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¹ Update includes addition of section on FAD management plan submission (page 5), and updates to the reporting in Table 1 and Table 2 as at 13 Sept 2013.

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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 13 Sept 2013

FLAG CCMs	Cumulative reported catches (Mt)	Limit – CMM 2012-01 Att F (Mt)²	Cumulative catch as a percentage of limit (%)	Reporting period 2013	Reported catches in IATTC overlap area (Mt)
Australia	368.26	2000	18.4	1 Jan – 31 July	
Belize	80.3	803	10.0	1 Jan – 30 June	
China	5,692	10,673	53.3	1 Jan – 31 May	
European Union	7.9	2000	0.34	1 Jan – 31 July	
Indonesia	_____	5,889	_____	_____	
Japan	7226.1	19,670	36.7	1 Jan – 31 July	
Republic of Korea	4,242 ³	14,714	28.8	1 Jan – 30 Jun	971
New Zealand	94.5	2,000	4.7	1 Jan – 31 July	
Philippines	97.8	2,000	4.9	1 Jan – 30 Jun	
Chinese Taipei	4,851	11,062	43.9	1 Jan – 31 July	
United States of America	2,393	3,763	63.6	1 Jan – 31 July	

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 the bigeye longline catch limits and reporting (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

² 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.

³ For Korea, this cumulative catch is for the part of the WCPF Convention Area which excludes overlap with IATTC Convention Area.

shall decide and notify 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:⁴

- 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. As at 13 September 2013, all three CCMs have provided some 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. This suggests that reports from the three CCMs are expected at SC9 and TCC9.

⁴ This is a subset of the list of notifications received for the overlap area, for a complete list CCMs can access the list on WCPFC Secure CCM side: <http://www.wcpfc.int/overlap-area-iattc>

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 ⁵	Time period for reporting
Australia		YES				
China		YES				
Ecuador						
El Salvador		YES				
European Union		YES: Rec'd 2 Apr				
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ⁶		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	1 Jan – 28 Aug
Kiribati	YES ⁷		YES	287 / 301 (95.35%) ⁸	36 Mt	1 Jan – 29 Aug
Republic of Korea		YES				
Marshall Islands						
New Zealand		YES				
Papua New Guinea		YES Rec'd 19 Jun ⁹				
Philippines		YES Rec'd 28 May				
Solomon Islands	YES ¹⁰	YES				
Chinese Taipei		YES				
Tuvalu		YES Rec'd 14 May				
United States of America		YES ¹¹				
Vanuatu		YES Rec'd 10 May				

⁵ At least one CCM has indicated that the reported figures are subject to correction when more information is available.

⁶ Two FSM flagged vessels: Queen Mary (IRCS: V6P88); Trinidad III (IRCS: V6P89)

⁷ One Japan flagged vessel: Wakaba 3 (IRCS JNBA); five Kiribati flagged vessels: Moamari (T3JG); Mariraoi (T3AF2); Tajjin 18 (T3EG); Maomaeu (T3BL2); Mataika (T3AA2)

⁸ Kiribati advised on 29 August that figures reported here are provisional and may be subject to revision.

⁹ Partial: Advises of implementation of additional FAD set reduction for PNG EEZ

¹⁰ Five Solomon Island flagged vessels: Solomon Jade (H4AB); Solomon Emerald (H4NF); Solomon Opal (H4AL); Solomon Pearl (H4NK); Solomon Ruby (H4AM).

¹¹ The option identified may be subject to change.

FAD Management Plans (CMM 2012-01, paragraph 24)

*FAD Management Plan*¹²

24. By 1 July 2009, CCMs fishing on the high seas shall submit to the Commission Management Plans for the use of FADs by their vessels on the high seas. These Plans shall include strategies to limit the capture of small bigeye and yellowfin tuna associated with fishing on FADs, including implementation of the FAD closure pursuant to paragraphs 10 and 11(i) above. The Plans shall at a minimum meet the Suggested Guidelines for Preparation for FAD Management Plans for each CCM (Attachment E).

8. Table 3 lists the notifications that the WCPFC has received from CCMs for this requirement. Copies of FAD Management Plans and other notifications can be found on the WCPFC website at the following address: <http://www.wcpfc.int/conservation-and-management-obligations-other-data>.

Table 3. List of the notifications that WCPFC has received to date, in response to CMM 2012-01 paragraph 24 (and CMM 2008-01 paragraph 23).

CCM	Submission Date
Australia	5 December 2007
Belize	8 July 2009
China	30 June 2013
Ecuador	25 July 2013
European Union	27 October 2010
El Salvador	27 March 2012
Federated States of Micronesia	1 July 2009
Japan	25 January 2008
Republic of Korea	11 November 2011
New Zealand	25 September 2008
Papua New Guinea	5 November 2007
Solomon Islands	1 July 2008
Chinese Taipei	1 July 2009
United States of America ¹³	20 August 2013
Vanuatu	30 March 2012

¹² This measure shall not replace pre-existing domestic FAD management plans in force in own waters.

¹³ Previously provided a letter of notification of compatible legislation respecting FADs (Jun 30 2010)