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Purpose

1. This paper provides the annual summary report on activities in the EHSP Special Management Area (EHSP-SMA) based on data held by the Secretariat.¹
2. The EHSP-SMA is the area of high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north.

Review of available data relevant to CMM 2016-02

Vessel Sightings

3. Paragraph 2 of CMM 2016-02 encourages vessels to report sightings of any fishing vessel within the EHSP-SMA to the WCPFC Secretariat. During the reporting period, the Secretariat did not receive any sighting reports from flag CCMs.²

VMS

4. **Figures 1 a. and b.** below summarise the number of vessels by gear type and by flag respectively, that reported entry/exit alerts for the EHSP through the WCPFC VMS for each month of 2020 to July 2021. These figures indicate the primary activity in this pocket is longline fishing mainly focused between February to October in 2020 with a marked reduction in activity in December and January. This looks to be a similar trend in 2021 although there were fewer vessels during these months (for January – July 2021). By comparison, in 2019 the primary period for fishing was March to October with more vessels than in 2020 and 2021. **Annex 1** summarises the numbers of Entry and Exit Alerts generated by the Commission VMS for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

¹ The management and reporting arrangements for the EHSP were established through CMM 2010-02 entitled *Conservation and Management Measures for the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area* which was updated by CMM 2016-02 which came into effect from 7 February 2017.

² To assist with internal record keeping at the WCPFC Secretariat, copies of vessel sighting reports required in accordance with paragraph 2 of CMM 2016-02 are to be submitted the Commission and can be sent to the Secretariat by email: EasternHighSeasSpecialManagementArea@wcpfc.int

Figure 1 a: Number of vessels by Type and Month in EHSP-SMA by month for 2020 and between Jan and July 2021

Vessel Type	2020												2021						
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
BUNKER	1				1		1	2	2				1			1	1	1	2
FISH CARRIER			1					1	1	1	1		3						
Longliner	1	5	11	2		5	4	4	1				3	8			3	3	1
Pole and line				1								1							
Tuna longliner	2	7	5	22	20	19	26	15	10	15	7			8	15		14	14	8
Tuna purse seiner									1			2	1			9			
	4	15	17	25	21	24	31	22	15	16	8	3	8	16	15	10	18	18	11

Figure 1 b: Number of Vessels by CCM in EHSP-SMA for 2020 and between Jan-July 2021

Flag	2020												2021						
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
China	1	5	11	4		5	3	4	3	3			3	8			3	3	1
Cook Islands	1						1						1					1	1
European Union - Netherlands													1						
Nauru												1							
Panama					1			3	2							1	1		1
Chinese Taipei	2	7	6	20	20	19	27	15	9	13	7			8	15	9	14	14	8
USA				1					1			2	1			1			
	4	12	17	26	21	24	31	22	15	16	7	3	6	16	15	11	18	18	11

5. **Annex 2** lists the 127 vessels (**112 longliners, 4 purse seiners, 1 pole and line, 5 carriers and 5 bunkers**) flagged to 6 CCMs (China, Cook Islands, European Union - Netherlands, Nauru, Panama, Chinese Taipei, and United States) that were reporting to the WCPFC VMS from the EHSP during 1 January 2020 – 31 July 2021.

Live List

6. The Secretariat maintains a ‘live list’ of all fishing vessels in the EHSP in the secure page on the WCPFC website³. Vessels detected on VMS in the EHSP are displayed in a table as well as in a map of the EHSP in the EHSP page on the website. Vessels in the list are also directly linked to the WCPFC RFV, providing users with the ability to easily access vessel details. A sample screen shot of the ‘live list’ is shown in **Figure 2** below. CCMs can log into the EHSP secure page to view the latest data (<https://www.wcpfc.int/eastern-high-seas-pocket>).

Figure 2:



Transshipment

7. During the reporting period, there was no reported transshipment in the EHSP. CMM 2016-02 prohibited all transshipment activities in the EHSP from 1 January 2019.

Compliance

8. During the reporting period, there were no findings of alleged infringement by vessels occurring in the EHSP-SMA from high seas boarding and inspection activities or aerial surveillance activities that were reported to the Secretariat.

