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MANAGEMENT AREA REPORTING**

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1. This paper provides a summary report on the activities occurring in the EHSP from 1 January 2013 – 31 July 2014 based on data held by the Secretariat.
2. *Conservation and Management Measure for the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area* (CMM 2010-02) states the Eastern High Seas Pocket (EHSP) is the area of high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north. Paragraph 8 of the measure state that the measures in CMM 2010-02 shall be reviewed every two years, in conjunction with relevant advice from the Technical Compliance Committee (TCC). CMM 2010-02, since adoption, has not been reviewed. At WCPFC10, “the Secretariat was asked to continue diligently monitoring the situation” with regards to activities in the EHSP (WCPFC10, para 303). In the final Compliance Monitoring Report adopted by WCPFC10, six CCMs were identified as having potential compliance issues related to the reporting requirement for entry and exit reports under CMM 2010-02 (Attachment G to WCPFC10 Summary Report).
3. TCC10 is invited to note and discuss the activities in the EHSP and consider paragraph 8 of the measure (review of the measure).

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CCMs reporting on their implementation of CMM 2010-02 through Annual Report Part 2

1. CCMs were required to report against CMM 2010-02 paragraphs 2 and 6 in the 2014 Annual Report Part 2 covering 2013 activities. Paragraph 2 requires vessels to submit reports, in a specified format, to the Commission at least 6 hours prior to entry and no later than 6 hours prior to exiting the EHSP. Paragraph 6 states that any transshipment activities undertaken in the EHSP shall be in accordance with the applicable CMMs and obligates vessels intending to transship in the EHSP to indicate this to the Commission in the reporting format specified in paragraph 2.
2. In 2013, 8 CCMs had no vessels on the RFV and 6 CCMs reported in their fish/did not fish report that none of their vessels fished beyond their area of national jurisdiction.¹ Consequently, CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to these 14 CCMs in 2013. Twenty two (22) CCMs reported in their fish/did not fish report that they had flagged vessels fishing beyond areas of national jurisdiction in 2013. CMM 2010-02 may be applicable to these 22 CCMs. The analysis was further refined by looking at the areas fished by these vessels to determine if CMM 2010-02 was applicable. It was apparent that CCMs who did not have any vessels fishing or transiting in the EHSP concluded that the implementation of CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to their flag vessels. As at 5 September 2014, Secretariat has received Annual Reports Part 2 from 33 CCMs. Annex 1 provides a summary of CCMs response in Annual Report Part 2 related to CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 and 6.

Review of available data relevant to the EHSP-SMA

Entry and Exit Reports and VMS Entry and Exit Alerts

3. During 2013, the Secretariat continued to receive entry and exit reports from vessels as required by CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2. As reported in past years, the Secretariat continued to receive reports in formats other than that specified in paragraph 2 (of CMM 2010-02). In addition, some of the reports received contained positions (latitude and longitude) that, upon mapping, were not consistent with an entry/exit to the EHSP. These non-EHSP related reports are usually entry and/or exit reports to EEZs of coastal States adjacent or nearby the EHSP. With the database developed and installed last year to capture these reports, the Secretariat is able to map these reports and filter out reports that are not EHSP related. In compiling this year's draft CMR covering 2013 activities, the Secretariat was able to exclude the non-EHSP reports and considered only the EHSP related reports. Annex 2 provides a summary of the entry and exit reports received by the Secretariat together with the Entry and Exit Alerts generated by the Commission VMS. Annex 3 provides a list of vessels that submitted entry/exit reports to the Secretariat. Paragraph 2 of the measure also states that a vessel's entry and exit report shall also contain estimated catch (kgs) onboard. Annex 4 provides information on the catch reported on the entry and exit reports submitted to the Secretariat in 2013.

Available information on transshipment activities in the EHSP

4. CMM 2010-02 paragraph 6 states that any transshipment activities undertaken in the EHSP shall be in accordance with the applicable CMMs. Vessel intending to transship in the EHSP shall indicate this in the reporting format as described in paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02. CMM 2009-06 on Regulation of Transshipment requires vessels to notify Executive Director at least 36 hours prior to transshipment and also provide a transshipment declaration within 15 days of completion of each transshipment activity.
5. The Secretariat received no report from any vessel indicating "Y" (yes) to transshipment in the EHSP in 2013 in accordance with CMM 2010-02 paragraph 6. Further, the Secretariat received no transshipment notification or declaration in accordance with CMM 2009-06 paragraph 35 that places the transshipment activities in the EHSP. Reviews of the VMS tracks of these vessels, around the

¹ See Annex 2 of WCPFC-TCC10-2014-RP05 for a summary of information relating to the fished or did not fish report

reported dates, do not appear to indicate any possible transshipment and no fish carrier was reporting via VMS in the EHSP around these periods. Further, there was no transshipment activities related to the EHSP reported in any of the observer reports available through the ROP.

