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Update

1. This paper provides an update on initial work to consider the focus for a review of CMM 2017-02 Conservation and Management Measure Minimum Standards for Port State Measures.
2. [TCC20](#) has recommended a review of CMM 2017-02 to WCPFC21 (below).

TCC20 Outcomes	3. TCC20 recognised the strong support from CCMs to review the port state measures CMM and welcomed the initiative of Fiji to lead intersessional work prior to WCPFC21 on Port State Measures and to report to WCPFC21 on progress made and the further work required. <i>(ref: TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 60)</i>
	4. TCC20 recommended to the Commission that a review of <u>CMM 2017-02</u> (Port State Minimum Standards) be undertaken in 2025. <i>(ref: TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 61)</i>
	5. TCC20 requested Fiji as Lead of intersessional work on Port State Measures to include the linkage between <u>CMM 2017-02</u> (Port State Measures) and the MCS Data Rules in work on the review of the Port State Measures CMM, including with respect to the potential for CNM access to MCS data. <i>(ref: TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 63)</i>

6. Fiji welcomes the opportunity to lead this proposed intersessional work. Accordingly, since TCC20, Fiji has initiated engagement with CCMs and other interest parties to gather feedback and experiences as the basis for preparing a workplan for 2025. (See attached [Circular 2024/73](#)).



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TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS

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Subject: Progressing TCC20 Outcomes and the Review of CMM 2017-02 Relating to Port State Minimum Standards

Dear All,

The attached letter from Fiji initiates progress on [TCC20 outcomes](#) relating to a review of [CMM 2017-02 Conservation and Management Measure Port State Minimum Standards](#). There was broad support from CCMs for conducting this review during the 2025 intersessional period, with Fiji assuming a leadership role. An update on the progress and plans for this review is scheduled for discussion at WCPFC21.

Fiji is requesting feedback on the scope and priorities of the review, as well as insights into the experiences of CCMs in implementing port state measures. These contributions will help identify key areas for inclusion in a potential workplan.

Feedback should be submitted to Fiji's representative, Mr. Meli Raicebe (raicebe.meli@gmail.com), with a copy to the WCPFC Deputy Compliance Manager, Eidre Sharp (eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int).

Sincerely,

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14th October 2024.

Dear Executive Director,

RE: TCC OUTCOMES ON THE REVIEW OF CMM 2017-02 (PORT STATES MINIMUM STANDARDS)

Bula Vinaka and a very warm greeting to you and the staff at the WCPFC Secretariat.

First, allow me to congratulate the Secretariat for the successful execution of Technical Compliance Committee Meeting 20. I am confident to say that we have come a long way and have witnessed exceptional progress over the years which have been boosted by your leadership and the Secretariats willingness to address the needs of members. A big vinaka vakalevu!

Executive Director, I write to formalise the consultation process as part of the agreed outcomes of TCC 20 on the review of CMM 2017-02 Port States Minimum Standards. Noting Fiji's proposed leadership, I am writing to commence intersessional work prior to WCPFC21 on Port State Measures.

For Fiji, there are a few underlying reasons that form the platform of our interest in progressing this work. These reasons include,

- a. Noting that the review of the measure was to commence in 2019/2020 period but have not progressed,
- b. Recognising the important role ports and ports states play in addressing IUU, catch certification and responsibility of flag states.
- c. Acknowledging the substantial gaps that exist between the UN FAO Port States Measures and the current WCPFC measure that raises concerns on minimum standards implemented in the WCPO region,
- d. Ensuring that the region continues to show that robust measures are developed and reviewed to meet global fisheries management and market standards.

In this regard, please be advised that I was also able to undertake some informal consultations in the margins of TCC20 and appreciated the support and views that have been shared with me thus far. I look forward to continued dialogue and suggestions in the lead up to WCPFC 21.

Additionally, noting that there is an opportunity for an update on the work at WCPFC21, under Agenda Item 7, I would like to request views from CCMs and other interested parties, on the scope and the priorities for a review of CMM 2017-02 (Port State Minimum Standards) to be undertaken in 2025.

I am particularly interested to hear views from CCMs on their experiences in implementing Port State Measures in the context of CMM 2017-02, and whether there are examples that can be shared on gaps or where further clarification in CMM 2017-02 would be useful. Examples might include mechanisms to support implementation, flexibility, data sharing, regional cooperation and capacity building.

As per past practices, I kindly seek that written feedback and views are provided to me with cc to WCPFC Deputy Compliance Manager, Eidre Sharp (eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int) by 1 November. This will enable me to develop a draft work plan for the review of CMM 2017-02 which can be further discussed during WCPFC21.

For further reference, please feel free to contact me on email: raicebe.meli@gmail.com or on my official whatsapp number +679 9928236.

I look forward to the Secretariats assistance in facilitating the circulation of this correspondence to CCMs and interested parties.

Sincerely,



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