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**SUMMARY OF REPORTING RECEIVED BY WCPFC UNDER CMM 2010-05
and CMM 2015-02: SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE**

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1. CMM 2015-02 requires that CCMs not increase the number of their fishing vessels actively fishing for south Pacific albacore in the Convention Area south of 20S above 2005 levels or recent 2000-2004 levels (para 1). This limit does not apply to small Island State and Territory CCMs in the Convention Area (para 2).
2. Paragraph 4 requires that CCMs report the annual catch levels taken by each of their fishing vessels that has taken South Pacific albacore, as well as the number of vessels actively fishing for South Pacific albacore, in the Convention area south of 20°S. Catch by vessel shall be reported according to the following species groups: albacore tuna, bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, swordfish, other billfish, and sharks. Initially this information will be provided for the period 2006-2014 and then updated annually. CCMs are encouraged to provide data from periods prior to these dates.
3. Table 1 collates information with respect to reporting by CCMs to the Secretariat that was previously compiled in response to paragraphs 1 and 4 of CMM 2010-05. It is clear from Table 1 that since the implementation of the WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Scheme the reporting associated with paragraph 4 of CMM 2010-05 has improved for all fleets. Table 2 provides notes on submissions by CCMs received to date in accordance with CMM 2015-02 paragraph 4.
4. Note it is possible that some CCMs did report their information for earlier years through Annual Report Part 1, and the Secretariat would welcome any updates or assistance that CCMs can provide to assist us with completing these records.
- 5. The paper is for information, and WCPFC13 is invited to note the paper**

Table 1. Reported total catches (mt) and numbers of CCM-flagged and other vessels that have fished for South Pacific Albacore in the Convention Area South of 20°S during the period 2006 – 2015.¹ Vessel number limits and reported catches are sourced as noted

Year	Australia ²		Belize ³		Canada ⁴		China ⁵		Cook Islands ⁶		European Union ⁷		Fiji ⁸		Indonesia		French Polynesia ⁹	
	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats
2006	2430	55																
2007	1834.1	61		1				86 LL 10 PS										
2008	1085.1	54		2				199 LL 12 PS										
2009	1343.6	54		2				219 LL 12 PS										
2010	725.1	51		2				244 LL 12 PS										
2011	639.9	49		2	0			27.58 (by catch)	0				2062	74			LL= 400t Art = 998	LL (target)= 59 Artisanal fleet (bycatch): 24
2012	462	40		2	0			7790 672.5 ch	39				1066.3 427.7	62 11 Ch				
2013	547	40	13.5	1	0		5641	<70	20.92	5	0.005	6	0.600 0.222	40 9 Ch		0	281	
2014	450	36			0		6259	68	58.26	3	2.1		1.197	45		0	332	62
2015	733	37					6503	70	53.08	2	1.6		1632.5	41		0	503	42
CCM Limit		132		2		3		70		n/a				n/a				n/a

¹ The numbers and CCM limit do not take into account paragraph 5 of CMM 2010-05 or CMM 2015-02 paragraph 2. * = provisional estimate n/a = not applicable

² Nominated maximum number of vessels was first provided by Australia in Pt 2 2007, in regards to CMM 2005-02, and was re-nominated in Pt 2 2011 for CMM 2010-05. 2013-2015 figures from AR Pt 1, 2006 – 2012 provided in letter 18 July 2012.

³ Data are taken from AR Part 2 Reports. CCM limit is as set out in relevant participatory rights is based on the number that was agreed by the Commission for specific years. During 2015 Belize was not a cooperating non-member.

⁴ From Pt 1 and Pt 2 2012 – confirms that there was no directed fishery for SP ALB since 2005.

⁵ The Part 1 Report for China indicates total number of vessels by fleet type and not by area fished. Further, it notes total catch and percentage of catch by species without indication of north or south of the equator. AR Pt1 2014: reported catches and vessels for Convention Area only – 379 LL. Longline albacore catch Convention Area = 24,162 Mt More recently the limit, catches and limits have been confirmed through relevant CMR reviews.

