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THE COMMISSIONS COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING FUNCTIONS**

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In relation to Agenda Item 9.1, FFA Members recommend that TCC10 forward the following implications of data deficiencies on the Commission's compliance and monitoring functions to WCPFC11.

- i. high seas VMS data cannot be [integrated with catch and effort data, such as to ensure interpretation of VMS data is correct, verify manual reporting information and verify operational data against VMS](#)~~verified against operational data~~;
- ii. transshipment reporting cannot be verified;
- iii. the volumes of catch reported as transhipped cannot be reconciled with reported catches;
- iv. the effectiveness of different mitigation methods on specific non-target species [cannot be determined](#);
- v. ~~v.~~ the WCPFC can't [use operational data to ensure that the Commission's "3 vessel rule" for public domain data is respected, and therefore cannot](#) provide a complete set of catch and effort data for the public domain;
- ~~v.~~vi. many aspects of the effectiveness of measures cannot be assessed, especially where there are spatial elements;
- ~~vi.~~vii. the effects of targeting shifts on catches and catch rates cannot be determined, reducing understanding of the effectiveness of measures, creating exactly the kind of uncertainty seen when evaluating the effectiveness of the bigeye catch limits for bigeye;
- ~~vii.~~viii. some charter vessel catch attribution issues can't be resolved; and
- ~~viii.~~ix. the inability to distinguish between impacts in EEZs and high seas risks transferring greater burdens to SIDS.

([Based on](#) TCC9 Record, para. 304)