6. Vessels are also encouraged to report sightings in the EHSP in accordance with paragraph 3. In 2013 and the first 7 months of 2014, there was no sightings reported in the EHSP.

HSBI in the EHSP

7. In 2013, two Members conducted high seas boarding and inspections (HSBI) in the EHSP and 11 boardings were undertaken, 6 of which detected violations. These violations included non-reporting of entry into the EHSP, VMS, CMM 2009-01 and shark related (CMM 2010-07). Further details regarding alleged violations detected during HSBI are summarized in WCPFC-TCC10-2014-RP04.

Administration

8. Entry and exit reports are submitted to the Secretariat via email and are stored in WCPFC's Information Management System (IMS). The database module for the EHSP was developed, as part of the IMS enhancements in 2013, in order to capture and analyze the EHSP data.
9. The Compliance Monitoring Scheme has identified that non-compliance with the reporting requirements under the measure was an issue in previous years.
10. Paragraph 8 of the CMM notes that the measure is to be reviewed every two years. When reviewing the measure, CCMs may wish to consider ways to improve compliance with the reporting obligations under paragraphs 2
 - Entry and Exit reports submitted are not in the format specified in CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2
 - Entry and Exit reports are sometimes incomplete
 - Entry and Exit reports submitted are sometimes unrelated to the EHSP
 - Date/Time, Lat/Long and estimated catch are recorded and reported in varying units/formats
11. The Secretariat recognizes there could be a number of different ways to improve the quality of the reporting in the EHSP-SMA. Some options might include:
 - i. development of clearer and consistent specifications to address the issues relating to the reporting of data in this and similar CMMs. For example, vessels may report date/time in either GMT or local time, and lat/long information could be received in 'true degrees' or 'decimal degrees'. If standard units cannot be agreed, as a minimum, CCMs should state explicitly as part of their reporting to WCPFC, which format they are using for date/time and lat/long.
 - ii. the Secretariat working with interested CCMs on some joint-initiatives that CCMs might use on a voluntary basis, with a view to streamlining the WCPFC data entry processes for EHSP-SMA reporting
12. As part of the Secretariat's responsibilities stipulated under the CMM, the Entry/Exit reports received are also transmitted to the three coastal States surrounding the EHSP, in accordance with paragraph 2, on a routine basis. In addition, these coastal States requested and are receiving 100nm buffer VMS data, in accordance with the Data Rules and Procedures. Further, Cook Islands and French Polynesia have waters under its national jurisdiction included in the Commission VMS in accordance with Article 24(8) of the Convention. The Secretariat also maintains a 'live list' of all fishing vessels present in the EHSP in the secure section of the WCPFC website which is accessible to all CCMs.
13. All reports required by CMM 2010-02 to be submitted to the Commission and all general EHSP queries should be directed to the email: contact.ehsp@wcpfc.int

Annex 1: Summary of CCMs responses in Annual Report Part 2

	<i>from Annual Report Part 2</i>	
	CCM answer in AR Pt 2 when asked whether CMM 2010-02 para 2 and 6 has been implemented (choice of Yes/No/N/A)	Summary of further information provided by CCM in AR Pt 2
CMM 2010-02 02 (submission of entry/exit report)	15 Yes	Implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	1 No	
	17 N/A	Flag vessels do not fish in the EHSP/beyond areas of national jurisdiction; no flag vessel
	5 outstanding AR Pt 2 reports	
CMM 2010-02 06 (indication of indention to transship in the EHSP)	9 Yes	Implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	24 N/A	No transshipment in EHPS; no flag vessels permitted to transship in Convention Area/high seas; no flag vessel operates in areas beyond national jurisdiction
	5 outstanding AR Pt 2 reports	

Annex 2: Summary of entry and exit reports received by WCPFC with the Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS by flag for the year 2013. This table does not take into account any recent submissions and updates provided as replies to the draft Compliance Monitoring Report 2014 covering 2013 activities post 28 Aug 2014, and may be subject to revision.

