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**JOINT REDUCTION PLAN OF PURSE SEINE FISHING CAPACITY IN THE
WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (WCPFC)
CONVENTION AREA**

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Proposal by Japan

Proposal by Japan on the Joint Reduction Plan of Purse Seine Fishing Capacity in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Convention Area

Explanatory Note:

As stipulated in paragraph 54, of CMM2014-01, Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs) other than SIDS, are obligated to jointly develop a scheme to jointly reduce the capacity of purse seine vessels flying their flag larger than 24m with freezing capacity between 20N and 20S (hereinafter "LSPSVs") to the level of 31 December 2012 and submit it to the Commission. Japan submitted the joint reduction proposal to WCPFC11 for its consideration, but the Commission failed to reach agreement due to the time constraint.

Japan believes the over-capacity is one of the most important problems the Commission has to solve expeditiously. For the purpose of prompt solution, Japan submits the revised joint reduction proposal again for discussion and adoption at WCPFC12.

Japan looks forward to constructive and rational deliberation on this proposal.

Application of CMM2013-06:

a. Who is required to implement the proposed revised provisions of the CMM?

Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs), other than SIDS

b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?

Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs), other than SIDS, shall jointly reduce the capacity of LSPSVs.

c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?

None

d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?

The proposal should not affect development opportunities for SIDS adversely because the increasing fishing capacity and effort had significantly diminished the effectiveness of the Commission's existing CMMs.

e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?

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f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?

Not applicable.

g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?

Not applicable.

h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?

Not applicable.

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The Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

Concerned that the fishing capacity and effort of tuna purse seine fishing vessels in the WCPFC Convention Area have increased drastically during the last decade and that such increase is still continuing;

Also Concerned that the increasing fishing capacity and effort significantly diminishes the effectiveness of the Commission's existing CMMs;

Noting that paragraph 54 of CMM 2014-01 stipulates that "CCMs, other than SIDS, shall jointly develop a scheme to jointly reduce the capacity of LSPSVs* to the level of 31 December 2012 and submit it to WCPFC11";

Acknowledging the legitimate rights of developing States, in particular small island developing states, to develop and manage their domestic tuna fisheries; and

Noting also that no CMM shall prejudice the sovereign rights of coastal States granted under UNCLOS;

Adopts, in accordance with the Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention, that:

1. The purpose of this CMM is to establish a scheme which reduces the increased number of LSPSVs from 31 December 2012 to 29 October 2015 by the end of 2020 by joint effort of CCMs other than SIDS (non-SIDS CCMs).
2. Under paragraph 1, the number of LSPSVs to be reduced shall be 22 (from 254 as of 29 October 2015 to 232 as of 31 December 2012).
3. Such reduction referred to in paragraph 2 by the concerned non-SIDS CCMs shall be implemented in two steps as follows:
 - 1st step: The concerned non-SIDS CCM which increased the number of LSPSVs flying its own flag from that of 31 December 2012 shall reduce such increased number of LSPSVs flying its own flag to 31 December 2012 levels.
 - 2nd step: Further reduction necessary to meet the obligation stipulated in paragraph 2 above shall be shared on a pro-rata basis of the number of LSPSVs flagged to each concerned CCMs of 31 December 2012 (see Table 1).
4. For the purpose of paragraph 2, a non-SIDS CCM may transfer the quota specified in Table 1 to other non-SIDS CCM its calculation on the condition that those two CCMs so agree and report in writing such transfer to the Secretariat.
5. Table 1 shall be revised in 2020 to address the further introduction of LSPSVs by SIDS after [29 October 2015].

* Purse seine vessels larger than 24m with freezing capacity which fish in the area of application of WCPFC between 20N and 20S

Table1: Number of LSPSVs flagged to CCMs other than SIDS as of 2012/12/31 and 2015/10/29& Proposed Joint Reduction

(The number of vessels in the Table is subject to correction by CCMs concerned)

Flag	2012/12/31	2015/10/29	Proposed Reduction Scheme		# of Reduction from 2015/10/29
			Step1	Step2	
China	20	20	20	18	2
Ecuador	8*	4**	8	7	(3)
El Salvador	2*	4**	2	2	2
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	35	35	35	31	4
New Zealand	4	4	4	3	1
Philippines	2*	6**	2	2	4
Korea	28	28	28	25	3
Spain	4	4	4	3	1
Chinese Taipei	34	34	34	30	4
United States of America	40	40	40	35	5
<i>Total (Non SIDS CCMs)</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Total (SIDS CCMs)</i>	<i>55*</i>	<i>75**</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	232	254	252	231	23

*Data from FFA Good Standing Vessels at 31 December 2012

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