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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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Paper by Secretariat and SPC-OFP

1. This paper presents for the information of WCPFC16 a summary of reporting received by the Commission under CMM 2015-02 on South Pacific Albacore and its predecessor.
2. 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 20°S above 2005 levels or recent 2000-2004 levels (para 1). This limit does not apply to small island developing State and Territory CCMs in the Convention Area (para 2).
3. Paragraph 4 of CMM 2015-02 requires that CCMs report the annual catch levels taken by each of their fishing vessels that have 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.
4. Table 1 (below) collates information with respect to reporting by CCMs to the Secretariat and/or SPC-OFP in response to paragraphs 1 of CMM 2010-05 or paragraph 1 of CMM 2015-02, and paragraph 4 of CMM 2015-02.
5. WCPFC16 is invited to note the paper.

¹ This is an update of TCC15-2019-IP09 that reflects updates since TCC15.

Table 1: Reporting by CCMs against paragraphs 1 and 4 of CMM2015-02. (as at 10 November 2019)

| | GEAR | CMM 2015-02 Para. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CMM 2015-02 Para.1 | | NOTES |
|-------------------|------|---------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | | 2006-2014 | | 2015 | | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | # Vessels (avg. 2000-2004) | # Vessels (2005) | |
| | | Vessels | Catch | Vessels | Catch by vessel | Catch | Vessels | Catch by vessel | Catch | Vessels | Catch by vessel | Catch | Vessels | Catch by vessel | Catch | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | LL | YES | YES | 36 | YES | 585 | 34 | YES | 715 | 36 | YES | 687 | 38 | YES | 687 | | 132 | 5 |
| CHINA | LL | YES | Partial | 70 | YES | 6,504 | 76 | YES | 3,945 | 63 | YES | 6,676 | 48 | YES | 4,960 | | 70 | 2, 5, 10 |
| COOK ISLANDS | LL | YES | YES | 2 | YES | 58 | 3 | YES | 81 | 11 | YES | 232 | 8 | YES | 388 | | n/a | 4 |
| EUROPEAN UNION | LL | YES | YES | 4 | YES | 2 | 4 | YES | 0 | 3 | YES | 2 | 3 | YES | 2 | | EU - not specified | 5 |
| FIJI | LL | YES | YES | 49 | YES | 1,498 | 72 | YES | 2,572 | 65 | YES | 3,456 | 72 | YES | 3,658 | | n/a | 4 |
| FRENCH POLYNESIA | LL | YES | Partial | 42 | YES | 518 | 73 | YES | 636 | 53 | YES | 561 | 42 | YES | 275 | | n/a | 4 |
| JAPAN | LL | YES | YES | NO | NO | 851 | 2 | YES | 835 | 2 | YES | 989 | 27 | YES | 608 | | not specified | 1, 7 |
| | PL | NO | NO | NO | YES | 0 | 3 | YES | 7 | 2 | YES | 2 | 0 | YES | 0 | | not specified | 1, 7 |
| NEW CALEDONIA | LL | YES | YES | 26 | YES | 1,003 | 17 | YES | 1,527 | 16 | YES | 1,137 | 18 | YES | 1,271 | | n/a | 4 |
| NEW ZEALAND | LL | YES | YES | 34 | YES | 121 | 32 | YES | 223 | 32 | YES | 180 | 33 | YES | 193 | | 270 | 5 |
| | TR | YES | YES | 139 | YES | 2,425 | 137 | YES | 1,669 | 115 | YES | 1,952 | 147 | YES | 2,271 | | combined with L | 5 |
| NIUE | LL | YES | YES | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | n/a | 6 |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | LL | NO | NO | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | not specified | 6 |
| SOLOMON ISLANDS | LL | YES | YES | 5 | YES | 49 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | n/a | 6 |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | LL | YES | YES | YES | YES | 3,264 | 44 | YES | 4,947 | 61 | YES | 7,517 | 65 | YES | 8,089 | | 81 | 9 |
| TONGA | LL | YES | YES | 5 | YES | 31 | 4 | YES | 46 | 6 | YES | 22 | 5 | YES | 17 | | n/a | 4 |
| USA | LL | YES | YES | 3 | YES | 14 | 2 | YES | 3 | 3 | YES | 7 | 0 | YES | 7 | | not specified | 3, 5 |
| | TR | YES | YES | 7 | YES | 224 | 9 | YES | 256 | 15 | YES | 555 | 12 | YES | 460 | | not specified | 3 |
| VANUATU | LL | YES | YES | 21 | YES | 3,369 | 16 | YES | 289 | 26 | YES | 3,412 | 24 | YES | 4,337 | | n/a | 4 |

NOTES

1. Japan provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 31st October 2016. Japan provided 2018 vessels and catch in their SC15 AR Part 1 (July 2019).
2. China provided 2015 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 4th November 2016.
3. USA provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 10th June 2017. USA also provided 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 vessel catch and vessel numbers.
4. Operational data submitted to SPC (as a member country) on a regular basis since 2000 and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year.
5. Operational data submitted to WCPFC for years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year.
6. These fleets do not appear to have been active in the WCPFC Area south of 20°S for years 2015 onwards.
7. Operational data submitted to WCPFC for 2016, 2017 and 2018, and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year. Operational data provided for 2015 does not cover the area south of 20°S while there is evidence of catch.
8. Cells with 'Partial' mean that coverage of the catch by vessel data was evaluated to be < 80% but > 40%. Cells with 'NO' mean that coverage of the catch by vessel data was evaluated to be < 40%.
9. Chinese Taipei provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 31st December 2016. Chinese Taipei also provided 2015 vessel catch and vessel numbers on this date. The 2016 catch has been determined from aggregate catch/effort data provided by Chinese Taipei. The 2017 catch and vessels has been determined from operational data provided to the WCPFC by Chinese Taipei.
10. China submitted 2018 operational data to the WCPFC, although coverage is not 100%. China reported the 2018 catch south of 20°S in the SC15 AR Part 1, and provided the CMM 2015-02 para 4. report post-TCC15.