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**LETTER TO WCPFC ON SKIPJACK TUNA HARVEST STRATEGIES**

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**Submitted by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)**

**Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission**  
**17th Regular Session of the Commission,**  
**7th December 2020**

**Dear Japanese Delegates and Ms. Jung-re Riley Kim WCPFC chair**

We, the undersigned eight organizations of Japan which support sustainable production and consumption of skipjack tuna, request that the annual session of the WCPFC starting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to implement Harvest Strategies in accordance with precautional principle for sustainable use and conservation of skipjack tuna stock.

Despite the stock of skipjack tuna having fallen to their lowest levels in history, fishing pressure is increasing. Unless this situation is addressed, not only the global skipjack tuna industries but healthy ocean ecosystem will be at risk.

In order to resolve the above situation, we request that WCPFC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) to develop and implement a precautionary harvest strategy approach that includes limit & target reference points, harvest control rules and other elements for skipjack tuna in the area covered by WCPFC .

Skipjack tuna is one of the world's most harvested fish species, and Western Central Pacific Ocean is the largest fishery ground for it in the world. Adaptation of CMMs requested above will lead also promotion of the sustainable fisheries of the world. We expect the WCPFC will make responsible decisions, as achieving the above at the WCPFC can also encourage sustainable fisheries management in the world.

Japan is one of the world's leading fishing and consuming countries for skipjack tuna. In order to implement a precautionary harvest strategy approach, we expect the Japanese delegations will take a leadership role in the WCPFC.

Sincerely,

## Requested companies and organizations

- AEON Co., Ltd.
- ISHIHARA MARINE PRODUCTS. Co., Ltd.
- JAPANESE CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION
- KIJIMA Co., Ltd.
- MEIHOGYOGYO Co., Ltd.
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd.
- WWF Japan



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