⁶ From Pt 1 2014-2016, and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

⁷ From Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

⁸ From Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

⁹ From Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

Year	Japan ¹⁰		Korea ¹¹		New Caledonia ¹²		New Zealand ¹³		Tonga ¹⁴		Chinese Taipei ¹⁵		USA ¹⁶		Vanuatu ¹⁷	
	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats	Catch (Mt)	# boats
2006	1169 0.6	_ OfLL 1 PL DW			793	21		182			5,042	31 LTLL 26 STLL	# AS 509 U.S.	1 8		
2007	1148 0.0	_ OfLL 0 PL DW			837	23		135			4,605	19 LTLL 30 STLL	# AS 198 U.S.	2 5		
2008	909 0.0	19 OfLL 0 PL DW			1096	23	3720	166 t 23 by			1,907	17 LTLL 36 STLL	# AS 150 U.S.	1 3		
2009	1,111 0.0	19 OfLL 0 PL DW			1061	21	2216	162 t 25 by			3,372	22 LTLL 31 STLL	84 AS 237 U.S.	4 4		
2010	896 0.0	26 OfLL 0 PL DW			1396	17	2292	135 t 43 b			4,352	19 LTLL 25 STLL	# AS 307 U.S.	2 6		
2011	1,803* 0.9*	34* OfLL 2* PL DW	0		1039	19	3205	161 t 52 by	28.7	4	3,978	30 LTLL 39 STLL	# AS 402 U.S.	1 6	1584.722	25
2012	1,517.9* 1.5*	29* OfLL 2* PL DW	14		880	19	2993	170 t 55 by			2,854*	28 LTLL 29 STLL	# AS 198 U.S.	2 7		s
2013	1,564* 0*	30* OfLL 2* PL DW	0		895	17	2,848* 294*	161 t 43 by	9.64	1	5,160*	21 LTLL 52 STLL	# AS 390 U.S.	1 6	6931.22	36
2014	1,564* 0*				1211	17	2005* 251	153 t 44 by	15.1	4	3670 103 by	52	# AS 264 U.S.	0 8	4157 (3207 t)	23
2015	875* 0				992	17	2477 171	132 32	24	4	3203 61 by	45		3 6	4287.42	39
CCM Limit						n/a		270 t	n/a			81				n/a

¹⁰ OfLL = Distant Water and Offshore Longline, and PLDW = Pole and Line Distant Water. OfLL vessel numbers and catches from AR Pt1 2014-2016

¹¹ Letter to WCPFC dated 31 March 2013, and 27 Apr 2012 – provided catch figures. Advised No Korean-flagged vessel targeted Southern Albacore in 2012-2014.

¹² See WCPFC-SC7-AR/CCM-14.

¹³ The total catches (target and bycatch is provided, but vessel numbers are provided separately for target (y) and bycatch (by) vessels. Limit: Pt 2 2012: 270 vessels targeted ALB south of 20 south in 2005, ave number of vessels that fished for Albacore in 2001 - 2004 is 393 vessels. Recent figures from Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

¹⁴ From Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

¹⁵ Recent figures from Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR. Limit is number of vessels in 2001. LTLL = large tuna longline STLL = small tuna longline

¹⁶ Recent figures from Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR. Revised figures provided in letter dated May 2013 (est retained catches 2008-2012 by US vessels not targeting ALB S20 = 0). AS = American Samoa, U.S. = United States No specific CCM limit has been nominated, but an explanation has been provided in Pt 2 2010 and Pt 2 2012 about measures to ensure compliance with this provision for the two U.S. fleets that operate in the area south of 20S.

¹⁷ From Pt 1 2014-2016 and/or checked or clarified through relevant CMR.

Table 2: Notes on CCM submissions to WCPFC in response to CMM 2015-02 paragraph 4 reporting requirements

CCM	Date of receipt by WCPFC	Years	Other comments
China	30 April 2016	2006-2014	Reports annual catch per vessel with identification as “vessel 1”, “vessel 2” (catches are annual quantities of BET, YFT, ALB, SWO, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Shark, Shortfin Mako, Oceanic White tip, Thresher shark) <i>Format: MS Excel file</i>
	Rev 1 4 November 2016	2015	Reports annual catch per vessel with identification as “vessel 1”, “vessel 2” (catches are annual quantities of BET, YFT, ALB, SWO, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Shark, Shortfin Mako, Oceanic White tip, Thresher shark) <i>Format: MS Excel file</i>
Japan	31 October 2016	2006 - 2014	Reports number of vessels per year, and annual catch per vessel with identification as “A1”, “A2” (catches are annual quantities of ALB, BET, YFT, SWO, other billfish, sharks combined) <i>Format: MS Excel file</i>
United States of America	24 June 2016	2006 - 2015	Reports number of vessels by fishery (A.S. Longline and U.S. Troll) per year, and annual catch per vessel with identification by fishery (A.S. Longline and U.S. Troll) (catches are annual quantities of ALB, BET, YFT, SWO, other billfish, sharks combined) <i>Format: pdf file</i>