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Purpose: To provide relevant information to the Commission on fishing activities of CCMs and cooperating non-CCMs, including management and compliance issues. The report should include all fishing activities for highly migratory species being undertaken within the Convention Area as required by the Convention and decisions by the Commission.

PART 1. INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

During 2018, 4 purse seiners vessels fished in the area of the WCPFC:

- Guayatuna Uno
- Guayatuna Dos
- Panama Tuna
- San Andres

The fishing zones of Ecuadorian vessels fluctuated between $00^o\,19^{'}$ N and 00o 49$^{'}$ S of Latitude, and $80^o1^{'}$W and $158^o\,40^{'}$ W of Longitude, according to the information provided by the vessels and verified by the Department of Satellite Monitoring System of the Undersecretary of Fisheries Resources.

Part 1 of the Annual Report is due one-month prior to the annual regular session of the Scientific Committee.

Part 1 of the Annual Report shall include the following, completed box at the front of the report.

Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission by 30 April 2019	[YES]
If no, please indicate the reason(s) and intended actions:	

ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION

Essential information

I	Annual catch and effort by primary species and gear in the WCPFC Convention Area	SKJ 15 721 T YFT 1 592 T BET 5 133 T TOTAL : 22 446 T

II	Number of vessels by gear type and size (fleet structure)	2018: 7 purse seiners vessels 1500+ Active 2018 : 4
III	Fishing patterns (catch by time/area)	The fishing zones of Ecuadorian vessels fluctuated between $00^o 19^´$ N and $00o 49^´$ S of Latitude, and $80^o 1^´$ W and $158^o 40^´$ W of Longitude.
IV	Estimated total catches of non-target, associated and dependent species (if available)	About 0.935 tons of non-target species: **Tones** WAH 0.142 DOL 0.069 MLS 0.05 BUM 0.427 RRU 0.037 GBA 0.01 BLM 0.2 About 73 individuals incidentally captured and discarded. No retentions were identified in compliance with CMM and National Regulations: **Number** FAL 65 RMB 1 RHN 1 LKV 1 OCS 5

Useful information

V	Ecuadorian Trends are given by buying more fishing days to the coastal countries, perhaps for 2019 will be increase the activity of the Ecuadorian fleet at WCPFC Area. No transshipments were reported during 2018.
VI	Activity in the WCPFC will be given by fishing days, if the Ecuadorian vessels buy more days the total catches will increase.
VII	Ecuadorian target is fresh fish, in order to put them at the wells and freeze them. The fish is used and sell it at foreign markets and also for local consumptions.
VIII	Ecuador has fishing facilities, which allow adequate control and monitoring of fishing vessels discharges. Also has many processing industries that allow to produce around 500.000 tons
IX	Ecuador wants to be a Member of the Commission in order to fully cooperate, and fish in high seas, to increase our participation in the Convention Area.

RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

X	Summary of observer and port sampling programs (scientific data)
XI	Research activities (tunas, other species, species of special interest, oceanographic influences, etc.)
XII	Statistical data collection systems in use (describe)
XIII	Data coverage of catch, effort and size data for all species THESE 4 ITEMS WERE SENT IN THE LOGSHEETS GIVEN BY THE VESSELS.

Annex 1. Suggested layout for PART 1 of the Annual Report to the Commission

Section	Sections in Annual Report
1*	**ABSTRACT/SUMMARY** Ecuador participate in fishing activities during 2018 with 4 purse seiners vessels, they were: - Guayatuna Uno - Guayatuna Dos - Panama Tuna - San Andres
2*	**Tabular Annual Fisheries Information** (see below) **THE LOGSHEETS OF FISHING VESSELS WITH DATA OF THE YEAR 2018 WERE SENT TO THE COMMISSION.**
3	**Background** Year by year, since 2014, the Ecuadorian fisheries authority has made efforts to improve the compliance of the CMM of the WCPFC. We ratify our commitment to fully comply with current and further CMM. Ecuador has authorized fishing periods on Kiribati jurisdictional waters, and it is necessary to cooperate as CNM to comply with CMM of WCPFC in order to ensure traceability of fishing products and its legality.
4*	**Flag State Reporting** Ecuadorian Trends are given by buying more fishing days to the coastal countries, perhaps for 2019 will be increase the activity of the Ecuadorian fleet at WCPFC Area. No transshipments were reported during 2018. Ecuadorian target is fresh fish (yellowfin, skipjack and bigeye), in order to put them at the wells and freeze them. The fish is used and sell it at foreign markets and also for local consumptions. **THE LOGSHEETS OF FISHING VESSELS WITH DATA OF THE YEAR 2018 WERE SENT TO THE COMMISSION.**
5	**Coastal State Reporting** N/A
6	**Socio-economic factors** N/A
7	**Disposal of catch** National processing and consumption. Principally exporting to EU.
8	**Onshore developments** N/A – loading at Kiribati Port. No transshipment activities are allowed.
9	**Future Prospects of the fishery** None.

10	**Status of tuna fishery data collection systems**
	    a. Logsheet data collection and verification
	        Sent
	    b. Observer programme
	        ROP, Kiribati's National Observer Program, IATTC Observer Program
	    c. Port sampling programme
	        N/A
	    d. Unloading/Transhipment
	        Authorized Ports of Kiribati. Transshipment not allowed.
	    e. Other

11	**Research activities covering target and non-target species** N/A

* Essential information