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ANNUAL REPORT ON EASTERN HIGH SEAS POCKET (EHSP)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA REPORTING

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Purpose

1. This paper, as in previous years, provides a summary report on the activities occurring in the EHSP Special Management Area (EHSP-SMA), which is the area of high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north, from 1 January 2015 – 31 July 2016 based on data held by the Secretariat. The management and reporting arrangements for the EHSP were established through CMM 2010-02 *Conservation and Management Measures on the Eastern High Seas Pocket*.

Report against decisions from WCPFC12 related to EHSP

2. CCMs would recall that WCPFC12 noted that further testing and refinement of the five electronic data standards is required. One of these draft electronic data standards is to be used for the reports required under paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02. Formal testing of the EHSP data standards was deferred until after the 2nd meeting of the ERandEMWG (ERandEMWG2) and to draw on the experiences from testing in relation to the two larger data sets which are those related to operational level catch and effort and observer data.
3. The ERandEMWG2, in further discussing these standards, asked CCMs to provide comments on the draft standards by TCC12.¹ CCMs are reminded to provide any comments on the draft electronic standards for CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 to the Secretariat before TCC12, preferably by 10 September 2016.²

¹ Draft electronic data standards, including the standards to be used for paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02 can be found in the Attachment 4 of the Summary Report of the ERandEMWG2 at <http://www.wcpfc.int/ERandEMWG2>

² SC12 Summary Report paragraph 131: SC12 noted that CCMs agreed to provide comments on the draft WCPFC E-Reporting standard data fields for logsheet and observer data prior to 10th September 2016, so that the WCPFC Secretariat and Science Services Provider can compile comments for presentation to TCC12.

Review of CCMs reporting on implementation of CMM 2010-02 through Annual Report Part 2

4. As at 23 August 2016, Secretariat has received Annual Reports Part 2 from 36 CCMs. Generally, CCMs who did not have any vessels fishing or transiting in the EHSP concluded in their Annual Report Part 2 that the implementation of CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to their flag vessels. As a result, in the draft CMR, CMM 2010-02 was applicable to 9 CCMs.³ Annex 1 provides a summary of CCMs response in Annual Report Part 2 related to CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 and 6.

Review of available data relevant to reviewing the implementation of the reporting requirements for the EHSP-SMA

5. Paragraph 2 of the measure requires flag vessels to submit entry and exit reports to the Commission in a prescribed format at least 6 hours prior to entry and no later than 6 hours prior to exiting the EHSP. Annex 2 provides a summary of the entry and exit reports received together with the Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS, by year. The Secretariat observes that generally, submission of the EHSP entry/exit reports has improved. This may be due to a number of factors including the fact that this obligation is assessed under the Compliance Monitoring Scheme; the work that the Secretariat does in terms of informing CCMs of any reporting gaps early in the year; and/or simply perhaps vessels are becoming more familiar with the reporting requirement,
6. Paragraph 2 of the measure also state that the report shall also contain estimated catch (kgs) onboard. Annex 3 provides a list of vessels by flag and vessel type that submit entry/exit report to the Secretariat in 2015 and Annex 4 provides a summary of the estimated catch as reported in the entry and exit reports and the number of vessels submitting these reports.
7. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the measure, vessels intending to transship (either unloading or receiving) in the EHSP shall indicate this to the Commission, in the reporting format as described in paragraph 2 of this measure. The Secretariat can confirm that no EHSP-SMA entry/exit reports received by the Secretariat for 2015 and January-July 2016 included an indication that a vessel will transship in the EHSP. The Secretariat also confirms that there were no other reported incidences of any transshipment activities occurring in the EHSP in 2015 and January-July 2016.
8. During 2015, the Secretariat confirms receipt of correspondence related to three alleged incidents where a flag CCM was requested by another Member to investigate and clarify reporting related to entry and exit to the EHSP-SMA. One was an alleged infringement detected through High Seas Boarding and Inspection activity and two alleged incidents were detected through CCMs VMS analysis. For the HSBI event, the vessel did not

