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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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Paper 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, CMM2013-01, WCPFC 10 agreed that Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs), other than SIDS, shall jointly develop a scheme to jointly reduce the capacity of purse seine vessels larger than 24m with freezing capacity between 20N and 20S (hereinafter “LSPSVs”) to the level of 31 December 2012 and submit it to WCPFC11.

As a basis for discussion to develop the jointly reduction scheme among non-SID CCMs we prepared this proposal. In order to share burden by the reduction of the capacity of LSPSVs equally, we proposed reduction on a pro-rata basis of the number of LSPSVs flagged to each non-SID CCMs.

We look forward to constructive and rational deliberation on this important issue.

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 significantly had 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, CMM 2013-01 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;

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

1. Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs), other than SIDS, shall jointly reduce the number of LSPSVs of 1 November 2014 to the level of 31 December 2012 by [2020].
2. Such reduction by the concerned CCMs shall be implemented as follows:
 - 1st step: The concerned CCMs which increased the number of LSPSVs flying its own flag from that of 31 December 2012 shall reduce the equivalent number of LSPSVs flying its own flag.
 - 2nd step: Further reduction necessary to meet the obligation stipulated para. 1 above shall be shared on a pro-rata basis of the number of LSPSVs flagged to each concerned CCMs of 31 December 2012.

* Purse seine vessels larger than 24m with freezing capacity between 20N and 20S

Table: Number of LSPSVs flagged to CCMs other than SIDS & Proposed Joint Reduction

Flag	2012/12/31	2014/11/01	Proposed Reduction Scheme		# of Reduction
			Step1	Step2	
China	20	20	20	19	1
Ecuador	8*	7**	7	7	0
El Salvador	2*	4**	2	2	2
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	35	35	35	33	2
New Zealand	4	4	4	4	0
Philippines	30*	43**	30	29	14
Korea	28	28	28	27	1
Spain	4	4	4	4	0
Chinese Taipei	34	34	34	32	2
United States of America	40	40	40	38	2
<i>Total (Non SIDS CCMs)</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>194</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Total (SIDS CCMs)</i>	<i>55*</i>	<i>66**</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	260	285	270	260	25

*Data from FFA Good Standing Vessels at 31 December 2012

**Data from FFA Good Standing Vessels VMS Reporting 1-10Nov2014