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**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS OF ANNUAL REPORT PART 1 AND ANNUAL REPORT
PART 2**

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Background

1. The WCPF Convention requires that Members of the Commission provide regular information to the Commission on their fishing activities and implementation of conservation and management measures. Article 23, paragraph 2 says:

2. Each member of the Commission shall:

(a) provide annually to the Commission statistical, biological and other data and information in accordance with Annex I of the Agreement and, in addition, such data and information as the Commission may require;

(b) provide to the Commission in the manner and at such intervals as may be required by the Commission, information concerning its fishing activities in the Convention Area, including fishing areas and fishing vessels in order to facilitate the compilation of reliable catch and effort statistics; and

(c) provide to the Commission at such intervals as may be required information on steps taken to implement the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

3. The members of the Commission shall keep the Commission informed of the measures they have adopted for the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in areas within the Convention Area under their national jurisdiction. The Commission shall circulate periodically such information to all members.

4. Each member of the Commission shall keep the Commission informed of the measures it has adopted for regulating the activities of fishing vessels flying its flag which fish in the Convention Area. The Commission shall circulate periodically such information to all members.

2. Since WCPFC2, a two-part reporting format for an Annual Report to the Commission together with the rules of *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission* (2007) has been the process that the Commission agreed would be used by CCMs to provide their regular reporting on their fishing activities and implementation of conservation and management measures. *Annual Report Part 1* is intended to provide a summary of each CCMs information on fisheries, research and statistics during the preceding calendar year, and now also is to include some specific CMM-related reporting requirements. *Annual Report Part 2* provides information on

management and compliance by CCMs in the previous year. The dates for submission and the formats for reporting has been an aspect that has varied over time.

Developments in 2013

3. At WCPFC9, it was agreed that the Secretariat would finalize the development of online interface for Annual Report Part 2 with a view to making it available for all CCMs to use in 2013.¹ The Secretariat successfully accomplished this task and the Annual Report Part 2 online interface was launched on 4 Apr 2013, as advised in WCPFC Circular No. 2013/21.

4. One of the advantages to the Secretariat of the online completion of Annual Report Part 2, for is that parts of draft Compliance Monitoring Reports could be autopopulated using Annual Report Part 2 answers from CCMs. In addition, this year the Secretariat has also made available a system for CCMs to provide any responses to their draft CMRs directly into the online system.

5. Table 1 provides a summary of the timeliness of submission of AR Part 1 and Part 2 in 2013, covering 2012 activities. The Secretariat expected based on past practice and taking into account the number of CCMs to receive Annual Report Part 1 and Part 2 from 39 CCMs. Eighteen (18) Part 1 reports (39%) and twenty five (25) Part 2 reports (64%) were received by the Secretariat by the agreed deadlines: sixteen CCMs (41%) submitted both Part 1 and Part 2 reports by the agreed deadlines. All twenty five Annual Report Part 2 reports were submitted using the online interface. As at 4th September 2013, there are six (6) Part 1 and five (5) Part 2 reports not yet received; two CNMs have not yet activated their login to the online interface for Annual Report Part 2.

6. This year has seen some improvement in the timeliness of Annual Report Part 1 and Annual Report Part 2 submissions compared to previous years (see Table 2). The improved timeliness of submission of Part 1 and Part 2 report contributed in part to the ability of the Secretariat to complete a preliminary draft CMR for 39 CCMs by the 28th July: advice online availability was provided to CCMs on Monday 29th July and the final draft CMR was published to the CCM side of the website on 5 September.

¹ WCPFC9 agreed to a number of TCC recommendations included in Attachment N to WCPFC9 summary report, relevant recommendations included:

212. TCC recommended the revised Annual Report Part 2 template (WCPFC-TCC8-2012-18(rev. 2), Annex C) be used as a basis for finalizing the online interface to be used for Annual Report Part 2 that is to be submitted by CCMs in 2013, and which covers 2012 activities; (Attachment G to TCC8 summary report)

213. TCC recommended that the Secretariat finalise the development of online interface for Annual Report Part 2, with a view to making it available for all CCMs to use for their 2013 Annual Report Part 2;

214. TCC recommended the adoption of the proposed addendum to the Annual Report Part 1 template for future reports (WCPFC-TCC8-2012-18(rev. 2), Annex B), so as to ensure that CCMs Annual Report Part 1 cover the required reporting provisions as contained in CMMs. (Attachment H to TCC8 summary report)

222. TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that a deadline of 1 July each year for Annual Report Part 2 submission be adhered to by all CCMs, and that the deadline for Annual Report Part 1 be maintained;

Table 1: Submissions of Annual Report Part 1 and Part 2 covering 2012 activities

	Member or Participating Territory	AR Part 1 (due 7 July)	AR Part 2 (due 1 July)
1	Australia	21 June	28 June
2	Canada	18 June	29 June
3	China	16 July	25 June
4	Cook Islands	9 July / 19 Sept (rev)	12 July
5	European Union	11 July	2 July
6	Federated States of Micronesia	23 July	25 June
7	Fiji	7 July / 7 Aug (rev)	28 June
8	French Polynesia	28 June	29 June (partial hard copy)/ 27 July
9	Japan	5 July	1 July / 2 July (rev)
10	Kiribati	9 August	
11	Republic of Korea	7 July	4 July
12	Republic of the Marshall Islands	5 Aug	1 July
13	Nauru	28 Apr	26 June
14	New Caledonia	27 June	28 June
15	New Zealand	4 July	1 July
16	Niue	9 July	16 July
17	Palau	15 July	26 August
18	Papua New Guinea	19 July	13 August
19	Philippines	8 July	1 July
20	Samoa	4 July	1 July
21	Solomon Islands	5 Aug	26 June (hard copy) / 2 July (online) / 9 sept
22	Chinese Taipei	4 July	28 June
23	Tokelau	6 July	26 June
24	Tonga	5 July / 26 July (rev)	13 May
25	Tuvalu	15 July	
26	United States of America	5 July	26 June
27	Vanuatu	16 July / 14 Aug (rev)	1 July
28	Wallis and Futuna		
	Cooperating non-members		
29	Belize	28 Aug	1 July
30	Democratic Republic of Korea		
31	Ecuador	26 Apr	28 June
32	El Salvador	29 June	30 June
33	Indonesia	27 May	27 June
34	Mexico	24 July	
35	Senegal		17 July
36	Saint Kitts and Nevis		26 July
37	Panama		30 June
38	Thailand	26 Aug	14 July
39	Vietnam	16 July	16 July

Table 2: Summary of submissions of previous three year's Annual Report Part 1 and Part 2

Annual Report Part 1				Annual Report Part 2			
Submission Date	Reporting Period	Received (not yet)	On time	Submission Date	Reporting Period	Received (not yet)	On time
10-Jul-2010	1 Jan-31 Dec 2009	31 (4)	5	31-Aug-2010	1 Jan-31 Dec 2009	30 (7)	10
9-Jul-2011	1 Jan-31 Dec 2010	28 (9)	9	31-Aug-2011	1 Jan-31 Dec 2010	32 (5)	21
7-Jul-2012	1 Jan-31 Dec 2011	33 (4)	10	1-Jul-2012	1 Jan-31 Dec 2011	34 (3)	8
7-Jul-2013	1 Jan-31 Dec 2012	33 (6)	18	1-Jul-	1 Jan-31 Dec 2012	34 (5)	25