³ In 2015, 9 CCMs had no vessels on the RFV and consequently, CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to these 9 CCMs in the draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2015 activities. Twenty eight (28) CCMs that had vessels on the RFV in 2015 of which 7 CCMs reported in their fish/did not fish report that none of their flag vessels fished beyond their areas of national jurisdiction (see Annex 1 of WCPFC-TCC12-2016-RP06 for a summary of information relating to the fished or did not fish report). The analysis was further refined by looking at the areas fished by these vessels and whether there was any EHSP reports received by the Secretariat or received in the WCPFC VMS to determine if CMM 2010-02 was applicable.

submit exit report from the EHSP. In this incident, the flag State response confirmed that the vessel failed to submit the exit report in accordance with the timeframe articulated in the measure and subsequently, the flag CCM suspended the vessel's fishing license for one month. With regards to the two events detected through VMS analysis for non-submission of EHSP entry/exit report, the responsible flag CCM responses confirmed that the absence of the report was an oversight on the vessel master's part and the flag CCMs subsequently submitted the relevant report. There was no reported alleged infringement relating to EHSP from January-July 2016.

Live list (required under CMM 2010-02 paragraph 5)

9. The Secretariat maintains a 'live list' of all fishing vessels present in the EHSP in the secure page on the WCPFC website, as required by the measure. As reported to TCC11, in August 2015, the display of this live list has changed making it more user-friendly. Vessels detected on VMS in the EHSP are now displayed in a table as well as in a map of the EHSP in the EHSP page on the website. Vessels are also directly linked to the WCPFC RFV providing user with the ability to easily access vessel details on the RFV. A sample screen shot # shown below, CCMs can log into the EHSP secure page (<https://www.wcpfc.int/eastern-high-seas-pocket>) to view the latest data.

E-HSP Live List

The table provides a 'live list' of all fishing vessels present in the E-HSP based on near-real time VMS information, in accordance with paragraph 5 of CMM 2010-02. The map displays the most recent position provided in the live list. Position reports are received every six (6) hours and are available for the previous two days. The live list and the map provides a hyperlink to the relevant vessel record in the RFV. Please provide any comments and feedback to the email address EasternHighSeasSpecialManagementArea@wcpfc.int



Report Time (UTC) 26 Aug 2016 - 00:00 (latest) ▾

10. During July and August 2016, there was a temporary period when the 'live list' on the website was not available to CCMs, this occurred as a consequence of the VMS transition.

Joint work between the VMS service provider and our website contractor enabled necessary technical work re-established the 'live list' display on 26 August 2016.

Administrative Note

11. To assist with internal record keeping at the WCPFC Secretariat, copies of entry and exit reports that are required in accordance with paragraph 2 to be submitted the Commission, can be sent to the Secretariat to email: EasternHighSeasSpecialManagementArea@wcpfc.int

Recommendation

12. TCC12 is invited to

- note the report and discuss the activities in the EHSP-SMA.

Annex 1: Summary of CCMs responses in Annual Report Part 2

	<i>from Annual Report Part 2</i>	
	CCM answer in AR Pt 2 when asked whether CMM 2010-02 para 2 and 6 has been implemented (choice of Yes/No/N/A)	Summary of further information provided by CCM in AR Pt 2
CMM 2010-02 02 (submission of entry/exit report)	14 Yes	Some CCMs states this is fully implemented; Some provided explanations that this is implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	21 N/A	Flag vessels do not fish in the EHSP/beyond areas of national jurisdiction; no flag vessel
	1 NO	CCM state that “relevant action will be informed start from next year”
	1 outstanding AR Pt 2 report	
CMM 2010-02 06 (indication of indention to transship in the EHSP)	10Yes	Implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	26 N/A	No transshipment in EHPS; no flag vessels permitted to transship in Convention Area/high seas; no flag vessel operates in areas beyond national jurisdiction
	1 outstanding AR Pt 2 report	

Annex 2: Summary of entry and exit reports received by WCPFC with the Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS by flag for the year 2015. This table does not take into account any recent submissions and updates provided as replies to the 2016 draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2015 activities and may be subject to revision.

