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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
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**DRAFT SKELETON OF MONITORING, CONTROLLING, AND SURVEILLANCE MEASURES FOR
PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERIES**

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Japan, in response to the Co-Chairs' request

In response to Co-Chair's request at the JWG10 meeting to create a draft skeleton of MCS measures, Japan submits a draft skeleton of MCS measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries for consideration at the JWG11 meeting.

1. Background

Monitoring, Controlling and Surveillance (MCS) measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries have been actively discussed at previous JWG meetings. Based on the recommendation by JWG9, the WCPFC and the IATTC adopted a Conservation and Management Measure (CMM2024-02) and Resolution (C-24-03) in 2024 to establish a regime for the monitoring and control of the conservation and management of the Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

At the JWG10 meeting held in Toyama, Japan in July 2025, the JWG members reviewed WCPFC and IATTC members' implementation reports in accordance with that CMM/Resolution, and the Co-Chairs asked Japan to submit a draft skeleton of MCS measures for consideration at the JWG11 meeting.

At the JWG I-3 meeting held in New Port beach, USA in March 2026, Japan introduced a document compiling MCS measures implemented by each WCPFC and IATTC member, referring from members' reports, with a view to highlighting common elements as well as differences in existing practices among members.

2. Draft skeleton of MSC measures

Japan herein submits a draft skeleton as attached, to provide a basis for discussion on the development of MCS measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries. It aims to identify key elements that may constitute minimum requirements, while allowing flexibility for CCMs/CPCs to implement these measures in accordance with their domestic systems, taking into account different circumstances.

Draft skeleton of MCS measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries

(1) Vessel Registration

- CCMs/CPCs shall establish and maintain the registration of commercial fishing vessels authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna. The registration shall contain information that identifies each fishing commercial fishing vessel (i.e. vessel names and identical numbers).

(2) Set Net Registration

- CCMs/CPCs shall establish and maintain the registration of set nets authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna. The registration shall contain information that identifies each set net (i.e. set net names and identical numbers).

(3) Farm Registration

- CCMs/CPCs shall establish and maintain the registration of farms authorized to farm Pacific bluefin tuna. The registration shall contain information that identifies each farm (i.e. farm names and identical numbers).

(4) Catch Limit Management

- CCMs/CPCs shall allocate their catch limits by fishery sector within the CMM/CPC, as necessary.
- CCMs/CPCs shall take necessary measures to prevent each fishery sector from exceeding the catch limit, including measures to cease fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna when the accumulate catch of each fishery sector is expected to reach its catch limit.

(5) Monitoring of catch

- CCMs/CPCs shall require fishing vessels to report their catch of Pacific bluefin tuna.
- CCMs/CPCs shall require fishing vessels, except for coastal fishing vessels managed by local governments, to land Pacific bluefin tuna at designated ports.
- CCMs/CPCs shall conduct random inspections at landing ports.

(6) Monitoring of farming

- CCMs/CPCs shall require farms to report their activities of caging, transfer, and harvest.
- CCMs/CPCs shall conduct random inspections at farms.