

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

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**Commencing the Intersessional Working Group on the Review of the Compliance
Monitoring Scheme**

Dear All,

At the WCPFC14 meeting in Manila, Philippines in December 2017 the Commission agreed to form an intersessional working group (IWG) on the Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. The tasks of the Intersessional Working Group will be to facilitate consideration of the Report from the Independent Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and develop a proposed Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS) for consideration at WCPFC15.

The Chair of the Intersessional Working Group, Mr Glen Joseph of Republic of the Marshall Islands, noting the issuance of the Final Report from the Panel to Review the CMS earlier this week, has requested that work of the group commence. It should be noted that the CMS-IWG will primarily work in a virtual manner.

As a first step, Mr Joseph has suggested that interested parties be invited to submit comments on the Panel's Report, and in view of the working group's task to develop a CMM proposal for consideration at WCPFC15 this December.

Comments on the Panel's Report can be sent directly to the CMS-IWG Chair Mr Glen Joseph (gjoseph@mimra.com), with a copy to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int).

The Secretariat will request that comments from interested parties are provided by not later than **Friday 30 March 2018**.

Secondly, parties interested in participating in the work of the CMS-IWG are invited to notify the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott of the name, affiliation and contact details of their nominated representative(s) no later than **Friday 30 March 2018**. The Secretariat will compile this information and transmit it to the CMS-IWG Chair for his use in distribution of further information about the activities of the group.

I look forward to the CMS-IWGs formulation and its facilitation in continuing the Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme towards a CMM proposal for consideration at WCPFC15. I encourage interested Parties to review the Final Report from the Panel to Review the CMS, (which can be accessed at <https://www.wcpfc.int/compliance-monitoring>) and to consider participating in the CMS-IWG.

Yours sincerely,



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