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CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE ON DAILY CATCH AND EFFORT REPORTING

Conservation and Management Measure 2013-05

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stock in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean:

Concerned that full and accurate data from fishing vessels is required to inform stock assessment and other scientific evaluation;

Noting that operational level catch and effort data provides significant value to scientific assessment;

Noting that members of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community cooperate to ensure consistent reporting frameworks for vessels licensed to fishing in their EEZs through a regional log sheet ("SPC/FFA Regional logsheet") that is amended from time to time to ensure consistency with all current requirements of the WCPFC "Scientific data to be provided to the Commission";

Further noting the requirements in Article 8 of the Convention for the Commission to take measures for high seas fisheries that are compatible with those that apply in EEZs;

Desiring to ensure consistent levels of reporting and usefulness of data for all vessels fishing in the Convention Area;

Adopts in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention:

- 1. Each CCM shall ensure that the master of each vessel flying its flag in the Convention Area shall complete an accurate written or electronic log of every day that it spends at sea on the high seas of the Convention Area as follows:
 - a. for days with fishing operations, the log must be completed by recording the effort and catch at the end of each fishing operation (i.e. end of a purse-seine set, end of a longline -haul, or at the end of the day in the case of all other fishing methods); or
 - b. for days with no fishing operations but where any other 'fishing effort¹' occurred, then the relevant activities (e.g. "SEARCHING", "DEPLOY/RETRIEVE FAD") must be entered in the log at the end of the day; or
 - c. for days with no fishing operations and no other 'fishing effort¹', the main activity of the day must be entered in the log at the end of the day.

¹ according to Article 1(d) of the Convention

- 2. Information recorded for each day with fishing operations shall, at a minimum, include the following:
 - a. The information specified in sections 1.3 to 1.6 of ANNEX 1 of the Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission;
 - b. Catch information about other species not listed in those sections, but required to be reported by CCMs under other Commission decisions such as, inter alia, key shark species according to FAO species codes.
 - c. Interaction information about other species not listed in those sections, but required to be reported by CCMs under other Commission decisions such as, inter alia, key cetaceans, seabirds and sea turtles.
- 3. Each CCM shall require the master of each vessel flying its flag in the Convention Area provides an accurate and unaltered original or copy of the required information to its national authority within 15 days of the end of a trip or transshipment, or within the period specified by any existing national requirement for the provision of such information.
- 4. Each CCM shall require the master of each vessel flying its flag in the Convention Area to keep an accurate and unaltered original or copy of the required information pertaining to the current trip on board the vessel at all times during the course of a trip.
- 5. Non-compliance with this measure shall be considered in accordance with CMM 2010-06 or its successor.
- 6. This CMM is without prejudice to existing or additional reporting requirements.