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## **IMPLEMENTATION OF TCC WORK PLAN 2011**

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**WCPFC-TCC7-2011/30**

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### **Paper prepared by Secretariat**

#### **ISSUES:**

1. Progress on new Tropical Tuna Management Measure and Review of CMMs;
2. Report on Cost Recovery Study;
3. Report on Joint WCPFC/FFA VMS Review;
4. Report on Catch Attribution Study;
5. Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area;
6. Review of CNM processes;
7. Establishment of a CDS Management Measure;
8. Establishment of a Port States Management Measure;
9. IATTC Issues – Cross Endorsement and Joint Management Area;
10. Streamlining of Part 2 Annual Report;
11. Enhancement of Compliance Monitoring Scheme to include sanctions;
12. Development of better Integrated Fisheries Information Management System.

#### **DECISIONS/ENDORSEMENTS:**

Many of these issues will be discussed in more detail in other agenda items as noted:

13. Progress on new Tropical Tuna Management Measure and Review of CMMs;  
**Action:** To be discussed under CMM 2008-01
14. Report on Cost Recovery Study;  
**Action:** Decisions to adopt recommendations on Optimization of Commission's Operational Costs Report for RFV, ROP, VMS and others.
15. Report on Joint WCPFC/FFA VMS Review;  
**Action:** Although discussed under its own agenda item, decisions will be required as to the future VMS arrangements, structure of the system, the SLA with FFA, and future contracts with service suppliers.
16. Report on Catch Attribution Study;  
**Action:** The Commission will be asked to decide on how to adopt and implement the recommendations they approve from the GPA study.
17. Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area;  
**Action:** Following a review of the management scheme to date (WCPFC-TCC7-2011/20), TCC7 will be asked to comment and recommend on an extension of such a system to the 100 nm buffer zones of EEZs.

18. Review of CNM processes;  
**Action:** This is a normal review of CNM processes and may require further decisions on the criteria for determination of the CNM status.
19. Establishment of a CDS Management Measure;  
**Action:** TCC7 will be asked to recommend on the CDS to be adopted by the Commission noting the views of two key parties, members of FFA and the EU.
20. Establishment of a Port States Management Measure;  
**Action:** TCC7 will be asked to endorse a CMM on Port State Measures.
21. IATTC Issues – Cross Endorsement and Joint Management Area;  
**Action:** WCPFC/IATTC MOU for Cross Endorsement of Observers has been signed by both parties. The Executive Director of WCPFC and Director of IATTC agreed to form a small working group to work inter-sessionally on the development of a joint management scheme for the overlap area for presentation to both Commissions in 2012. TCC7 will be asked to endorse the recommendations of the ED of WCPFC and Director of IATTC on the working group for the development of the joint management scheme.
22. Streamlining of Part 2 Annual Report;  
**Action:** TCC7 will be asked to review, comment and recommend on proposals to streamline the Annual Report Part 2 format and processes.
23. Enhancement of Compliance Monitoring Scheme to include sanctions;  
**Action:** TCC7 will be asked to:
  - Review the process for development of the CMS Report; and
  - review the CMM and also the work of the SWG on enhancement of the scheme to take into consideration sanctions.
24. Development of better Integrated Fisheries Information Management System.  
**Action:** TCC7 will be asked to comment on the idea of developing an integrated Fisheries Information Management System based on vessel registrations and linking currently existing systems in such a management tool.

## **DISCUSSIONS:**

The priorities for TCC for 2011 were reviewed following the direction from WCPFC7, revised and circulated as WCPFC7-2010/28 rev 1.

