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Additional information received post 12 September 2017 related to dCMR

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Papua New Guinea

See attached for additional information

PNG CLOSE SESSION NOTE

Chair,

PNG acknowledges the 44 potential compliance issues notified and has provided the Commission the appropriate feedback to these issues for RY 2016.

PNG is proud to say that our compliance mechanisms within the National Fisheries Authority is one of the best in the Pacific and they work tirelessly to ensure that compliance requirements are met, however because of this there is more effort given to being compliant than reporting our compliance to this commission.

The major setback is PNG not submitting our AR Part 1 and AR Part 2 on the expected deadline which resulted in several potential compliance issues. PNG sincerely seeks your understanding and the acceptance of the report and we assure the Commission of our commitment to our obligations.

We advise TCC13 that most of the issues mentioned in the draft CMR are being addressed at the national level through various fisheries policy such as the Tuna Management Plan 2014 and the Fisheries Management Act of 1998 amended in 2015 which enables the implementation of the CMR requirements. These documents are accessible on PNG National Fisheries Authority website www.fisheries.gov.pg

The following potential compliance issues identified under the CMR Requirement includes;

CMM 2004-03 (Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels),

CMM 2007-01(ROP)

CMM 2010-07(Relating to Sharks there is also a NPO which is under development to address this issue)

CMM 2011-03(Addressing the Impact of Purse Seine Fishing Activities on Cetaceans)

CMM 2013-05(Catch and Effort Reporting)

CMM 2013-10(WCPFC record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish)

CMM 2014-02(Commission VMS)

CMM 2014-03 (Standards, Specifications and procedures for the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels)

CMM 2014-06 (Development and Implementation of a Harvest Strategy Approach for Key Fisheries and stocks in the WCPO))

These CMMs have been gazette as annexures to our Fisheries Management Act of 1998, amended in 2015 while CMM 2015-01 is in relation to the annex on Management of FAD for Tuna Fishery under Tuna Management Plan 2014.

Due to the reasons as stated, PNG would like to request the consideration of the Committee for Compliant Status against the 44 potential issues notified.

Thank you all for your kind considerations and attention.



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Fisheries Management (Amendment) Act 2015

Notice by Minister Pursuant to Section 40B (3) of *Fisheries Management (Amendment) Act 2015*. Schedule of CMMs and Resolutions passed by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission that are applicable to Papua New Guinea, including those applicable to fisheries operating in Papua New Guinea's Exclusive Economic Zone.

SCHEDULE

Resolution/CMM	Title
CMM 2004-03	Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels.
Resolution 2004-04	Resolution on Conservation and Management Measures.
Resolution 2005-03	Resolution on Non-Target Fish Species.
CMM 2006-07	Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme.
CMM 2006-08	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Boarding and Inspection Procedures.
CMM 2007-01	Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme.
Resolution 2008-01	Resolution on Aspirations of SIDS and Territories.
CMM 2008-03	Conservation And Management of Sea Turtles.
CMM 2009-02	Conservation and Management Measure on the Application of High Seas FAD Closures and Catch Retention.
CMM 2009-05	Conservation and Management Measure Prohibiting Fishing on Data Buoys AND information Package on Data Buoys as at 18 May 2010.
CMM 2009-06	Conservation and Management Measure on the Regulation of Transshipment.
CMM 2009-09	Conservation and Management Measure for Vessels without nationality.
CMM 2009-10	Conservation and Management Measure to Monitor Landings of Purse Seine Vessels at Ports so as to ensure reliable catch data by species.
CMM 2010-01	Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Striped Marlin.
CMM 2010-02	Conservation and Management Measure for the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area.
CMM 2010-06	Conservation and Management Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing activities in the WCPO.

*Fisheries Management (Amendment) Act 2015*Schedule—*continued*

Resolution/CMM	Title
CMM 2010-07	Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks
CMM 2011-03	Conservation and Management Measure to address impact of purse seine fishing activity on cetaceans.
CMM 2011-04	Conservation and Management Measure for Oceanic Whitetip Sharks.
Resolution 2012-01	Resolution on the best available science.
CMM 2012-05	Conservation and Management Measure for Charter Notification Scheme.
CMM 2013-04	Conservation and Management Measure for WCPFC Implementation of a Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI).
CMM 2013-05	Conservation and Management Measure on daily catch and effort reporting.
CMM 2013-06	Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals.
CMM 2013-07	Conservation and Management Measure on the special requirements of Small Island Developing States and Territories.
CMM 2013-08	Conservation and Management Measure for Silky Sharks.
CMM 2013-10	WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish.
CMM 2014-01	Conservation and Management Measure for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.
CMM 2014-02	Conservation and Management Measure Commission VMS.
CMM 2014-03	Standards, specifications and procedures for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Record of Fishing Vessels.
CMM 2014-05	Conservation and Management Measures for Sharks.
CMM 2014-06	Conservation and Management Measures to develop and implement a harvest strategy approach for key fisheries and stocks in the WCPO.
CMM 2014-07	Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

The full text of applicable resolutions and CMMs is available on the website of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission at the following *link*: www.wcpfc.int/conservation-and-management-measures.

Approved on the 5th day of August, 2015

Hon. MAO ZEMING,
Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources.