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**FFA MEMBER DELGATION PAPER – SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SMALL ISLAND  
DEVLEOPMENT STATES**

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## **FFA DELEGATION PAPER**

### **Special Requirements of Small Island Developing States**

CMM 2013-06 *Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals* and CMM 2013-07 *Conservation and Management Measure on the special requirements of SIDS and participating territories* have both paved the way in operationalising the principles in Article 30 of the Convention.

Specifically pursuant to CMM 2013-07, this delegation paper is put forward by FFA Members for ease of reference to the special requirements of SIDS which will be referred to throughout the meeting.

We have requested previously that developed CCMs, in giving effect to their obligations to assist SIDS, target their assistance in the following general areas:

- (a) increased commercialism of tuna fisheries and related industries;
- (b) enhanced capacity for conservation and management of fisheries by SIDS; and
- (c) broader cooperation of the importance of rights-based management.

FFA Members would like to articulate the following priority areas where specific assistance is needed, some of which we have stated previously:

- (i) providing operational level data to ensure high quality and more accurate scientific advice in order to ensure that the stocks which SIDS heavily rely on are effectively managed;
- (ii) agreeing a Target Reference Point for skipjack tuna to ensure its effective management and sustainable use;
- (iii) ensuring in the management of the fisheries for South Pacific albacore that CCMs contribute to increasing the participation of SIDS in the WCPO tuna fisheries;
- (iv) ensuring that priority for ROP funding be given to the national observer programmes of SIDS, including assistance with implementing the longline coverage requirements;
- (v) facilitating the use of the Regional Observer Program Support Fund to assist Small Island Developing States in developing port monitoring and port sampling programs;
- (vi) building the capacity of SIDS' nationals to develop and implement the IMS at a national level, including to implement E-HSP reporting and transshipment reporting;
- (vii) reporting on sharks;
- (viii) development of FAD management plans;
- (ix) development of Seabird NPOAs and Shark NPOAs;
- (x) assistance to train national VMS MTU inspectors/audits;
- (xi) providing a budget for the participation of chairs of subsidiary bodies who are SIDS nationals in any of the working groups and meetings of the Commission to assist these chairs in fulfilling their roles effectively;
- (xii) ensuring a rationalisation of Commission workloads, including a prioritisation of issues and streamlining agendas.