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Report on CMM 2014-04 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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Subject: CMM 2014-04 Reporting for Australia. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Mr Teo,

In accordance with reporting requirements for the *Conservation and Management measure to establish a multi-annual rebuilding plan for Pacific Bluefin tuna* (CMM 2014-04) please find Australia's response below:

- Australia reports nil effort north of 20°N.
- Australia has not increased its catch of Pacific bluefin tuna above its 2002-2004 baseline.
- Australia reports a fishing effort for 2014 of 9850 hooks, a nil catch of Pacific bluefin tuna of less than 30kg, 1027kg of Pacific bluefin tuna that was equal to or greater than 30kg and nil discards for 2014 for the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery.
- Australia does not catch juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna.
- Australia believes its fishing activities are consistent with the intentions of this CMM and do not undermine its effectiveness.
- Australia has strengthened its monitoring of catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by making e-monitoring systems compulsory on all tuna longliners fishing for more than 30 days per year in the area of the WCPFC.
- Australia's Harmonized commodity description and coding system groups Atlantic and Pacific bluefin together and therefore Australia is unable to separate out the data specific to Pacific bluefin tuna. Australia is reviewing its trade data and how it is compiled to be able to provide this information.

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