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Supplementary note for the TCC13 Annual Report for the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessel

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Purpose

1. The annual report for the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessel (RFV) mentioned that at TCC12, some CCMs made interventions outlining requests to the Secretariat related to RFV-related information (TCC13-2017-RP05_rev1 paragraph 14). The request was for CCMs to have access to historical information from the RFV (TCC12 Summary Report paragraph 298) and information on vessels' fish/did not fish status each year (TCC11 Summary Report paragraph 333). The Secretariat undertook to look at this request and this supplementary paper provides an update on this issue.

Update

2. The Secretariat advises that an Excel file (WCPFC-TCC13-RFVinfo) responding to the abovementioned request has been posted to the secure side on the TCC13 meeting server. The file contains two sheets: i) an export of historical RFV data contained in the Secretariats databases for the RFV as at 29 August 2017 and ii) another providing historical information reported by CCMs whether vessel fished or did not fished for a particular year, in accordance with CMM 2013-10 paragraph 9 or its earlier CMM. It should be noted that the information contained in the file is, as submitted by CCMs. CCMs may want to review the file, particularly the fish/did not fish information, for accuracy and completeness.

3. Until the process of generating this information is automated, the Secretariat believes that it can manually generate an updated file every six months.

Issues for consideration

4. The Secretariat is seeking guidance from TCC13 on:
- i. Whether the file, in full or in part should be considered in accordance with the WCPFC data access rules and procedures to be “public domain information”, noting

that in addition to the requests from WCPFC members, the Secretariat has recently received a request from a non-government stakeholder to access the information contained in this file;

- ii. Whether the file, in full or in part, should be periodically updated and made available for download from the WCPFC website or only made available upon request from the Secretariat; and
- iii. Whether CCMs would prefer to be afforded a period of time to consider and review the file before it can be made available by the Secretariat either through requests or through download from either WCPFC members or other interested stakeholders.