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**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE RECOMMENDED BY THE
NORTHERN COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVER
PROGRAMME NORTH OF 20°N**

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Draft CMMs recommended by the 6th Regular Session of the Northern Committee for consideration by WCPFC7.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Commission may consider the following draft CMM recommended by the NC6 for adoption:
 - i) Recommendation on implementation of the ROP by Vessels Fishing for Fresh Fish in the Area North of 20 Degrees North (Attachment D, NC6 Summary Report).

**The Commission for the Conservation and Management of
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

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**RECOMMENDATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROP BY VESSELS
FISHING FOR FRESH FISH IN THE AREA NORTH OF 20 DEGREES NORTH**

Conservation and Management Measure 2010-XX

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean;

Recalling Article 28(1) of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC Convention), which requires the Commission to develop a Regional Observer Programme to, among other things, collect verified catch data, and to monitor the implementation of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;

Further recalling Article 28(7) of the WCPFC Convention, which requires the Commission to develop procedures and guidelines for the operation of the Regional Observer Programme (ROP);

Cognizant of Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2007-01, which established the procedures to develop the ROP, in particular paragraph 9 of Annex C of CMM2007-01, which gives considerations on special circumstances for fishing vessels used exclusively to fish for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north;

Adopts, in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention, the following Conservation and Management Measure for the Establishment of the Implementation of the ROP by vessels fishing for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north.

The ROP for fishing vessels used exclusively to fish for fresh fish in the area north of 20 degrees north shall be implemented in the following manner:

1. No later than 31 December, 2014, CCMs shall commence implementation of observer programmes for fishing vessels used to fish for fresh fish beyond the national jurisdictions in the area north of 20 degrees north (hereinafter referred as “the Northern Convention area”).
2. For fishing vessels except for those exempted under paragraph 3 below, CCMs shall achieve at least 5% coverage of the effort of each fishery.

3. CCM may submit request to the NC7 for exemptions from paragraph 2 above with reasons and data collection programmes equivalent to the ROP. The request shall be submitted to the Executive Director by 31 July, 2011. The NC shall consider and decide on those requests at its session in 2011. Such exemptions, if any, shall be terminated on 31 December, 2018.
4. Each year, CCMs whose vessels are granted exemptions in accordance with paragraph 3 shall provide a report on progress to reduce the number of vessels that cannot carry observers.
5. Observers shall be sourced from the WCPFC Regional Observer Programme, including authorized national programs of flag states.
6. Unless expressly set forth in this CMM, procedures in CMM 2007-01 will be applied *mutatus mutandis* to the implementation of this CMM.