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Subject : Pacific Bluefin tuna report

Dear Dr. Soh,

In reply to your email, the Philippines is submitting its report pursuant to paragraph 5 of CMM 2014-0#04

Best regards.

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Philippine Report for the CMM 2014-04 on the Pacific Bluefin tuna

Paragraph 5 of the CMM 2014-04 requires CCMs to report as follows:

5. CCMs shall report their 2002–2004 baseline fishing effort and <30 kg and ≥30 kg catch levels for 2013 and 2014, by fishery, as referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, to the Executive Director by 31 July 2015. CCMs shall also report to the Executive Director by 31 July each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and ≥30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous year, accounting for all catches, including discards. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.

Table 1. Fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna *in the area north of 20° N in the Convention Area*

Fishery	Unit of fishing effort (e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels)	2002	2003	2004	2013	2014
The Philippines does not conduct fishing activities targeting tunas in the area north of 20° N. However, in some years, there are by-catches of Pacific Bluefin tunas in areas south of 20° N. These fishing vessels utilize handline as their fishing gears.						

Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna *in the Convention Area* (include all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)

Fishery	2002		2003		2004		2013		2014	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
Handline fishing using fishing boats with outriggers. Please note that information is not available for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 as this data was not yet being gathered by the Philippines							0	4 pcs (smallest is 250 kilograms)	0 (nil)	0 (nil)