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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
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**Report on CMM 2024-02 (MCS of PBF)**

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**Subject:** Re: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Dear SungKwon,

Good afternoon.

Having reached out to the WCPFC Compliance, we have been informed that even though we do not have a PBF Tuna fishery, we are still to provide a MCS report as per the CMM 2024-02 paragraphs 2 and 3.

Therefore, please find attached for your perusal our PBF Tuna MCS report for your consideration.

We thank you and appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards,

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

### **Vanuatu**

#### **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)**

Vanuatu does not have a targeted fishery for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBFT). Any PBFT caught is by Vanuatu flagged vessels from longline fishing operations.

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

Vanuatu does not have set net targeting Pacific Bluefin tuna and there are no historical records indicating the capture of PBFT using this fishing method.

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

Vanuatu does not have a set catch limit for Pacific Bluefin Tuna as it is not a target species.

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

Vanuatu does not have a targeted fishery for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBFT). Catches of this species occur occasionally through longline fisheries. In 2024, a total of 0.82 metric tons (MT) of PBFT was recorded from the longline fishery.

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

Vanuatu monitors the catch of PBFT through logsheet data and observer reports.

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

Ports that are party to the PSMA where Vanuatu vessels offload their catches send their landing data to Vanuatu.

- g. Measures to monitor domestic transactions**

PBFT are not caught in the Vanuatu EEZ.

#### **(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')**

There are no farms or individuals engaged in PBFT farming in Vanuatu.

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

There are no farms or individuals engaged in PBFT farming in Vanuatu.

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

There are no farms or individuals engaged in PBFT farming in Vanuatu.