CCM	# of Vessels detected		ENTRY		EXIT	
	# of vessels detected on VMS	# of vessels that submitted entry/exit report	VMS Alert	Manual Report	VMS Alert	Manual Report
Cook Islands	1	-	1	-	1	-
China	32	35	48	44	49	44
Fiji	3	-	5	-	5	-
Japan	1	2	1	3	1	3
Kiribati	3	2	5	2	6	2
Korea	1	-	2	-	2	-
Panama	2	1	3	2	3	2
Chinese Taipei	28	36	73	63	70	64
Vanuatu	1	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	72	76	139	114	138	115

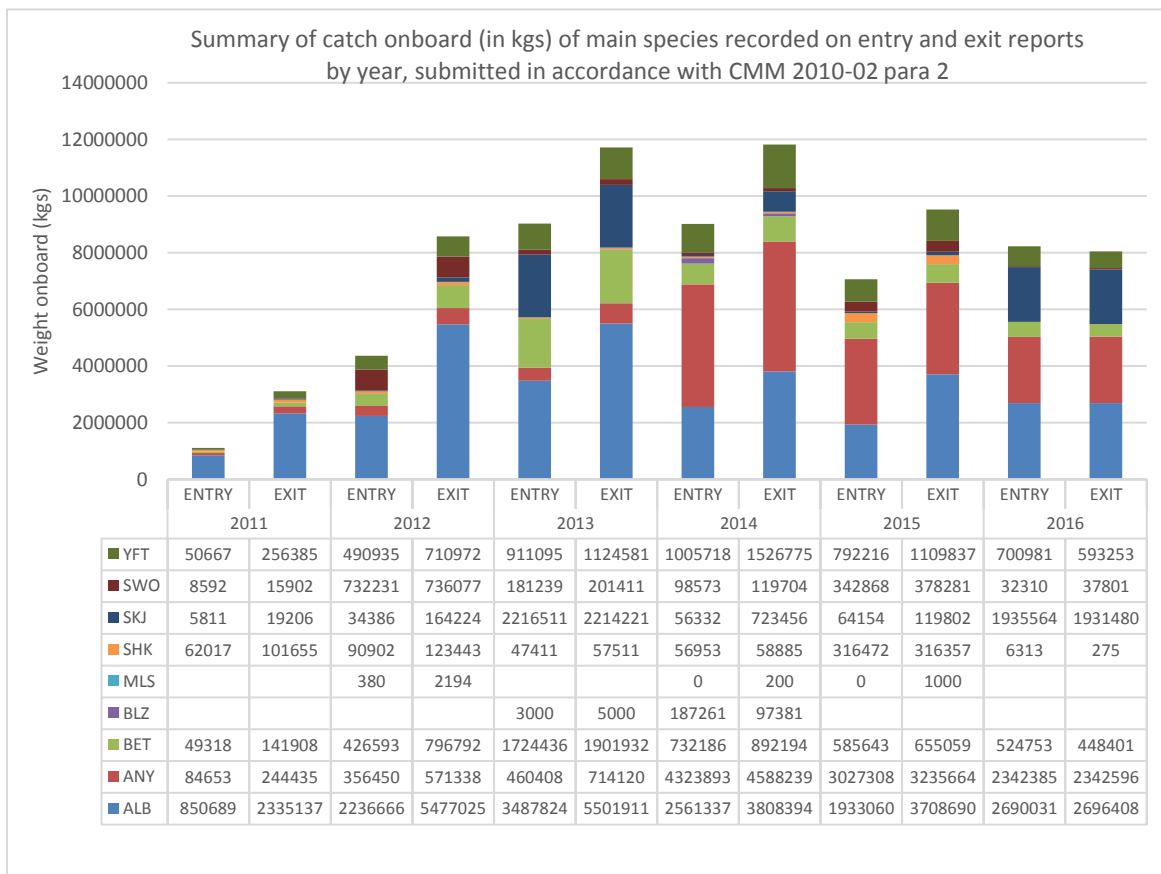
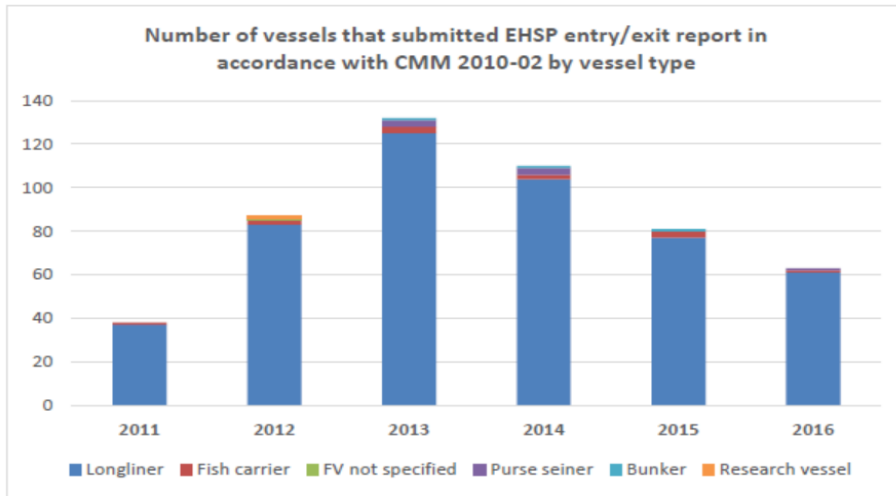
Annex 4: List of vessels that submitted reports required by CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 for 2015

