**JAPAN additional information as replies to draft CMR covering 2012 activities (WCPFC-TCC9-2013-dCMR\_rev1)**

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| **From draft CMR\_rev 1 (WCPFC-TCC9-2013-dCMR\_rev1) - posted 14 September 2013** | | | | **Additional Information provided by CCM post-14 September** |
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| **CMM Paragraph** | **CMR Section** | **CCM Implementation** | **WCPFC Secretariat Evaluation Explanation** |
| CMM 2005-03 03 | (ii) Catch and effort reporting for target species | AR Pt 1, Appendix Table 1 (pg.11) reports the number of fishing vessels engaged in tuna fisheries in the WCPFC CA by gear and size of vessel.   AR Pt 1, Appendix Table 3 (pg.32) reports the albacore catch in mt and fishing effort in days in the WCPCA north of the Equator. | Reporting requirement = all catches of NP ALB to the WCPFC, every 6 months.  Annual for small coastal fisheries.   Japan has included annual data (not six monthly data ) in AR Pt 1.  Although the submission appears to have met the timeframes provided in CMM 2005-03 para 3, which says: "Such data shall be reported to the Commission as soon as possible and no later than one year after the end of the period covered.", a breakdown by six month periods was not provided.   **Potential compliance issue: Catches are to be reported for six month periods.** | On 18 September WCPFC received a report from Japan in response to CMM 2005-03 paragraph 3 reporting requirement. This report provided 2004 – 2012 six monthly reporting for (2011 and 2012 prov)  (1) Offshore (10-120GRT) and Distant Water (120- GRT) Pole-and-line  (2) Offshore (10-120GRT) and Distant Water (120- GRT) Longline  (3) Small offshore longline (10-20GRT)  Also provided was a report in reference to CMM 2005-03 04, total annual catch and fishing days information for NP Albacore in the WCPFC Statistical Area north of the equator 2004 – 2012 (2011 and 2012 prov):   * Coastal longline * Offshore and distant water longline * Coastal pole and line * Offshore and distant water pole and line * Gillnet * Troll * Set net * other |
| CMM 2006-04 01 | (i) Catch and effort limits for target species | AR Pt 1, Appendix Table 4 (pg.35) reports the fishing effort in days of fished and hooks and striped marlin catch for the Japanese offshore and distant water longline fishery in the WCPCA south of 15 S. | SW Striped Marlin Fishery south of 15 S Limit Type = unspecified.     Number of fishing vessels fishing for striped marlin in area south of 15S to number in one year 2000 - 2004, should be limited.     **Please provide additional information on the implementation of this requirement, noting that some catches were reported in AR Pt 1 which were taken by this CCMs vessels operating in the applicable area that this CMM applies.** | On 18th September WCPFC received a report from Japan in response to CMM 2006-04 paragraph 4 reporting requirement. This report provided annual catches of south-west striped marlin for Japanese fishing vessels (offshore and distant water longline fleet) as a bycatch in the Convention Area south of 15S – 2000 – 2012 (2011 and 2012 are preliminary) |
| CMM 2010-04 02 | (i) Catch and effort limits for target species | AR Pt 1, 2013 Appendix Table 2 (pg. 31) report the catches (mt) for PBF in: 1. the Pacific Ocean north of the equator 2. the Pacific Ocean south of the equator 3. WCPFC CA north of the equator 4. WCPFC CA south of the equator but no specific info. on total fishing effort for Japanese vessels fishing for PBF N 20 N | Limit: on fishing effort for Pacific Bluefin north of 20N, except artisanal fisheries Limit Value = 12676 Mt (The ave annual catches of PBF by major fishing gears 02-04: PS - 7643Mt, troll 2,149Mt; set net 945 Mt ; longline 1317Mt; other fisheries 622 Mt )   additional 2012 information: Report on implementation of Pac Bluefin measures are not due until 31 July (para 4) At the time of preparing this dCMR, report on implementation para.4 was not received.     **Additional information needed: Report on implementation of Pac Bluefin measures are not due until 31 July (para 4)** | On 31 July, WCPFC received from Japan a report on implementation of CMM 2012-06 (this was circulated as part of the NC9 meeting documentation). |
| CMM 2010-05 01 | (i) Catch and effort limits for target species | AR Pt 1, 2013 Appendix Table 2 (pg. 40) reports preliminary figures for fishing effort and albacore catch for the Japanese offshore and distant water LL fishery in the S 20 S in the WCPCA. 29 longline vessels fished south of 20S; 2,639 days fished, hooks (x1000): 9,009; 1,369 mt 2 offshore and distant pole-and-line vessels fished south of 20S; 21 days fished; 15 mt | South Pacific albacore fishery south of 20S Limit type = vessels   **Please provide additional information on the implementation of this requirement, noting that some catches were reported in AR Pt 1 which were taken by this CCMs vessels operating in the applicable area that this CMM applies**. | On 18th September WCPFC received a report from Japan in response to CMM 2010-05 paragraph 4 reporting requirement. This report provided annual catches of south Pacific Albacore and vessel numbers in the area south of 20S for 2006 – 2012 (2011 and 2012 were provisional), for the pole-and-line offshore and distant water fleet. It was noted in this respect, that the vessels are “pole-and-line offshore and distant water vessels” and they operate for skipjack and/or albacore (not albacore only).  Annual catches 2006 – 2012 (2011 and 2012 were provisional) were provided for the offshore and distant water longline fleet. |

1. 24 Sept 2013: Includes some edits to correct the summary of information provided against CMM 2010-05 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)