

Draft outline of components to be considered in development of a Conservation and Management Measure for the WCPFC VMS

(The bullet points below are a non-exhaustive list of possible components of a measure on the WCPFC VMS and are put forward as a basis for discussion.)

Preamble paragraphs referring to:

- Requirements of Article 24(8) of the Convention
- Note importance of VMS as a tool to support of principles and measures for conservation and management of HMS within the Convention Area
- Key principles that underpin the VMS including:
 - Confidentiality
 - Security
 - Efficiency
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Flexibility

Possible components of a measure:

Definition of Terms

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Scope of Measure

- High seas
- National waters (optional)

Implementation

- Criteria for vessels to be covered and timeline for phased implementation
- Possibility of periodic review (after 3 years?)
- Application of VMS in areas of special circumstance¹

Structure of VMS system

- Outline of Option C as agreed by TCC2
- Criteria for vessels to be covered by the WCPFC VMS

Standards for VMS system

¹ Refer to para. 56 of the Comm2 Summary Record

- ALC standards and specifications
 - WCPFC adopts the ALC standards attached in Annex 1 (as agreed at TCC2)
- Data format standards for transfer of data from vessels to WCPFC VMS
- Security standards for the management of WCPFC VMS data including:
 - Data held by WCPFC
 - Data forwarded by FFA
 - Data held by CCMs

(With reference to the WCPFC Information Security Policy)

Rules and procedures

- Reporting procedures for vessels reporting to the WCPFC VMS
- Rules and procedures for access to and use of WCPFC VMS data
- Procedures to be followed in case of ALC or other system failure
- Procedures to ensure compatibility between the FFA VMS and the WCPFC VMS.
- Procedures for cost recovery
- Define obligations of vessels, CCMs, FFA and Secretariat

Specific consideration will need to be given to:

- The role of CCMs
- The role of the Commission
- The role of the WCPFC Secretariat
- The role of the FFA (with respect to the operation of the WCPFC VMS).