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Report on CMM 2024-02 (MCS of Pacific bluefin tuna)

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COOK ISLANDS

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Subject: CMM 2024-02 - MCS of PBF (Cook Islands)

Dear SK,

In accordance with CMM 2024-02 the Cook Islands maintains that we do not target Pacific bluefin tuna, and thus, relevant monitoring and control measures do not apply for the year 2024 as reflected in our report that is attached.

Many thanks

Tiare-Renee Nicholas

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Cook Islands

1) Monitoring and control measures for fisheries

- a. Registration of commercial fishing vessels that are authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna (including the WCPFC RFV in accordance with CMM 2018-06 on WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish)**

The Cook Islands does not target Pacific bluefin tuna and therefore does not have any commercial fishing vessels registered to fish for this species.

- b. Registration of set nets that are authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna (including registration scheme, number of registered set nets)**

No set nets are authorized for fishing Pacific bluefin tuna as the species is not targeted.

- c. Allocation of catch limits by fishery within the CCMs, where such allocation exists**

Since there is no catch allocation for Pacific bluefin tuna within our fisheries, this section is not applicable.

- d. Reporting requirements for catches for fisheries (targeted, incidental, and discards)**

Reporting requirements for catches related to Pacific bluefin tuna are not applicable as there were no PBF catches in 2024.

- e. Measures to monitor catch (e.g., landing receipts, landing inspection, observer program, etc.)**

Measures to monitor catch such as landing receipts, landing inspection, and observer programs are not in effect for Pacific bluefin tuna due to the absence of targeted fishing.

- f. Measures to monitor landings (including CMM 2017-02 on Minimum Standards for Port State Measures)**

While we uphold CMM 2017-02 Minimum Standards for Port State Measures for our fisheries, this does not apply to Pacific bluefin tuna as no landings occurred.

- g. Measures to monitor domestic transactions**

There are no domestic transactions for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Cook Islands EEZ, eliminating the need for monitoring measures specific to this species.

(2) Monitoring and control measures for farming

- a. Registration of farms that are authorized to farm Pacific bluefin tuna (including registration**

scheme, number of registered farms, number of registered 'holding pens' or 'cages')

The Cook Islands does not have any farms authorized to farm Pacific bluefin tuna. As such, there are no registered farms or holding pens.

b. Reporting requirements for caging of fish and c. Reporting requirements for harvest of farmed fish

Reporting requirements for caging of fish and harvest of farmed fish do not apply, given there is no farming of Pacific bluefin tuna.

c. Measures to monitor farming activities (including Rules, standards, and procedures to monitor transfer and caging activities)

Measures to monitor farming activities related to Pacific bluefin tuna do not exist, as there is no farming of this species within our jurisdiction.