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Dear Professor Hurry,

In accordance with paragraph 8 of Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (CMM 2013-09), this is to report the measures we have used to implement paragraph 2, 6 and 11 of this CMM as well as the results of international trade of the products derived from Pacific bluefin tuna that we monitored.

1. To implement paragraph 2, that is to ensure the total fishing effort by our vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of the 20 degrees north would not exceed the 2002-2004 levels, we have imposed a regulation in March, 2010 to require the number of our vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna to stay below 660, as well as our fishing vessels to get prior approval to fish for this species. In 2014, 485 Taiwanese fishing vessels in total have been authorized by this Agency to fish for this species. As for the requirement to reduce all catches of juveniles significantly below the 2002-2004 annual average levels, please be advised that all of our catches of Pacific bluefin tuna are solely adults.
2. To strengthen data collection system for the Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries as per paragraph 6, the following measures have been implemented,
 - (1) We have introduced Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) for the Pacific bluefin tuna. When Pacific bluefin tuna is caught at sea, it shall be tied with tag and the related information, such as tag number, the location, time and estimated weight shall be reported by the captain to fishery radio stations. In addition, captains shall notify this



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Agency the estimated landing date and port via fishery radio stations before the catch is landed and sold.

- (2) Most of our vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna landed and sold their catches at domestic ports in recent years, thus the officials of this Agency were able to verify the catch and the related information. In this regard, we sent several staffs to measure the size and weight at landing sites for the past four years to strengthen data collection system. The sampling rate at landing sites in Taiwan is 100 percent in 2014, which means every Pacific bluefin tuna landed had been checked by our authorized staffs. Therefore, our data collection of this species and the qualities of such data have been greatly improved.
- (3) Besides, noting the importance of Pacific bluefin tuna, we have kept investing around 35 thousand USD annually on our scientists to conduct research on the stock assessment of this species.
3. As for paragraph 11, our delegation have taken the chance of attending the 87th Meeting of the IATTC to exchange opinion and communicate with the IATTC contracting parties on the Pacific bluefin tuna issues for consideration of measures could be taken in IATTC to strengthen the management of this species.
4. Finally, our monitoring result of international trade of the products derived from Pacific bluefin tuna provides that we did not export PBF to other CCMs while around 4.6 metric tons of PBF from one CCM were imported to Taiwan during 2013. The detail of imported product is attached for reference.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment

Report of the Pacific Bluefin Tuna international trade of the products

Period: January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

There were no PBF product export from Chinese Taipei and the detail of imported PBF product is as follows,

Flag Country/Entity/ Fishing Entity	Product Type		Product Wt.(Kg)
	F/FR	RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	
Japan	F	GG	255.5
	F	RD	655.2
	F	FL	2889.24
	F	OT	523.55
	FR	OT	289.86

Product type

F: Fresh

FR: Frozen

RD: Round

GG: Gilled & gutted

DR: Dressed

FL: Fillet

OT: Other form