CCM	# of Vessels detected		ENTRY		EXIT	
	Number of vessels detected on VMS	Number of vessels that submitted entry/exit report	VMS Alert	Manual Report	VMS Alert	Manual Report
China	68	64	127	109	136	103
Fiji	14	14	17	20	18	22
FSM	3	3	3	3	3	3
Japan	4	3	4	3	4	2
Kiribati	1	1	1	1	1	1
Korea	2	0	1	0	2	0
Panama	2	0	3	0	3	0
Chinese Taipei	22	22	61	58	62	58
USA	3	3	5	6	6	5
Vanuatu	9	12	6	12	10	13
Total	126					

Annex 3: List of vessels that submitted entry/exit reports to the Secretariat in 2013

VID	Vessel Name	Code2	Vessel Type
115	Dong Yu Ji 19	CN	Tuna longliner
116	Dong Yu Ji 23	CN	Tuna longliner
151	XIN SHI JI 79	CN	Longliner
173	SHOSHIN MARU NO.38	JP	Tuna longliner
196	KAIHATSU MARU	JP	Tuna longliner
211	CHOKYU MARU NO.68	JP	Tuna longliner
3333	YU LONG NO.12	TW	Tuna longliner
3680	YU LONG NO.18	TW	Tuna longliner
3706	CHU HUAI NO.368	TW	Tuna longliner
3771	YU LONG	TW	Tuna longliner
3824	CHU HUAI NO.668	TW	Tuna longliner
3838	YU LONG NO.10	TW	Tuna longliner
3880	LUNG SOON NO.116	TW	Tuna longliner
3953	DANIELA	US	Tuna purse seiner
4300	YUH CHANG NO.1	VU	Tuna longliner
4400	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.168	VU	Tuna longliner
4418	YUH YI NO.22	VU	Tuna longliner
4469	TAIHO MARU	VU	FISH CARRIER
4483	CFA 21	FM	Tuna longliner
4573	Rong Yuan Yu 86	CN	Tuna longliner
4574	Rong Yuan Yu 87	CN	Tuna longliner
4588	Rong Yuan Yu 88	CN	Tuna longliner
4589	Rong Yuan Yu 89	CN	Tuna longliner
4617	CAPE BRETON	US	Tuna purse seiner
4908	SHENG I TSAI NO.688	TW	Tuna longliner
5023	SHIN HO CHUN NO.102	KI	FISH CARRIER
5025	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.101	TW	Tuna longliner
5055	SUN STAR 2	FJ	Tuna longliner
5336	MING YIH FA NO.3	TW	Tuna longliner
5337	YU LONG FA NO.22	TW	Tuna longliner
5338	YU LONG NO.2	TW	Tuna longliner
5351	LIEN CHI FA NO.24	TW	Tuna longliner
5402	CHARNG SHING YUAN NO.12	TW	Tuna longliner
5406	YU LONG FA NO.36	TW	Tuna longliner
5409	CHU HUAI NO.826	TW	Tuna longliner

VID	Vessel Name	Code2	Vessel Type
8795	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.102	TW	Tuna longliner
8796	CHIUAN FA CHENG NO.166	TW	Tuna longliner
8803	SEA HAWK NO.18	TW	Tuna longliner
8804	SEA HAWK NO.68	TW	Tuna longliner
8806	LIAN JI FA NO.212	TW	Tuna longliner
8807	CHU HUAI NO.628	TW	Tuna longliner
8820	CHUAN HSIN NO.128	TW	Tuna longliner
8848	SUN STAR 3	FJ	Tuna longliner
8889	CHU HUAI NO.888	TW	Tuna longliner
9018	SHENG JYI SHYANG NO.1	TW	Tuna longliner
9027	WINNING NO. 6	FJ	Tuna longliner
9029	RITUNA NO.2	FJ	Tuna longliner
9071	LU RONG YUAN YU 25	CN	Tuna longliner
9072	LU RONG YUAN YU 26	CN	Tuna longliner
9073	LU RONG YUAN YU 27	CN	Tuna longliner
9074	LU RONG YUAN YU 28	CN	Tuna longliner
9075	LU RONG YUAN YU 29	CN	Tuna longliner
9078	Rong Da Yang 6	CN	Tuna longliner
9080	Rong Da Yang 8	CN	Tuna longliner
9081	Rong Da Yang 9	CN	Tuna longliner
9238	HARIMA 2	VU	FISH CARRIER
9734	HONG YANG 2	CN	Longliner
9735	HONG YANG 3	CN	Longliner
9738	ZHONG RONG 13	CN	Longliner
9739	ZHONG RONG 15	CN	Longliner
9754	YUH CHANG NO.11	VU	Longliner
9773	FENGYUH NO. 6	FJ	Tuna longliner
9775	HSINLONG NO. 1	FJ	Tuna longliner
9776	Rituna No. 3	FJ	Tuna longliner
9778	Ruifeng No. 1	FJ	Tuna longliner
9789	XIN SHI JI 16	FJ	Tuna longliner
9790	HSINLONG NO. 6	FJ	Tuna longliner
9791	RUIFENG NO. 2	FJ	Tuna longliner
9792	RUIFENG NO. 3	FJ	Tuna longliner
9795	SUNSTAR 7	CN	Longliner
9874	HUA NAN YU 711	CN	Longliner
9875	HUA NAN YU 712	CN	Longliner
9922	Ping Tai Rong 9	CN	Longliner

