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**SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER TROPICAL TUNA CMMs
FROM 2018 TO 2019**

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Purpose

1. This paper provides for information of WCPFC16 the updated versions of tables and notes that summarize the reports made in 2018 and part of 2019 by CCMs under CMM 2017-01 and CMM 2018-01 of the *Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack*. The information in this paper is based on recent information received by the Secretariat. It should be noted that some related replies to CMR or recent reporting may not be reflected in this paper.

Updated Tables and Notes

2. The Tables and Notes in this paper may be categorized into these categories:
 - Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set management in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S: 2018 and 2019 to date (*Table 1 – 2*);
 - WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area (WCPFC9 Decision, paragraph 80) (*notes*);
 - Monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41 and CMM 2018-01 paragraph 41) (*Table 3*);
 - Summary of U.S. reporting related to paragraph 29 of CMM 2017-01 in 2018 (*notes*); and
 - Summary of Notifications by Indonesia, Philippines and Chinese Taipei of purse seine effort and/or catch of skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna within their EEZs in 2018 (*notes*)

¹ This is an update of TCC15-2019-IP07 that reflects updates since TCC15.

3. Tables 1 and 2 below relate to notification and reporting on additional FAD Set management:

Table 1: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2018 (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 2) - as at 22 November 2019

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 2 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD closure will not apply in 2018 ²	2018 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)	
		Apr-May 2018	Nov-Dec 2018
Australia			
China			YES
El Salvador		YES	
European Union		YES	
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ³	YES	
Indonesia			YES
Japan			YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs)
Kiribati	YES ⁴		YES
Republic of Korea			YES
Marshall Islands	YES ⁵		YES
Nauru		YES	
New Zealand		YES	
Papua New Guinea			YES
Philippines			
Solomon Islands		YES	
Chinese Taipei			YES
Tuvalu			YES
United States of America			YES (preliminary choice)
Vanuatu			YES

² The list of vessels included in the notification received by the Secretariat as at 30 October 2018 is contained in Circular 2018/67 dated 30 October 2018.

³ Notified of 20 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2018

⁴ Notified of 19 purse seine vessels, including 10 chartered vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Kiribati waters during July – September 2018

⁵ Notified of 10 purse seine vessels, including 2 chartered vessels, to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2018

Table 2: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2019 (CMM 2018-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 1) - as at 22 November 2019

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 1 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD closure will not apply in 2019	2019 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)	
		Apr-May 2019	Nov-Dec 2019
Australia			
China			YES
El Salvador		YES	
European Union		YES	
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ⁶		YES
Indonesia			
Japan			YES
Kiribati			YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs)
Republic of Korea			YES
Marshall Islands	YES ⁷	YES	
Nauru	YES ⁸	YES	
New Zealand		YES	
Papua New Guinea			YES
Philippines			
Solomon Islands		YES	
Chinese Taipei			YES
Tuvalu			YES
United States of America			YES
Vanuatu			YES

⁶ Notified of 23 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2019

⁷ Notified of 11 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2019

⁸ Notified of 2 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Nauru waters during July – September 2019

4. The applicable WCPFC decisions and notes on the WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area are as follow:

(a) The WCPFC9 decision on the application of measures in the part of the WCPF Convention Area that overlaps with the IATTC Convention Area says that in the case of a WCPFC member who is also an IATTC member, and who has vessels on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member shall decide and notify both organisations under which of the two Commissions those vessels shall operate when fishing in the overlap area with IATTC and WCPFC. If a CCM is a member of only one RFMO, the rules of that RFMO will apply in the overlap area between WCPFC and IATTC, even if the CCM is a cooperating non-member of the other RFMO. (see WCPFC9 Summary Report, paragraph 80)

(b) CMM 2018-01 paragraph 10 says:

Where flag CCMs choose to implement IATTC measures in the overlap area, any calculation of limits for the Convention Area (excluding the overlap area) that are done on the basis of historical catch or effort levels, shall exclude historical catch or effort within the overlap area. Notwithstanding decisions on application of catch and/or effort limits, all other provisions of this measure apply to all vessels fishing in the overlap area.

(c) The Secretariat received one update in 2014 and 2016 of WCPFC member's choice of WCPFC/IATTC measures in the Overlap Area.⁹ In accordance with the WCPFC9 decision and the relevant notifications received by WCPFC to date:

- The following three CCMs were able to apply IATTC measures in the overlap area:¹⁰
 - Ecuador – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
 - El Salvador - As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
 - European Union – in accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 2 April 2013.
- The United States of America notified that it will apply WCPFC measures in the overlap area effective from April 26 2016.

⁹ Republic of Korea had advised on 8th July 2013 of IATTC measures applying in the overlap area. However, on 22 September 2014 Korea advised (and confirmed at TCC10) that they withdraw their choice of measures applying in the overlap area.

¹⁰ This is a subset of the list of notifications received for the overlap area, for a complete list CCMs can access the list on WCPFC Secure CCM side: <https://www.wcpfc.int/overlap-area-iattc>

5. Table 3 provides the summary of monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41 and CMM 2018-01 paragraph 41):

Table 3: Summary of CCM reporting of bigeye longline catch by WCPFC in accordance with CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41 and CMM 2018-01 paragraph 41 - as at 22 November 2019 (Note: some CCMs replies to dCMR or most recent reporting to WCPFC may not be reflected below)

FLAG CCMs	2018			2019		
	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹¹	Reporting Period	% of limit	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹¹	Reporting Period	% of limit
China	8695 / 8724	1 Jan – 31Dec	99.7%	6289 / 8724	1 Jan – 30 Sept	72.1%
Indonesia	4033 / 5,889	1 Jan – 31Dec	68.5%	3 / 5,889	1 Jan – 31 Mar	< 1 %
Japan	11607 / 17765	1 Jan – 31Dec	65.3%	7840 / 17765	1 Jan – 30 Sept	44.1%
Republic of Korea	13795 / 13942	1 Jan – 31Dec	98.9%	11257 / 13942	1 Jan – 30 Sept	80.7%
Chinese Taipei	8807 / 10481	1 Jan – 31Dec	84.0%	6623 / 10481	1 Jan – 30 Sept	63.2%
United States of America	3491 / 3554	1 Jan – 31Dec	98.2%	3340 / 3554	1 Jan – 31 July	94.0%

6. The United States has provided four quarterly reports to date, in respect of the utilization of its EEZ limit during 2018 (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 29). The U.S. has notified that the U.S. EEZ limit was not reached by October 1, 2018, so no further changes were authorized.
7. The following notifications were received during 2018 related to notification of EEZ limits for purse seine effort and/or catch of skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 25).
- Philippines – 150 purse seine vessels
 - Chinese Taipei – 59 days (~34 purse seine vessels)

The Republic of Korea has also clarified that CMM 2017-01 paragraph 25 and CMM 2018-01 paragraph 25 does not apply to Korea.

Recommendation

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| 8. WCPFC16 is invited to note this paper. |
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¹¹ CMM 2017-01 Attachment 1 Table 3: In 2018, Japan will make a one-off transfer of 500 metric tonnes of its bigeye tuna catch limit to China
 CMM 2018-01 Attachment 1 Table 3: Japan will make an annual one-off transfer of 500 metric tonnes of its bigeye tuna catch limit to China