

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

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**Updated list of WCPFC Members' Choice of WCPFC/IATTC Measures in the  
WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area**

Dear All,

I wish to advise that on 8 July 2020, the Secretariat received an update from the United States of their notification in response to the WCPFC9 decision, that notifies that effective from 22 July 2020 all IATTC management measures will apply and some WCPFC management measures continue apply in the Overlap Area. Previously the United States had notified that it would apply only WCPFC measures in the overlap area effective from April 26, 2016.

The WCPFC9 decision on the application of measures in the part of the WCPF Convention Area that overlaps with the IATTC Convention Area provides that a WCPFC member who is also an IATTC member, and who has vessels on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member shall decide and notify both organisations under which of the two Commissions measures those vessels shall operate when fishing in the overlap area with IATTC and WCPFC. If a CCM is a member of only one RFMO, the rules of that RFMO will apply in the overlap area between WCPFC and IATTC, even if the CCM is a Cooperating Non-Member of the other RFMO(see WCPFC9 Summary Report, paragraph 80).

Furthermore, CMM 2018-01 paragraph 10 states that “Where flag CCMs choose to implement IATTC measures in the overlap area, any calculation of limits for the Convention Area (excluding the overlap area) that are done on the basis of historical catch or effort levels, shall exclude historical catch or effort within the overlap area. Notwithstanding decisions on application of catch and/or effort limits, all other provisions of this measure apply to all vessels fishing in the overlap area.”

Accordingly, the following six CCMs can apply IATTC measures in the Overlap Area:

- Ecuador – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- El Salvador – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- Nicaragua – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- Panama – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
- European Union – In accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 2 April 2013;
- United States of America – In accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 8 July 2020.

The above list is circulated to all Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories and Observers at the request of the United States. Please note that the above list is a subset of the list of notifications received for the WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area. The complete list of notifications can be accessed by authorized CCM users from the WCPFC Secure CCM side: <https://www.wcpfc.int/overlap-area-iattc> .

Yours sincerely,



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