Review of CMM 2010-02 implementation by applicable CCMs under the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS)

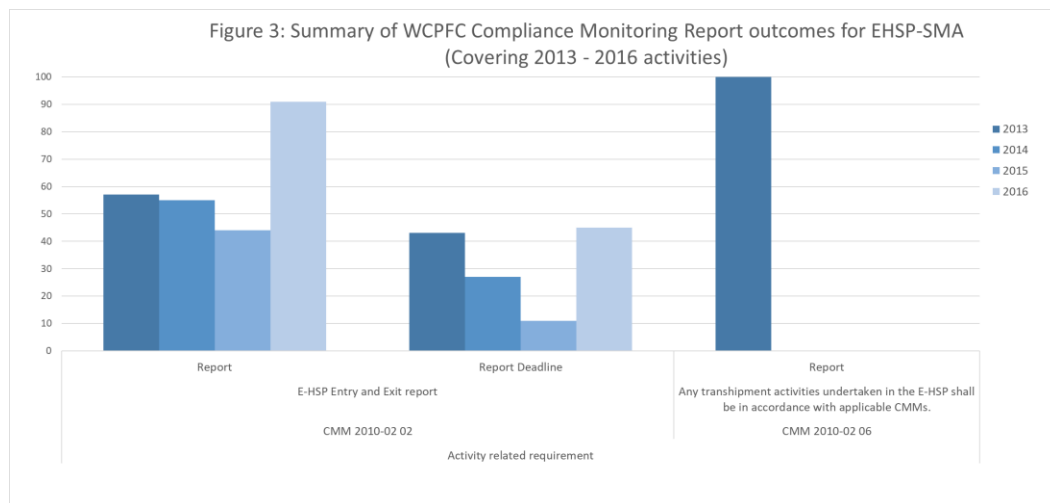
9. **Figure 3** below provides an overview of the result of the evaluation of CMM 2010-02 under the CMS over the years. CMM 2010-02 was evaluated annually between 2013 (for Reporting Year 2012) and 2016 (for Reporting Year 2015).

³ CMM 2016-02 paragraph 5

10. **Figure 3** shows that during the period 2013 - 2016 there were ongoing implementation issues faced by applicable CCMs in meeting the required entry and exit manual reports under CMM 2010-02 when vessels entered and exited the EHSP-SMA. However, over time there was improvement in the levels of implementation.

11. It should be noted that CMM 2016-02 that applied since RY2017 no longer requires that flag CCMs ensure that their vessels submit entry/exit reports to the Commission at least 6 hours prior to entry/exit into the EHSP and this CMM not evaluated in those years.

12. CMM 2016-02 was not evaluated through the CMS in RY2017, RY2018 or RY 2019. For RY2020, CMM 2016-02 06 has been included in the list of obligations to be reviewed through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2021.



13. While **Figure 3** above provide an overview of the result of the evaluation of the EHSP CMM over the years, **Annex 3** provides a closer look at each obligation/paragraph related to the EHSP that were assessed and how CCMs have performed under the CMS for the years reporting was required.

Recommendation

14. TCC17 is invited to note the report and discuss the activities in the EHSP-SMA.

Annex 1a: Summary of Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS by flag from 1 January 2020 – 31 July 2021.

CCM	# of Vessels detected		
	# of vessels detected on VMS	# Entry Alert	# Exit Alert
China	46 (1 carriers, 45 LL)	57	57
Cook Islands	2 bunkers	6	6
European Union - Netherlands	1 Carrier	1	1
Nauru	1 Tuna Purse Seiner	1	1
Panama	6 (3 bunkers, 3 carrier)	10	10
Chinese Taipei	67 Longliners	147	148
United States	3 PS, 1 PL	5	5
TOTAL	130	227	228

Annex 1b: Summary of Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS by flag from 1 January 2019 – 31 July 2020.

CCM	# of Vessels detected		
	# of vessels detected on VMS	# Entry Alert	# Exit Alert
China	41 (2 carriers, 39 LL)	65	65
Cook Islands	4 bunkers	4	4
Fiji	1 LL	2	2
Liberia	1 carrier	1	1
Panama	8 (3 bunkers, 5 carrier)	6	6
Chinese Taipei	67 (1 carrier, 66 LL)	134	114
United States	2 PS, 1 PL	3	3
Vanuatu	6 (1 bunker, 5 LL)	7	7
TOTAL	130	222	202

Annex 2: List of 127 vessels (112 LL, 4 PS, 1 PL, 5 carriers & 5 bunkers) reporting to WCPFC VMS from the EHSP during 1 January 2020 – 31 July 2021

Flag	VID	Name	Callsign	Vessel Type
China (46 vessels)				
Flag	VID	Name	Callsign	Vessel Type
CHN	11705	ZHOU YUAN YU 2608	BZUR6	Longliner
CHN	10117	HUA NAN YU 718	BZXD26	Longliner
CHN	10706	HUA NAN YU 739	BZXD38	Longliner
CHN	10884	SHEN LIAN CHENG 884	BZXD95	Longliner
CHN	11112	XIN SHI JI 208	BZV8M	Longliner
CHN	11703	ZHOU YUAN YU 2606	BZUR4	Longliner
CHN	10404	ZHONG YANG 18	BZXD73	Longliner
CHN	10405	ZHONG YANG 19	BZXD74	Longliner

