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This report does not include support provided by the United States to the United States Participating Territories of Guam and American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The report provided by the United States (TCC6-2010-DP17) to the 6th Technical and Compliance Committee detailed contributions to conservation and management projects in several Pacific Island Countries, with particular emphasis on bycatch issues such as sea turtle conservation, as well as in-country assistance to the region's developing observer programs. The report focused on public sector projects or activities provided by various entities of the United States Government, along with related entities, such as the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, projects or activities implemented through environmental non-governmental organizations, such as the World Wildlife Foundation, and efforts in the far west of the Convention Area under the Coral Triangle Initiative.

This report takes into account the suggestions provided in WCPFC7-2010 DP10 by FFA Members as to how CCMs should address reporting on areas of support or assistance with regard to Article 30 and Resolution 2008-01. In addition to the activities previously reported in TCC6-2010-DP17, in connection with ongoing negotiations with FFA Members the United States is engaged in discussions on the matters raised in the first two areas listed in WCPFC7-2010-DP10,. These negotiations continue in earnest and a variety of proposals that focus on both private investment and public sector institutional and capacity development are being considered.

With regard to the third area suggested by the FFA Members in WCPFC7-2010-DP10, the United States has and will continue to be involved in both theoretical and empirical analysis related to rights-based management in international HMS fisheries. United States analysts and scientists are particularly active in research related to fisheries in the eastern tropical Pacific and have recently expanded that research into the western and central Pacific. The United States is currently involved in a variety of analyses that should support rights-based management deliberations when those discussions ripen here at the Commission. Additionally, the United States supports and has participated in recent allocation studies as organized and implemented by International Seafood Sustainability Foundation, with the most recent discussions recently having occurred in Spain at the end of 2011.