not exceed the 2010 level.

(2) Total purse seine effort in days fished in north of 20N and south of 20S will be managed by flag CCMs so as not to exceed the 2000 – 2010 average level

2. FAD Sets Control

Total annual FAD sets used by purse seine vessels in EEZ and high seas between 20N and 20S will not exceed 10,482~~15,000~~ sets². For this purpose;

(1) Number of FAD Sets by area

The annual FAD sets limit (10,482~~15,000~~) by area will be as follows:

Total	15,000	<u>10,482</u>
PNA EEZs (including HS pocket No. 1 and 2)	xx,xxx	} <u>9,856</u>
Other EEZs	y,yyy	
Other High Sea (excluding HS Pockets No.1 and No.2)	z,zzz	<u>626</u>

Coastal CCMs will, if appropriate through PNA or FFA, take necessary measures to

¹ This sub-paragraph will not apply to Philippine vessels those are operating under CMM2011-01. A separate regulation will be developed for those vessels.

² Data source: WCPFC9-2012-IP09

ensure that FAD sets in their EEZs will not exceed the 2010 level.

In High Sea Pockets, purse seine fishing operation conducted pursuant to 1 (1) (b) above may involve FAD operation within the FAD sets limit in PNA EEZs³.

In other High Seas (high sea areas excluding High Seas Pocket No.1 and No.2), Flag CCMs shall take necessary measures to ensure that their FAD sets will not exceed the 2010 level.

(2) Measure during transitional period

For a period commencing from 2013 until such time the Commission determines (that PNA can implement measures described (1) above), each flag CCM, except for SIDS CCMs, will take necessary measures to ensure that the number of annual total FAD sets by its flagged vessels between 20N and 20S will not exceed 2427% of the total number of purse seine sets by its flagged vessels in 2010⁴⁵.

(3) Monitoring for FAD sets

For monitoring the measure

- A fishing master will be required to obtain signature from Observers on board in completing a logbook every day;
- The fishing master will be required to send the logbook to the Flag CCM authority every two weeks; and
- The Flag CCM authority will be required to compile data and send the total number of FADs sets to the Secretariat every month.

3. Capacity Management

(1) CCMs that are not SIDs will not increase the number of purse seine vessels larger than 24m with freezing capacity actively fishing between 20N and 20S above current levels, as shown in the attached table. Each CCM shall provide the full

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⁴ A separate regulation will be developed for the Philippine vessels operating in the Pocket High Sea No. 1 in accordance with Paragraph 3 of CMM2011-01.

⁵ 2427% is calculated from ASS/Total Sets ratio in 2010 assuming that total number of purse seine sets were 43,77455,000 (ASS: 10,48215,000, UNA: 33,29240,000). Those figures are subject to the confirmation by the scientific expert.

list of its flag vessels to the Secretariat no later than MM DD, 2013.

- (2) The concerned CCMs will ensure that the construction of new vessels, or purchase of vessels previously flying other flags, will only be authorized or allowed to replace vessels that have sunk or that have been removed from the fleet and have not reflagged or are not otherwise operating in the WCPFC Convention area under the jurisdiction of another flag CCM.
- (3) The concerned CCMs will ensure that any new vessel constructed or purchase to replace a previous vessel or vessels shall have a carrying capacity or well volume no larger than the vessel(s) being replaced. In such case, the authorization of the replaced vessel(s) will be revoked immediately.
- (4) The concerned CCM will provide the Secretariat with information that demonstrates the compliance with the above procedures in paragraph 2 and 3 within 60 days of any such vessel construction or purchase.
- (5) The provisions of this measure will not apply to vessels flagged to SIDs
- (6) The Commission will in the future work to develop a regional capacity management plan to ensure that as SIDs develop their domestic fisheries, the overall capacity of the tuna purse seine fleet in the region will not exceed levels commensurate with the sustainability of the tuna resources in the WCPFC Convention Area, with a view to reaching a level of 220 vessels by 2020. Such a plan should encourage market based mechanisms for the voluntary transfer of capacity from developed CCMs to SIDs

II. Longline Fishery

Support paragraph 27 of Chair's draft with China's bigeye catch limit being 11,748mt as set forth in paragraph 5 of CMM2011-1.

III. Other Commercial Fisheries

Generally support Chair's draft. But, regarding paragraph 31, both effort and capacity control for the other fisheries are too much considering nature, scale and possible impact on the resources by those fisheries. Japan suggests those fisheries should be managed by capacity control as set forth paragraph 39 of CMM2008-01.