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WCPFC-TCC10-2014-dCMR_AddInfo_EU
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From full draft CMR (WCPFC-TCC10-2014-dCMR01_rev1) - posted 14 September 2014				Additional Information provided by CCM post-28 August 2014
CMM Paragraph	CMR Section	CCM Implementation	WCPFC Secretariat Evaluation Explanation	
CMM 2009-01 09	(v) Authorizations to fish and RFV, Observer, VMS coverage and HSBI Scheme		<p><i>Secretariat update:</i> Adjust number of vessels that ‘fished’ based on revised fish/did not fish report, received 20 Sept 2014</p> <p>FROM 6 LL 4PS 1 carrier TO 6 LL 4PS 2 carriers</p> <p>NO ISSUE DETECTED</p>	<p>On 20 September: revise fish/did not fish report shows number of vessels fished: 6LL, 4 PS, 2 Carriers</p> <p>Secretariat note: No issue detected</p>
CMM 2009-03 08	(ii) Catch and effort reporting for target species		<p><i>Secretariat update:</i></p> <p>NO ISSUE DETECTED <i>Issue resolved</i></p>	<p>Based on the scientific data provided earlier for EU-ES the total SWO catches were: 1780 t. 5 EU-ES vessels have reported catches of SWO in the area. According to the EU legislation (EU 40/2013) the maximum number of vessels targeting SWO in this area is 14.</p> <p>Secretariat note: CMM says Report is to be included in Annual Report Part 1 - suggest a revision is issued of AR Pt 1 2014 that attaches the required report (report was provided as a reply to dCMR)</p> <p>On 20 Sept 2014, EU submitted a updated version of EU Annual Report Part 1 and an addendum that included reporting on SWO catch</p> <p><i>Secretariat note:</i> based on the additional information, reporting issues are resolved</p>

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CMM 2009-03 08	(vii) Submission of AR Part 2 and compliance with other reporting deadlines		As at 25 July 2014, Annual Report Part 1 2014 did not include reporting for the complete 2013 longline activities by this CCM in the Convention Area. POTENTIAL COMPLIANCE ISSUE Late submission	Information was provided as reply to dCMR (received in August 2014), which is after the deadline for submission of AR Pt 1 of 7th July 2014 <i>Secretariat update:</i> A revision of Part 1 was received on 20 Sept that included this information
CMM 2009-06 11	(ii) Catch and effort reporting for target species		<i>Secretariat update:</i> Received transshipment report 2013. Report is in Spanish and it appears that it does not provide information as per Annex II of CMM 2009-01 POTENTIAL COMPLIANCE ISSUE Incorrect reporting and Reporting Gap	On 20 September: transshipment report 2013 received <i>Secretariat note: a Word document was received, but it is not in accordance with the Guidelines at Annex II, CMM 2009-06. Please report all transshipment activities covered by this measure (including transshipment activities that occur in ports or EEZs), in accordance with the Guidelines at Annex II CMM 2009-06 - including submission as part of AR Pt1</i>

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CMM 2012-01 28	(ii) Catch and effort reporting for target species	See Scientific data provided	<p>CCM was to report to WCPFC10 its catch of YFT as of Oct 31, 2013</p> <p><i>Secretariat update:</i></p> <p>NO ISSUES DETCTED / Issue Resolved</p>	<p>We understand that this cannot be fixed anymore.</p> <p>Secretariat note: CCM can consider providing a late report confirming the catches of YFT by its fleets from 1 Jan - Oct 31 2013. (see Attachment)</p> <p>On 20 Sept, EU submitted a updated version of EU PT AR part I and an addendum to EU ES AR Part I in response to comments of the WCPFC secretariat provided in the CMR (in particular transshipment, YFT, SWO).</p> <p>Secretariat note: the reported quantity of LL YFT catch in 2013 was: EU Portugal: 0.14mt (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2013) EU Spain: 2.1mt (1 Jan – 31 Oct 2013)</p> <p><i>Secretariat note:</i> Based on the additional information, there is no longer a reporting gap</p>