- 1. Progress on new Tropical Tuna Management Measure and Review of CMMs**  
 The Executive Director, Chair and Vice Chair led a small working group to address this issue for presentation of proposals at TCC7 and formalization of a final CMM for WCPFC8.
- 2. Report on Cost Recovery Study**  
 The Study was contracted to Paul Wallis and Nick Wyatt of New Zealand. They shall present their final report at TCC7.
- 3. Report on Joint WCPFC/FFA VMS Review**  
 The review team lead by Robert Martinolich of Canada visited Canberra, Sydney, Honiara, PNG, Pohnpei, Honolulu, Brussels and the Netherlands in the course of their review between May to June 2011. The final report shall be presented by the Team Leader at TCC7.
- 4. Report on Catch Attribution Study**  
 Gillett, Preston and Associated completed the report in February 2011 and this was circulated to all CCMs for discussion at TCC7.

## **5. Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area**

Collin Brown of the Cook Islands had a short Internship with the WCPFC Secretariat to develop ideas for the tripartite management of the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area. Guidelines were circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2011/12. The tripartite management of the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area commenced on 1 July 2011 and is the subject of a report to TCC7.

## **6. Review of CNM processes**

This CNM process is new with respect to its voluntary contribution of 50% of expected fees were the CNM to become a full member of the Commission. Compliance to the criteria for CNM status will be a matter for TCC7 HODs to review prior to TCC7.

## **7. Establishment of a CDS Management Measure**

Several Members, including PNG and EU have both prepared position papers on this subject. PNG was tasked to coordinate an intersessional working group on CDS and develop the terms of reference for the CDS working group. PNG will report to TCC7 on the progress on this matter.

## **8. Establishment of a Port States Management Measure**

CCMs including the EU, France and Fiji and Niue on behalf of FFA Members had discussions on this matter with WCPFC tasking TCC7 to consider Port State Measures issue and progress made intersessionally on the subject by the EU and other CCMs.

## **9. IATTC Issues – Cross Endorsement and joint Management Area**

WCPFC7 tasked the Executive Director to forward the proposed MOC on cross endorsement of WCPFC ROP and IATTC Observers for the latter's consideration. Further, the Commission tasked the Executive Director of WCPFC to liaise with the Director of IATTC to develop a joint management scheme for the overlap area in the two convention areas. The Observer Cross Endorsement MOU was signed by the two parties in La Jolla, USA during the Kobe III meeting. There was agreement by the two agencies to form a small working group to develop a joint management plan for the overlap area for submission to the two Commissions for approval.

## **10. Streamlining of Part 2 Annual Report**

The Secretariat was tasked to streamline the Part 2 Annual Reports in accordance with criteria developed by the Commission at WCPFC7. The Secretariat sought the assistance of Members through an internship to address this issue. The Secretariat thanks Ms. Rhea Moss for her excellent efforts to assist and develop a new model of the Part 2 Annual Report in accordance with the stated criteria. Ms. Moss will be invited to present the proposal to TCC7.

## **11. Enhancement of Compliance Monitoring Scheme to include sanctions**

Australia led the initiative to develop a Compliance Monitoring Scheme CMM for a trial period of one year. The Commission asked Australia to work intersessionally to develop a process to identify a range of responses to non-compliance and report to TCC7. Further, in accord with CMM 2010-03, the Executive Director was tasked to compile a draft Compliance Monitoring Report containing sections with respect to each CCM and circulate it in accordance with the CMM. TCC7 will be invited to review the draft Compliance Monitoring Report.

## **12. Development of better Integrated Fisheries Information Management System**

Noting the various non-integrated initiatives ongoing in the region to create more effective and timely management tools by linking data bases, e.g., TUFMAN, FFA's proposal from Absolute for a FIS, PNGs efforts to create an Integrated Fishing Information System to track VDS, the Secretariat drafted a concept paper to submit to the Korean Development Project YOSEF to conduct a study of existing systems, develop a mechanism to link these initiatives to build on their strengths and create a common regional Integrated Fisheries Information Management System as a tool for more effective management for Members and the Commission. The Secretariat was not successful in securing funding from the Korean fund nor from FAO GEF. The Secretariat seeks clarification from TCC7 if such an initiative has merit and should be pursued?