

**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,  
AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**

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### **Update on Annual Reporting including Submission of Fished/Did Not Fish Reports**

Dear All,

The following updates support CCMs advance preparation in completing Annual Report Part 2 (ARPt2) for the reporting year 2023 as efficiently as possible.

#### **Fished/Did Not Fish Reporting**

While the annual deadline for fish/did not fish reports is 1 July 2024, the Secretariat seeks your support to submit reports as early as possible. This will maximise the opportunity for the Secretariat to complete as many reviews as possible before the closure of ARPt2 reporting on 15 June. The report containing each CCMs vessels that were 'active' at any time in the reporting year 2023 (RY2023) is available from 1 January each year through the RFV.

#### **Addressing VMS Reporting Gaps**

The fish/did not fish reporting will generate information on remaining VMS reporting gaps. Early submission will assist in the early identification and resolution of VMS reporting gaps for active vessels in advance of the Secretariat review. The VRST is available for this process (<https://vrst.reports.wcpfc.int/vms-transmission-report/information> ).

CCMs should also note the Secretariat has recently resolved an issue that prevented updating the status of some vessels. All active vessels with reporting gaps that report to the Commission VMS will now be available.

In addition, CCMs should note the addition of a new status for non-reporting vessels, 'Reporting to Flag VMS'.

#### **MTU Audits**

As a reminder, MTU Audit inspection reporting is now completed through the RFV. Again, to streamline annual reporting, please make sure these have been provided for relevant active vessels to support completion of ARPt2 reporting by 15 June 2024.

## **Transshipment Reporting Reconciliation**

The Secretariat will prepare transshipment reports based on TSER entries to assist CCMs to identify any issues with missing or unlinked transshipment reports. These will be lodged on the CCM portal by 15 February for access and CCMs notified. In the interim, CCMs involved in high seas transshipments are encouraged to review their TSER reports through the TSER e-reporting system to assist in the early resolution of any issues (<https://tser.reports.wcpfc.int/> )

## **Support Available to Complete All ARPt2 Elements**

The Secretariat would also like to remind CCMs that support is available to ensure they are familiar with how to complete Fished/Did Not Fish reports, MTU Audit submissions and to use VRST to resolve reporting gaps. Should you need any assistance on how to submit these two reports, or familiarization with any WCPFC system, please contact RFV Officer Jeannie M. Nanpei at [jeannie.nanpei@wcpfc.int](mailto:jeannie.nanpei@wcpfc.int) to organize a session.

Short guides to assist CCMs are also available at [Helpdesk : WCPFC \(freshdesk.com\)](https://freshdesk.com). These will help you navigate the systems such as the RFV with guidance on updating your records on the RFV as well as allow you to take advantage of the new features of the RFV. Further Support topics will be created early this year in response to CCM requests for additional topics.

## **Annual Report Part 1 and Scientific Data Submission**

As Annual Report Part 1 has information relevant to ARPt2, please note the deadline for submitting ARPt1 for RY2023 is 13 July 2024. The template for this report can be found at this [ARPt1](#) link and Scientific Data at this [SciData](#) link.

## **Update on Preparation for Annual Report Part 2**

As CCMs will be aware, the Secretariat has an on-going systems development and improvement programme. Following the release of the new CCFS, RFV and CMM systems, work has been progressed on a new ARPt2 reporting system. The Secretariat anticipates this system will be available for CCMs to provide their Annual Report Part 2 for Reporting Year 2023. Further information will be released to confirm the process for training and support to CCMs. A training tool will be made available in advance of the release of the live system, as was the case with the release of the RFV in early 2023.

Sincerely,



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**