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Monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2012-01 paragraph 27)

1. Paragraph 26 of CMM 2012-01 says “The catch limits for bigeye tuna shall be as specified in Attachment F.” The reporting requirements related to bigeye longline catch limits under CMM 2012-01 are provided in paragraph 27. Each CCM with a limit specified in Attachment F is to provide a monthly catch report (catch for the month and year to date), for its flagged vessels by the end of the following month. To date the Secretariat has received monthly bigeye longline catch reports from ten CCMs. A summary of year to date reported bigeye catches compared to the 2013 limits under CMM 2012-01 is shown in Table 1. It should be noted that many CCMs have advised the Secretariat at the time of providing their monthly reports that the reported catches are provisional estimates and maybe subject to revision.

Table 1: Summary of CCM reporting of bigeye longline catch by WCPFC in accordance with paragraph 27 of CMM 2012-01, compared to the limits in Attachment F - as at 2nd August 2013

FLAG CCMs	Cumulative reported catches (Mt)	Limit – CMM 2012-01 Att F (Mt) ¹	Cumulative catch as a percentage of limit (%)	Reporting period 2013	Reported catches in IATTC overlap area (Mt)
Australia	295.1	2000	14.8	1 Jan – 30 June	
Belize	80.3	803	10.0	1 Jan – 30 June	
China	5,692	10,673	53.3	1 Jan – 31 May	
European Union	6.9	2000	0.34	1 Jan – 30 June	
Indonesia		5,889			
Japan	5,527	19,670	28.1	1 Jan – 31 May	
Republic of Korea	4,242 ²	14,714	28.8	1 Jan – 30 Jun	971
New Zealand	81.2	2,000	4.1	1 Jan – 30 Jun	
Philippines	85.5	2,000	4.3	1 Jan – 30 Jun	
Chinese Taipei	4,286	11,062	38.7	1 Jan – 30 Jun	
United States of America	2,385	3,763	63.4	1 Jan – 30 Jun	

2. The WCPFC9 decision on the application of measures in the part of the WCPF Convention Area that overlaps with the IATTC Convention Area is relevant to these catch limits (see WCPFC9 Summary Report, paragraph 80). In the case of vessels of a CCM that are on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member shall decide and notify

¹ Attachment F includes a footnote: “Korea and Chinese Taipei will voluntarily restrict its catch level at 2% less than the catch limits specified here in 2013.” The numbers shown in the table reflect the application of this reduction for these two CCMs.

² For Korea, this cumulative catch is for the part of the WCPF Convention Area which excludes overlap with IATTC Convention Area.

both organisations under which of the two Commissions those vessels shall operate when fishing in the overlap area with IATTC and WCPFC. In accordance with this WCPFC9 decision and the relevant notifications received by WCPFC to date the following three CCMs are able to exclude catches taken by certain vessels, from being counted against their CMM 2012-01 bigeye longline catch limit:

- Belize – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- European Union – in accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 2 April 2013; and
- Republic of Korea – in accordance with advice received by WCPFC on 8th July 2013.

Of these three CCMs, only Korea has to date provided reports of bigeye catches for 2013, which identifies the catches taken in the overlap area with IATTC. (the reported catches in the overlap area is shown in the right-most column of Table 1)

Additional FAD Set Reduction Notifications and Reporting (CMM 2012-01 paragraph 11)

3. In accordance with CMM 2012-01 paragraph 11, a 3 month purse seine FAD closure is to be implemented from 1 July – 30 September 2013, within EEZs and high seas waters located 20N and 20S. The rules to be applied during the FAD closure are described in CMM 2009-02.

4. In addition to the three month FAD closure, CCMs are to choose one of two options for additional FAD set reduction for their vessels (paragraph 11 of CMM 2012-01). WCPFC has received notifications from seventeen CCMs about their choice for additional FAD set reduction during 2013. Six CCMs notified their choice after 31 March, and two CCMs are yet to provide notification to WCPFC of their choice. A summary of the notifications under paragraph 11 of CMM 2012-01 is provided in Table 2.

5. Further, footnote 2 to paragraph 11 of CMM 2012-01, allows for SIDS to provide advice of certain vessels that can be exempted from the additional FAD set reduction requirement. WCPFC received advice from three small islands developing State CCMs of their flagged and chartered vessels that will not be subject to the additional reduction of FAD sets. These three notifications were received by WCPFC by 31 March 2013, and are summarized in footnotes to Table 2. To date, no further notifications have been received.

6. Most CCMs have chosen to have their flagged vessels implement the 4th month FAD closure (1- 31 October 2013). Three CCMs have chosen the alternative option of an annual limit on FAD sets. Two of the three CCMs have provided reporting in response to the requirements set out in Attachment B of CMM 2012-01. The reported number of FAD sets for 2013 year to date, compared to the FAD set limit is provided in the third column from the right-in Table 2.

7. Paragraph 2 of Attachment B to CMM 2012-01 requires that CCMs which have chosen to implement the annual limit on FAD sets option are to provide various reports on the status of implementation of the project. At the time of preparing this report, two of the three CCMs have provided short statements in Annual Report Part 2. Further reports from the three CCMs are expected at SC9 and TCC9.

Table 2: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S (paragraph 11 of CMM 2012-01) - as at 2nd August 2013

FLAG CCMs	footnote 2 notifications	Additional FAD Set Reduction notifications (para 11)		Attachment B Reporting		
		i) prohibit setting on FADs in Oct	ii) annual limit of FAD sets	Total reported FAD sets / Limit	Est. bigeye catch ³	Time period for reporting
Australia		YES				
China		YES				
Ecuador						
El Salvador		YES				
European Union		YES: Rec'd 2 Apr				
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ⁴		YES	112 / 606 (18.5%)	159.5 Mt	1 Jan – 30 June
Indonesia		YES: Rec'd 3 May				
Japan			YES	598 / 1477 (40.5%)	1100.4 Mt	Jan – 27 July
Kiribati	YES ⁵		YES	___ / 301	_____	_____
Republic of Korea		YES				
Marshall Islands						
New Zealand		YES				
Papua New Guinea		YES Rec'd 19 Jun ⁶				
Philippines		YES Rec'd 28 May				
Solomon Islands	YES ⁷	YES				
Chinese Taipei		YES				
Tuvalu		YES Rec'd 14 May				
United States of America		YES ⁸				
Vanuatu		YES Rec'd 10 May				

³ At least one CCM has indicated that the reported figures are subject to correction when more information is available.

⁴ Two FSM flagged vessels: Queen Mary (IRCS: V6P88); Trinidad III (IRCS: V6P89)

⁵ One Japan flagged vessel: Wakaba 3 (IRCS JNBA); five Kiribati flagged vessels: Moamari (T3JG); Mariraoi (T3AF2); Taijin 18 (T3EG); Maomaeu (T3BL2); Mataika (T3AA2)

⁶ Partial: Advises of implementation of additional FAD set reduction for PNG EEZ

⁷ Five Solomon Island flagged vessels: Solomon Jade (H4AB); Solomon Emerald (H4NF); Solomon Opal (H4AL); Solomon Pearl (H4NK); Solomon Ruby (H4AM).

⁸ The option identified may be subject to change.