VID	Vessel Name	Code2	Vessel Type
9925	Ping Tai Rong 39	CN	Longliner
9952	B. ACE	MH	BUNKER
9994	CHUNG KUO NO. 818	VU	Longliner
9996	CHUNG KUO NO. 838	VU	Longliner
9997	CHUNG KUO NO. 232	VU	Longliner
9998	CHUNG KUO NO. 828	VU	Longliner
10025	CHUNG KUO NO.288	VU	Longliner
10026	ZHONG DA 5	FJ	Longliner
10027	ZHONG DA 6	FJ	Longliner
10031	HAI XING 715	CN	Longliner
10032	HAI XING 716	CN	Tuna longliner
10033	HAI XING 717	CN	Tuna longliner
10034	HAI XING 718	CN	Tuna longliner
10035	SHEN LIAN CHENG 760	CN	Tuna longliner
10049	CFA 22	FM	Longliner
10050	Rong Da Yang 16	CN	Longliner
10051	Rong Da Yang 17	CN	Longliner
10090	HONG YANG 8	CN	Longliner
10091	HONG YANG 9	CN	Longliner
10094	GILONTAS NO.168	VU	Longliner
10095	GILONTAS NO.777	VU	Longliner
10104	HUA NAN YU 717	CN	Longliner
10105	CFA 23	FM	Longliner
10117	HUA NAN YU 718	CN	Longliner
10118	HUA NAN YU 719	CN	Longliner
10143	HUA NAN YU 721	CN	Longliner
10144	HUA NAN YU 722	CN	Longliner
10308	LU YUAN 23	CN	Longliner
10310	LU YUAN 24	CN	Longliner
10311	RONG TAI 8	CN	Longliner
10314	HONG YANG 88	CN	Longliner
10315	Hong Yang 89	CN	Longliner
10316	CAPE HORN	US	Tuna purse seiner
10355	Rong Da Yang 19	CN	Longliner
10356	Rong Da Yang 28	CN	Longliner
10357	Rong Da Yang 29	CN	Longliner
10358	Rong Da Yang 18	CN	Longliner
10403	ZHONG YANG 16	CN	Longliner
10404	ZHONG YANG 18	CN	Longliner
10405	ZHONG YANG 19	CN	Longliner
10546	RUN DA 5	CN	Longliner
10552	RUN DA 3	CN	Longliner

VID	Vessel Name	Code2	Vessel Type
10634	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 769	CN	Longliner
10636	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 788	CN	Longliner
10637	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 789	CN	Longliner
10645	Hua Nan Yu 731	CN	Longliner
10646	Hua Nan Yu 732	CN	Longliner
10647	Hua Nan Yu 736	CN	Longliner
10665	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 201	CN	Longliner
10667	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 205	CN	Longliner
10668	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 206	CN	Longliner
10669	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 207	CN	Longliner
10670	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 208	CN	Longliner
10674	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 599	CN	Longliner
10675	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 888	CN	Longliner
10688	Lu Rong Yuan Yu 199	CN	Longliner

Annex 4: Summary of catch on board (in kgs) of main species recorded on entry and exit reports submitted to the Secretariat in 2013

