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¹ Updates since TCC9 include: addition of section on yellowfin longline reported catches (Table 5), addition of a section on purse seine EEZ limits (Table 2), and updates to the reporting in Table 1 and Table 4. Rev 6 includes updates to Table 4 and Table 5.

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

1. 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.
2. 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 1.
3. 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 1. To date, no further notifications have been received.
4. 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 25 November 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 1.
5. 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. Three CCMs provided short statements in Annual Report Part 2, as well as a report to TCC9; one of the three CCMs provided a written paper (WCPFC-2013-TCC9-DP06) and has provided a paper to WCPFC10 on their activities (WCPFC10-2013-DP29).

Table 1: 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 25 November 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 ²	Time period for reporting
Australia		YES				
China		YES				
Ecuador						
El Salvador		YES				
European Union		YES: Rec'd 2 Apr				
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ³		YES	132 / 606 (21.8%)	139.5 Mt	1 Jan – 24 Nov
Indonesia		YES: Rec'd 3 May				
Japan			YES	785 / 1477 (53.1%)	1723.1 Mt	1 Jan – 9 Nov
Kiribati	YES ⁴		YES	241 / 301 (80.1%)	1797.65 Mt	1 Jan – 22 Nov
Republic of Korea		YES				
Marshall Islands						
New Zealand		YES				
Papua New Guinea		YES Rec'd 19 Jun ⁵				
Philippines		YES Rec'd 28 May				
Solomon Islands	YES ⁶	YES				
Chinese Taipei		YES				
Tuvalu		YES Rec'd 14 May				
United States of America		YES ⁷				
Vanuatu		YES Rec'd 10 May				

² At least one CCM has indicated that the reported figures are subject to correction when more information is available.

³ Two FSM flagged vessels: Queen Mary (IRCS: V6P88); Trinidad III (IRCS: V6P89)

⁴ One Japan flagged vessel: Wakaba 3 (IRCS JNBA); five Kiribati flagged vessels: Moamari (T3JG); Mariraoui (T3AF2); Taijin 18 (T3EG); Maomaeu (T3BL2); Mataika (T3AA2)

⁵ Partial: Advises of implementation of additional FAD set reduction for PNG EEZ

⁶ Five Solomon Island flagged vessels: Solomon Jade (H4AB); Solomon Emerald (H4NF); Solomon Opal (H4AL); Solomon Pearl (H4NK); Solomon Ruby (H4AM).

⁷ The option identified may be subject to change.

Advice on purse seine effort limits for other coastal States⁸ (CMM 2012-01, paragraph 14)

6. CMM 2012-01 establishes purse seine EEZ limits for the members of the PNA (paragraph 12 of CMM 2012-01), and for CCMs that had more than 1000 days of purse seine effort which occurred its EEZ over the period 2006 – 2010 (paragraph 13). For other coastal State CCMs, with EEZs within the Convention Area 20N and 20S there is a reporting requirement set out in paragraph 14:

14. Other coastal States within the Convention Area other than those referred to in paragraph 12 and paragraph 13 shall establish effort limits or equivalent catch limits for purse seine fisheries within their EEZs that reflect the geographical distributions of skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye tunas, and are consistent with the objectives for those species. Limits established pursuant to this provision shall be provided to the Commission by the relevant coastal States no later than 16 November 2013.

7. To date, eleven CCMs have provided advice to WCPFC Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 14 of CMM 2012-01 (Table 2). Table 2 will be updated as additional advice is received.

Table 2. List of CCMs that have provided advice on implementation of CMM 2012-01 paragraph 14 , the reference to the WCPFC10 delegation paper is also provided

CCM	Submission Date	WCPFC10 delegation paper
Australia	15 November 2013	DP19
Cook Islands	14 November 2013	DP20
Fiji	15 November 2013	DP21
Japan	18 November 2013	DP26
New Zealand	15 November 2013	DP18
Niue	16 November 2013	DP25
Samoa	13 November 2013	DP22
Tokelau	4 October 2011	DP28
Tonga	18 November 2013	DP27
United States of America	23 October 2013	DP23
Vanuatu	15 November 2013	DP24

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

*FAD Management Plan*⁹

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

⁸ Not a member of PNA (para 12), and had less than 1,000 days of purse seine effort annually over the period of 2006-2010 (para 13).

⁹ This measure shall not replace pre-existing domestic FAD management plans in force in own waters.