CN	
Longliner	
FENG HUI 18	
FENG HUI 7	
HAI XING 615	
HAI XING 815	
HAI XING 816	
HAI XING 817	
HAI XING 818	
HONG YANG 1	
HONG YANG 3	
LU RONG YUAN YU 168	
LU RONG YUAN YU 206	
LU RONG YUAN YU 798	
LU WEI YUAN YU 188	
LU WEI YUAN YU 488	
PING TAI RONG 13	
PING TAI RONG 19	
PING TAI RONG 25	
PING TAI RONG 29	
PING TAI RONG 39	
PING TAI RONG 49	
PING TAI RONG 9	
SHEN GANG FA 718	
SHEN GANG FA 719	
SUI YUAN YU 32	
ZHONG RONG 32	
ZHONG YANG 16	
ZHONG YANG 18	
ZHONG YANG 19	
ZHONG YANG 28	
ZHONG YANG 29	
Tuna longliner	
PING TAI RONG NO.6	
RONG YUAN YU 86	
RONG YUAN YU 87	
RONG YUAN YU 88	
RONG YUAN YU 89	
JP	
Tuna longliner	
KAIGATA MARU NO.86	
	KAIGATA MARU NO.88
	KI
	FISH CARRIER
	SHIN HO CHUN NO.101
	SHIN HO CHUN NO.102
	PA
	FISH CARRIER
	SHIN HO CHUN NO. 101
	TW
	Longliner
	YI SHENG WANG NO.1
	Tuna longliner
	CHANG YI NO.868
	CHARNG SHING YUAN NO.168
	CHI FA NO.888
	CHI HONG NO.899
	CHI HSIANG NO.889
	CHI TSAI NO.988
	CHIUAN FA CHENG NO.166
	CHU HUAI NO.368
	CHU HUAI NO.628
	CHU HUAI NO.668
	CHU HUAI NO.826
	CHU HUAI NO.886
	CHU HUAI NO.888
	CHUAN HSIANG NO.368
	CHUAN HSIN NO.128
	CHUAN SHYANG NO.98
	JIN TSAI FU NO.888
	LIAN JI FA NO.212
	LIEN CHI FA NO.24
	MAAN YIH FENG NO.16
	MAAN YIH FENG NO.166
	MAAN YIH FENG NO.26
	MAAN YIH FENG NO.266
	MAN YI FENG NO.66
	ROEI YIH YU
	SEA HAWK NO.68
	SHIN JAAN SHIN
	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.101
	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.102

SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.66
YI SHENG WANG
YU LONG
YU LONG FA NO.168
YU LONG FA NO.22

YU LONG FA NO.36
YU LONG NO.10
YU LONG NO.12
YU LONG NO.18
YU LONG NO.2

Annex 3: Summary of number of vessels and catch onboard (in kgs) of main species recorded on entry and exit reports submitted in accordance with CMM 2010-02 para 2



Catch onboard (in kgs) of main species recorded on entry and exit reports by year, by submitting CCM, in accordance with CMM 2010-02 para 2

