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Proposed Amendment to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-05

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Submitted by the TCC Chair

Purpose

1. The paper proposes an amendment to Annex 2 of [CMM 2024-05](#) Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks, for consideration by WCPFC22.

Background

2. TCC21 made the following recommendation to WCPFC22:

458. Pending receipt of a complete CMM 2013-06 assessment, TCC21 recommended that WCPFC22 consider the following addition to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-05 to support CCMs in determining the effectiveness of the alternative measures set out in paragraph 9: "CCMs describe any instances of non-compliance observed with respect to paragraphs 7, 8 and 9; and describe the quantity of sharks caught where the CCM applied the alternative measures and the total quantity of sharks taken."

3. The attached paper provides the amended Annex 2 with tracked changes in Attachment 1 and the associated [CMM 2013-06](#) assessment in Attachment 2.

Recommendation

4. WCPFC is invited to adopt the proposed amendment to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-05, taking into consideration the information in the CMM 2013-06 assessment.

Annex 2: Template for reporting implementation of this CMM

Each CCM shall include the following information in Part 2 of its annual report:

1. Description of alternative measures in para 5, if applicable
2. Results of their assessment of the need for a National Plan of Action and/or the status of their national Plans of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks, as appropriate
3. Details of National Plan of Action, as appropriate, for implementation of IPOA Sharks in para 6 that includes:
 - (1) details of NPOA objectives; and
 - (2) species and fleet covered by NPOA as well as catches thereby
 - (3) measures to minimize waste and discards from shark catches and encourage the live release of incidental catches of sharks;
 - (4) work plan and a review process for NPOA implementation

4. Description of any non-compliance observed with respect to paras 7, 8 and 9.

4.5. With respect to para 9:

- (1) Whether sharks or shark parts are retained on board their flag vessels, and if so, how they are handled and stored
- (2) In case that CCMs retain sharks and choose to apply a requirement for fins to be naturally attached to carcasses
 - Their monitoring and enforcement systems relating to this requirement
- (3) In case that CCMs retain sharks and choose to apply measures other than a requirement for fins to be naturally attached to carcasses
 - Their monitoring and enforcement systems relating to this requirement
 - A detailed explanation of why the fleet has adopted its fin-handling practice;

(4) Describe the quantity of sharks caught where the CCM applied the alternative measures and the total quantity of sharks taken.

5.6. The management plan in para 19 that includes:

- (1) specific authorizations to fish such as a license and a TAC or other measure to limit the catch of shark to acceptable levels;
- (2) measures to avoid or reduce catch and maximize live release of species whose retention is prohibited by the Commission;

6.7. A report on sampling programs for oceanic whitetip sharks and silky shark as a CCM project as referred to in para 24 (4)

~~7.8.~~ Estimated number of releases of oceanic whitetip shark and silky shark caught in the Convention Area, including the status upon release (dead or alive), through data collected from observer programs and other means.

~~8.9.~~ Description of compatible measures as referred to in para 25 (4)

~~9.10.~~ Any instances in which whale sharks have been encircled by purse seine nets of their flagged vessels, including the details required under para 25 (5)(b).

CMM 2013-06 Assessment of the Proposed Amendment to Annex 2 CMM 2024-05 (Sharks)

3. In considering any new proposal the Commission shall apply the following questions to determine the nature and extent of the impact of the proposal on SIDS and territories in the Convention Area:

a. Who is required to implement the proposal?

All CCMs will be required to report on any non-compliance observed with paras 7, 8 and 9 of CMM2024-05. Only CCMs that apply alternative measures to fins naturally attached will be required to report on the quantities of sharks caught where the alt measures are applied and the total quantity of sharks caught.

b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?

The primary burden of this proposal is on CCMs that are electing to apply alternative measures to fins naturally attached (see answer to (a) above).

c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?

NIL

d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?

No. SIDS CCMs do not employ measures – some SIDS require fins naturally attached and some SIDS have put in in place retention/fishing bans for sharks.

e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?

No – see above.

f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?

This proposal would create one additional reporting obligation for SIDS in the AR2 (to report on any non-compliance with paras 7-9), however this additional reporting requirement is likely already provided for in other relevant reporting requirements (e.g. preparation of AR1 and AR2, engagement in WCPFC CMR process).

g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?

NIL

h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?

NIL – note support for SIDS engagement in WCPFC reporting processes provided through FFA and WCPFC activities.