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 ¹⁰	20 August 2013
Vanuatu	30 March 2012

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

9. 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 4. 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.

¹⁰ Previously provided a letter of notification of compatible legislation respecting FADs (Jun 30 2010)

Table 4: 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 25 November 2013

FLAG CCMs	Cumulative reported catches (Mt)	Limit – CMM 2012-01 Att F (Mt) ¹¹	Cumulative catch as a percentage of limit (%)	Reporting period 2013	Reported catches in IATTC overlap area (Mt)
Australia	472.01	2000	23.6	1 Jan – 31 Oct	
Belize	113.91	803	14.1	1 Jan – 31 Aug	
China	9219.17	10,673	86.4	1 Jan – 30 Sept	
European Union	34.23	2000	1.71	1 Jan – 31 Oct	
Indonesia		5,889			
Japan	11967.5	19,670	60.8	1 Jan – 31 Oct	
Republic of Korea	8594 ¹²	14,714	58.4	1 Jan – 31 Oct	1600
New Zealand	102.02	2,000	5.4	1 Jan – 30 Sept	
Philippines	115.38	2,000	5.8	1 Jan – 30 Sept	
Chinese Taipei	5,729	11,062	51.8	1 Jan – 31 Aug	
United States of America	3,075	3,763	81.7	1 Jan – 31 Oct	

WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area (WCPFC9 Decision, paragraph 80)

10. 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 a WCPFC member who is also an IATTC member, and who has vessels on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member 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. If a CCM is a member of only one RFMO, the rules of the RFMO of which it is a member apply in the overlap area between WCPFC and IATTC, even if the CCM is a cooperating non-member of the other RFMO. 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:¹³

- Belize – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;

¹¹ 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.

¹² For Korea, this cumulative catch is for the part of the WCPF Convention Area which excludes overlap with IATTC Convention Area.

¹³ 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> : Ecuador and El Salvador have both written to confirm the application of the IATTC rules to its purse seine vessels when operating within the overlap area between IATTC and WCPFC.

- 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, to date only Korea has provided reports of total estimated catches by month of bigeye and yellowfin longline tuna for the overlap area with IATTC (the reported catches in the overlap area is shown in the right-most column of Table 4).¹⁴

Reporting of 2013 yellowfin catches by longline as at 31 October 2013 (CMM 2012-01 paragraph 28)

Yellowfin

CCMs are encouraged to take measures not to increase their catch of yellowfin tuna. Each CCM shall report to WCPFC10 its 2013 catch of yellowfin tuna as of October 31.

11. At the time of writing the WCPFC Secretariat had received reports from eight CCMs; two are partial reports (Table 5). Table 5 will be updated as additional reports from CCMs are received.

Table 5. Summary of advice received to date from CCMs of their reported catches of yellowfin tuna in longline fisheries.

CCM	Date of receipt by WCPFC t	Reported Catch (Mt)	WCPFC-IATTC Overlap Area Catch (Mt)	Period covered by report
Australia	19 Nov 2013	799.835		1 Jan – 31 Oct
Belize	9 Oct 2013	8.091		1 Jan – 30 Aug
China	20 Nov 2013	3431		1 Jan – 31 Oct
French Polynesia	1 Nov 2013	474		1 Jan – 31 Oct
Japan ¹⁵	20 Nov 2013	9,131.80		1 Jan – 31 Oct
Republic of Korea	21 Nov 2013	4656	253	1 Jan – 31 Oct
New Caledonia ¹⁶	22 Nov 2013	476		1 Jan – 31 Oct
New Zealand ¹⁷	25 Nov 2013	377.85		1 Jan – 31 Oct
Chinese Taipei	21 Nov 2013	12,940		1 Jan – 30 Sept
United States of America	25 Nov 2013	931 ¹⁸		1 Jan – 31 Oct

¹⁴ The other two CCMs have provided information in a spreadsheet format, which probably could be used to derive an estimate of catches in the overlap area with IATTC.

¹⁵ This is estimated catch mainly based on VMS data and subject to correction when more information is available

¹⁶ Preliminary

¹⁷ This is total yellowfin landed for the period 1 Jan 2013 - 31 Oct 2013 where the vessel is using fishing method Surface Longline.

¹⁸ Catch is provisional: consists of 401 Mt for the American Samoa longline fishery; 530 Mt for the U.S. longline.