**Excerpt from Rules and Procedures for the Protection, Access to, and Dissemination of Data Compiled by the Commission (2007)**

**3. Dissemination of Public Domain Data**

9. Data in the public domain shall not reveal the individual activities of any vessel, company or person and shall not contain private information within a time/area stratum.

10. Annual catch estimates and aggregated catch and effort data that can be used to identify the activities of any vessel, company or person are not in the public domain. In cases when an individual vessel, company, or person can be identified, the data will be aggregated by time, area or flag to preclude such identification, and will then be in the public domain.

**Appendix 1**

**Public Domain data**

The following types of data are considered to be in the public domain:

1. annual catch estimates stratified by gear, flag and species for the WCPFC Statistical Area;
2. annual catch estimates stratified by gear, flag, species, and waters under the jurisdiction of CCMs and the high seas in the WCPFC Statistical Area;
3. the annual numbers of vessels active in the WCPFC Statistical Area stratified by gear type and flag;
4. catch and effort data aggregated by gear type, flag, year/month and, for longline, 5° latitude and 5° longitude, and, for surface gear types, 1° latitude and 1° longitude – in cases when an individual vessel, company, or person can be identified, the data will be aggregated by time, area or flag to preclude such identification, and will then be in the public domain;
5. [biological data (if adequate time has passed to allow the scientists that organised for the collection of such data to publish a paper analysing it)];
6. tagging data;
7. the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels;
8. [information on vessel and gear attributes compiled from other sources];
9. any vessel record established for the purpose of the Commission’s VMS;
10. oceanographic and meteorological data;
11. [social data]; and
12. Part 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission by CCMs.

In regard to paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above - data describing vessels based in a territory of the State in which they are flagged may be stratified (or aggregated) by the name of the territory.