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Attachments: EU ES data Pacific Ocean all areas activities 2013.xlsx; EU ES WCPFC addendum to the Annual Report Part I activities 2013.docx; EU PT WCPFC updated Annual Report Part I activities 2013.docx; EU updated fished not fished report activities 2013.xls; EU vessels detected on VMS in 2013.xlsx

Categories: CMR

Dear Lara,

Please find attached an updated version of EU PT AR part I and an addendum to EU ES AR Part I, in response to comments of the WCPFC secretariat provided in the CMR (in particular transshipment, YFT, SWO). Please find also attached a breakdown per area of the Pacific ocean of the EU ES catches in 2013. Please also note after verification the EU ES fishing days are estimated at 360. I think we need to discuss with SPC about the methods used for making this estimation.

Finally, I have also attached the EU "fished/not fished" report which confirms what we have reported earlier for our fishing fleet that has operated in the CA in 2013: 4PS, 6LL, 2 Carriers.

FYI, the f/v SEIN STAR, SIERRA LARA, MV SALGIR were not flying EU MS flags anymore in 2013.

We would also like to discuss with you about the ROP reports but are not available to us although they contain information necessary for answering some WCPFC CMMs requirements.

Thank you in advance for considering these updates in view of the forthcoming TCC meeting.

Looking forward seeing you in Pohnpei,

All the best

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EU ES: Addendum to the Annual report Part I (activities 2013)

19/09/2014

1) Transshipment report 2013 (CMM 2009-06)

Number of transshipments: 34. The catches reported in this table have been harvested both within and outside the WCPFC Convention Area.

ESPECIE	CANTIDAD (kg)	EN PUERTO	TRANSBORDO FUERA/DENTRO DE LA CONVENCION	CAPTURA DENTRO O FUERA DE LA CONVENCION	CONSERVACION	ARTE DE PESCA
BET	5.730.800,00	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	CERCO
SKJ	25.739.046,00	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	CERCO
YFT	6.997.356,00	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	CERCO
SWO	1.710.244,08	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	PALANGRE DE SUPERFICIE
PGO	986.389,55	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	PALANGRE DE SUPERFICIE
SMA	617.693,84	SI	DENTRO	DENTRO Y FUERA	CONGELADO	PALANGRE DE SUPERFICIE

2) Number of PS fishing days in HS: 360

3) SWO (CMM 2009-03 para 8)

YEAR	CATCH (t)	NUMBER OF VESSELS	COMMENTS
2011	1806,089	5	FIGURE FROM OPERATIONAL DATA
2012	2131,063	5	FIGURE FROM OPERATIONAL DATA
2013	1779,32	5	FIGURE FROM OPERATIONAL DATA

4) Catches of YFT between 1 January and 31 October 2013 (CMM 2012-01 para28)

The total YFT catches during this period were: 2.1 t.

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PART I

2013

1. For 2013, the list of Portuguese authorized vessels to operate within the WCPFC is indicated below:

PRT000000115	ILHA BRAVA	L-3-N
PRT000001538	VERDEMILHO	V-1065-C
PRT000001540	VISTA ALEGRE	A-3148-C
PRT000016119	ARTICO	PD-400-N
PRT000016290	COSTA DE SAO JORGE	PD-464-C
PRT000018876	NOVOS HORIZONTES	V-27-N
PRT000019088	HEMISFERIO NORTE	A-3300-N
PRT000022649	VALMITÃO	PM-1291-N
PRT000023043	NOVO RUIVO	V-25-N
PRT000023093	ALMA LUSA	PM-1269-N

2. In 2013, only the Portuguese fishing vessel “ARTICO” was involved in fishing activity in the WCPFC Convention Area. This vessel has a special fishing permit conditioning the fishing activity in the WCPFC area to the mandatory installation of ALC equipment and corresponding certification (VTAF).
3. This vessel is a surface longliner with 50,75m (LOA) and 764 GT, targeting for tuna and tuna like species.
4. During 2013, the PRT FV “ARTICO” was present in the WCPFC-CA for 304 days, as monthly indicated in the table below:

MONTH	FISHING DAYS
1	21
2	9
3	31
4	30
5	31
6	30
7	15
8	31

9	28
10	31
11	16
12	31
Total	304

5. Catch composition of the catches made by this vessel while fishing in WCPFC were as follows:

Vessel	ALB	BET	BIL	BLM	BSH	DOL	LEC	SMA	YFT	TOTAL(TON)
ARTICO	1.97	13.51	15.90	305.89	294.20	8.13	17.21	79.03	0.14	736.03

All catches of the FV ARTICO were landed and transferred to a container to be transported by a cargo vessel to a different port.

The owner of the vessel reaffirmed its full commitment in complying all the WCPFC data reporting obligations on fishing operations. Detailed information has been presented to flag state authorities, namely all the information exchanged with the port authorities where the landing took place.

6. This vessel had no observer on board, this is the reason why size composition data is not available.
7. Operational data is collected from electronic logbook data, crosschecked with VMS, with 100% coverage.
8. The gear used is the monofilament surface longline (Florida style modified), using an average of around 1100 hooks per set. The characteristics of this vessel were the same as in years before.
9. All fishermen operating in international waters are permanently informed about the measures adopted by the corresponding RFMO, including those taken to mitigate the impact on seabirds of fishing for species covered by WCPFC.
10. Concerning mitigation measures on turtles and seabirds, the following procedures have been indicated by the only Portuguese FV operating in this RFMO:

SEABIRDS (CMM 07-04)

- Deep-setting line shooter: The vessel uses hydraulic equipment to begin the fisheries operations with the main line less than 1 m from the stern so the hooks can sink rapidly;
- *Tori lines*: The vessel uses the lines as described in CMM 2007-04 since the begging of the fishing operations;
- Weighted branch lines: The vessel uses weights of 80 g attached to

within 3,5 ms of the hook, for all hooks of the main line;

- Blue dyed bait: The bait used is dyed in blue
- Management of offal discharge: practice of strategic offal discharge from the opposite side of the boat to hauling. When setting no offal discharge is done so that birds are kept away;
- Logbook for registration of any by-catches of seabirds is ensured.

- **Seabird captures in 2013, by species and area**

Species	South of 30°S	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Fate
ANTIPODEAN ALBATROS	x	38° 47,4'S	174° 31,6'W	16/03/2013	Dead
SOUTHERN ROYAL ALBATROS	x	38° 20,3'S	170° 15,8'W	12/04/2013	Dead

Concerning mitigation measures to avoid catches of sea turtles:

- circle hooks are already being used at a rate of 50% in longline sets;
- Deeper setting: hooks are set at depths around 80 meters (deeper than turtle abundance, less than 40 m), the hydraulic equipment make hooks sink rapidly and branch lines are weighted (use of weights of 80 g attached to within 3,5 ms of the hook, for all hooks of the main line);
- Night setting: the lines are set during the night with the vessels' lights off and all operations are done in lower level;
- Use of blue dyed bait as to avoid attracting sea turtles;
- Release techniques with line cutters and de-hooker sticks;
- Fishermen have information on handling methods to assess the condition of the turtles before releasing, identifying the species name, return to the sea, ensuring higher survival rates and reducing post-release mortality. The Interaction is recorded on logbook.

Registers of interactions with turtles in 2013:

Species	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Fate
Leatherback	39° 11,3'S	176° 41,5'W	17/04/2013	Alive
Leatherback	38° 58,4'S	175° 50,1'W	27/04/2013	Alive
Leatherback	25° 02,5'S	179° 21,9'W	15/09/2013	Alive



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Subject: Statement on compliance with the data retention and destruction requirements of Section V of the Data Rules.

Dear Glenn,

The EU requested ROP data in August 2013 related to an IUU listing event in 2012. By the present, I would like to inform the WCPFC Secretariat that the investigation is closed and that the data have been processed in compliance with the data retention and destruction requirements of Section V of the Data Rules of the WCPFC.

Yours sincerely,

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