Flag	VID	Name	Callsign	Vessel Type
CHN	10407	ZHONG YANG 28	BZXD76	Longliner
CHN	11111	XIN SHI JI 207	BZV7M	Longliner
CHN	11612	PING TAI RONG LENG 1	BZW8K	FISH CARRIER
CHN	11700	ZHOU YUAN YU 2601	BZUQ9	Longliner
CHN	11701	ZHOU YUAN YU 2602	BZUR2	Longliner
CHN	11702	ZHOU YUAN YU 2605	BZUR3	Longliner
CHN	11704	ZHOU YUAN YU 2607	BZUR5	Longliner
CHN	10703	PING TAI RONG 318	BZW9O	Tuna longliner
CHN	10984	XIN SHI JI 216	BZ3VY	Longliner
CHN	11224	PING TAI RONG 79	BZU8P	Longliner
CHN	11756	PING TAI RONG 316	BZW8O	Tuna longliner
CHN	5942	ZHOU YUAN YU 202	BZ7UM	Tuna longliner
CHN	11892	YUANYOU 518	BZU6Q	Longliner
CHN	10149	PING TAI RONG 19	BZ2VT	Longliner
CHN	10150	PING TAI RONG 25	BZ3VT	Longliner
CHN	11891	YUANYOU 516	BZU5Q	Longliner
CHN	9925	PING TAI RONG 39	BZ8VE	Longliner
CHN	10403	ZHONG YANG 16	BZXD72	Longliner
CHN	10408	ZHONG YANG 29	BZXD77	Longliner
CHN	11306	HUYU 929	BZV9T	Longliner
CHN	4875	HAI SHANG 38	BIWJ	Tuna longliner
CHN	9875	HUA NAN YU 712	BZXD23	Longliner
CHN	63	SUI YUAN YU 28	BZWA28	Longliner
CHN	9874	HUA NAN YU 711	BZXD22	Longliner
CHN	11996	SUI YUAN YU 40	BZWA28	Longliner
CHN	10121	GUI YUAN YU 60006	BZWZ36	Longliner
CHN	10292	XIN SHI JI 201	BZ1VS	Longliner
CHN	10293	XIN SHI JI 202	BZ2VS	Longliner
CHN	10294	XIN SHI JI 203	BZ3VS	Longliner
CHN	10295	XIN SHI JI 205	BZ4VS	Longliner
CHN	10296	XIN SHI JI 206	BZ5VS	Longliner
CHN	11752	SUI YUAN YU 36	BZXE9	Longliner
Cook Islands (2 vessels)				
COK	10606	HAI SOON 61	E5U3321	BUNKER
COK	11819	PROGRESS 10	ESU3586	Bunker
European Union - Netherlands (1 vessel)				
NLD	11218	COOL EXPRESO	PDKK	FISH CARRIER
Nauru (1 vessel)				
NRU	8833	OCEAN EXPEDITION	C2BP2	TUNA PURSE SEINER
Panama (6 vessels)				
PAN	4054	SHIN HO CHUN NO. 101	3FRF9	FISH CARRIER
PAN	5023	SHIN HO CHUN NO. 102	3FEQ5	FISH CARRIER

