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VIEWS ON SIDS CHECKLIST

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From FFA Member CCMs



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Dear Feleti,

SIDS Checklist

I write on behalf of the 17 members of the Forum Fisheries Agency in my capacity as the Chair of the Forum Fisheries Committee.

At WCPFC11, FFA Members tabled a SIDS Checklist that would set out SIDS' specific needs and assist in prioritising the assistance received from the Commission and developed CCMs.

It was also proposed that the SIDS checklist would be treated as a living document and updated by FFA Members as required, where such needs are met or as more specific needs are identified from the annual ever-increasing Commission obligations. It was proposed that the FFA DP could be used as a checklist at each meeting to assess which specific needs have been met.

WCPFC11 agreed to consider the checklist as a "guide to assist developed CCMs to assess the status of assistance to SIDS". FFA Members have since provided an updated SIDS Checklist.

We take this opportunity to advise that we are carefully considering this approach to the SIDS Checklist to make it a more effective and efficient tool, so that it is indeed a useful reference. Our preliminary thoughts are:

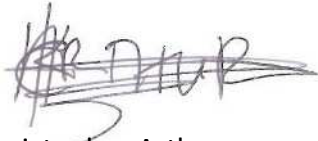
- (i) the checklist will continue to set out SIDS' needs and specifically to set out all the individual SIDS' needs that have been identified in the compliance monitoring review process;
- (ii) the SIDS Checklist would therefore be based on the capacity needs identified in the Final Compliance Monitoring Report;
- (iii) hence, the SIDS Checklist would be updated after the Final Report is adopted at the annual Commission meeting;
- (iv) we request that these are to be treated as the immediate areas for priority assistance from developed members which is the primary focus of assistance from developed Members; and

- (v) the SIDS Checklist could continue to track progress or delivery of assistance for these specific needs arising out of the CMR discussions.

We thought it would be useful to share these preliminary thoughts as we continue to refine our approach to the SIDS Checklist.

In addition, FFA Members will be considering how the CMS audit can assist in refining the approach to the SIDS Checklist.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Arthur', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Arthur

Chair

Forum Fisheries Committee