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PART 1: INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

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**The Commission for the Conservation and Management of
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

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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
(Summary information for the previous year, complementary to data submitted¹)

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 2021	[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	<p>2018 – purse seiners</p> <p>SKJ 15 721 t YFT 1 592 t BET 5 133 t</p> <p>TOTAL: 22 446 t</p> <p>2019 – purse seiners</p> <p>SKJ 17 319 t YFT 2 094 BET 5 519</p> <p>TOTAL: 24 932</p> <p>2020 – purse seiners</p> <p>SKJ 8 988 t YFT 1 045 t BET 4 122 t</p> <p>TOTAL: 14 155 t</p>
II	Number of vessels by gear type and size (fleet structure)	<p>2018: 7 purse seiners vessels 1500+ (5 active)</p> <p>2019 : 7 purse seiners vessels 1500+ (5 active)</p> <p>2020 : 7 purse seiners vessels 1500+ (4 active)</p>
III	Fishing patterns (catch by time/area)	The fishing zones of Ecuadorian vessels fluctuated between 00o 19' N and 00o 49' S of Latitude, and 80o 1' W and 158o 40' W of Longitude.

IV	Estimated total catches of non-target, associated and dependent species (if available)	<p>2019: About 0.935 tons of non-target species and 642 individuals (released)</p> <p>2020: About 2.525 tons of non-target species:</p> <p>Tons BLM 1.540 t RRU 0.020 t WAH 0.435 t BIL 0.050 t BUM 0.300 t DOX 0.180 t</p> <p>Individuals The individuals incidentally captured were discarded. No retentions were identified in compliance with CMM and National Regulations:</p> <p>FAL 344 (46 alive) DKK 1 (alive) RZV 2 (alive) RHN 1 (alive) SPN 1 (alive) OCS 4 (alive)</p>
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¹ Catch/effort and scientific data in un-aggregated form supplied separately to the Commission in accordance with Scientific Data to be provided to the Commission.