Flag	VID	Name	Callsign	Vessel Type
PAN	9440	FUTAGMI	3FCH7	FISH CARRIER
PAN	9822	ANGEL 101	HOMW	BUNKER
PAN	9862	ANGEL 102	3FAU5	BUNKER
PAN	11619	ANGEL 201	3FCT	BUNKER
Chinese Taipei (67 vessels)				
TWN	9688	MAAN YIH FENG NO.366	BG3681	Tuna longliner
TWN	11560	LIAN SHENG NO.369	BH3457	Tuna longliner
TWN	3333	YU LONG NO.12	BJ3721	Tuna longliner
TWN	3838	YU LONG NO.10	BJ4806	Tuna longliner
TWN	5337	YU LONG FA NO.22	BJ4878	Tuna longliner
TWN	5363	CHUAN FA SHIAN NO.88	BJ4910	Tuna longliner
TWN	5380	YU LONG FA NO.168	BJ4830	Tuna longliner
TWN	9703	MAAN YU FENG NO.3	BJ5009	Tuna longliner
TWN	3701	YOU SHENG NO.68	BJ4586	Tuna longliner
TWN	8806	LIAN JI FA NO.212	BJ4974	Tuna longliner
TWN	11419	CHI WIN NO.1688	BH3471	Longliner
TWN	3043	MAN FU TSAI NO.9	BJ2058	Tuna longliner
TWN	3489	SHENG JI CYUN NO.3	BJ4240	Tuna longliner
TWN	3663	MAN FU TSAI NO.11	BJ4510	Tuna longliner
TWN	3706	CHU HUAI NO.368	BJ4592	Tuna longliner
TWN	3799	YU FENG NO.128	BJ4752	Tuna longliner
TWN	3831	CHU HUAI NO.886	BJ4798	Tuna longliner
TWN	3849	SHIN JAAN SHIN	BJ4817	Tuna longliner
TWN	3870	CHUAN HSIANG NO.866	BJ4842	Tuna longliner
TWN	3872	CHUAN SHYANG NO.98	BJ4844	Tuna longliner
TWN	5212	JIN HSIANG MAN	BJ4912	Tuna longliner
TWN	5338	YU LONG NO.2	BJ4874	Tuna longliner
TWN	5400	MAAN YIH FENG NO.266	BJ4925	Tuna longliner
TWN	8801	SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.66	BJ4960	Tuna longliner
TWN	8807	CHU HUAI NO.628	BJ4953	Tuna longliner
TWN	8889	CHU HUAI NO.888	BJ4988	Tuna longliner
TWN	3717	LI HUNG NO.868	BJ4612	Tuna longliner
TWN	3798	YI RONG NO.16	BJ4751	Tuna longliner
TWN	3846	CHUAN HSIANG NO.368	BJ4814	Tuna longliner
TWN	3871	LI HUNG NO.666	BJ4843	Tuna longliner
TWN	8820	CHUAN HSIN NO.128	BJ4969	Tuna longliner
TWN	3553	SHUN RONG NO.8	BJ4665	Tuna longliner
TWN	3564	CHAO YI NO.188	BJ4683	Tuna longliner
TWN	4544	JIN HUNG MAN	BJ4973	Tuna longliner
TWN	4607	MAN YING CAI NO.6	BJ5013	Tuna longliner
TWN	5335	SHENG I TSAI NO.268	BJ4885	Tuna longliner
TWN	5358	SHENG I TSAI NO.368	BJ4889	Tuna longliner

Flag	VID	Name	Callsign	Vessel Type
TWN	9743	CHING CHENG FU NO.66	BJ5032	Longliner
TWN	9888	YU FENG NO.513	BG3695	Tuna longliner
TWN	3548	DAR LONG CHENG NO.2	BJ4659	Tuna longliner
TWN	3696	FU LIEN TSAI	BJ4576	Tuna longliner
TWN	3780	MAAN YIH FENG NO.26	BJ4719	Tuna longliner
TWN	3862	SHENG I TSAI NO.168	BJ4831	Tuna longliner
TWN	8796	CHIUAN FA CHENG NO.166	BJ4620	Tuna longliner
TWN	9975	CHANG YI NO.368	BG3706	Tuna longliner
TWN	10048	FWU MAAN NO.88	BJ5064	Tuna longliner
TWN	10452	LIAN SHENG NO.168	BJ5099	Tuna longliner
TWN	11317	DE CHAN NO.44	BJ5128	Tuna longliner
TWN	8896	CHAO FA NO.6	BJ4991	Tuna longliner
TWN	11840	HUNG WEN NO.322	BH3518	Tuna longliner
TWN	3496	TENN FA LI NO.8	BJ4277	Tuna longliner
TWN	3721	SHIN JYI WANG NO.6	BJ4616	Tuna longliner
TWN	10776	HUANG FU	BI2473	Tuna longliner
TWN	3680	YU LONG NO.18	BJ4536	Tuna longliner
TWN	10591	CHI HSIANG NO.889	BH3417	Tuna longliner
TWN	3837	SHEN LONG YU NO.31	BJ4805	Tuna longliner
TWN	3940	SHANG SHUN NO.112	BI2375	Tuna longliner
TWN	3997	SHANG SHUN NO.622	BI2541	Tuna longliner
TWN	5406	YU LONG FA NO.36	BJ4931	Tuna longliner
TWN	11958	CHIEN YUAN MING	BG3778	Tuna longliner
TWN	3697	LI CHENG NO.28	BJ4581	Tuna longliner
TWN	5219	YOU FU	BJ4947	Tuna longliner
TWN	4462	SHUN WUN FA NO.168	BJ5008	Tuna longliner
TWN	4482	SHENQ BAO FA NO.168	BG3785	Tuna longliner
TWN	4738	SHUN WUN FA	BJ5006	Tuna longliner
TWN	5408	MAAN YIH FENG NO.166	BJ4928	Tuna longliner
TWN	3692	YU FENG NO.13	BG3796	Tuna longliner
United States of America (4 vessels)				
USA	10132	SHIRLEY B	WDG2136	Pole and line
USA	4386	WESTERN PACIFIC	WDD5296	Tuna purse seiner
USA	8949	DANIELLE LYNN	WDK7606	Tuna purse seiner
USA	10317	CAPT VINCENT GANN	WDJ6149	Tuna purse seiner

Annex 3: Result of the assessment of the EHSP CMM (2010-02) under the CMS over the years

