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

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Full draft Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2021 activities available for CCMs

Dear all,

1. I am pleased to advise that in accordance with paragraph 30 of CMM 2021-03, *Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme*, CCMs can now have access to the **full draft Compliance Monitoring Report (draft CMR)** and a **full draft CMR potential issues - 2021** list online at <https://intra.wcpfc.int>. Authorised CCM users can use their usual CCM-CMR user name and password to access the online full draft CMR report. A copy of the MS Excel export of the draft CMR has also been posted to the secure page of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/cmr-2022>). I note this is two days later than the required fifteen days prior to the start of TCC18 given the Secretariat commitments during July and August, including various WCPFC IWG meetings and the Science Management Dialogue.

CCM replies to draft CMR including additional information (CMM 2021-03 para 27)

2. The Secretariat has reviewed the additional information provided in CCM replies, and has updated the “Potential Issue”, “Secretariat Explanation”, “CCM additional information” and “Summary of Issue” columns within the full draft CMR. The full draft CMR includes CCM replies and notes on any additional information received by WCPFC as of 6 September 2022. The full draft CMR also confirms when additional information was provided in CCM replies in response to “capacity development plans”. For completeness, an updated list of potential compliance issues identified in the full draft CMR is included as *Attachment 1*. For further guidance on viewing the full draft CMR Potential Issues visit our online support system (<https://wcpfc.freshdesk.com/support/home>)

3. CCMs may notice there were an increased number of potential issues identified compared to last year. In most cases, this is because of the changes adopted by the Commission to the list of obligations for review through the CMS (refer to Attachment S to WCPFC18 Summary Report) which included obligations not reviewed previously or not reviewed for some years. Despite the assistance of the earlier 13 June deadline for Annual Report Part 2 and information from SPC’s data management team, this year’s CMR required many additional hours work by the Secretariat.

Capacity Development Plans (CMM 2021-03 paras 14– 20)

4. There are no new Capacity Development Plans received by WCPFC as of 6 September 2022, and updates provided by relevant CCMs are contained in the full draft CMR. Additional reporting provided by relevant CCMs in response to the existing Capacity Development Plans may be found on the secure page of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/cmr-2022>).

Summary tables of flag CCM responses to alleged infringements notified in the WCPFC online Compliance Case file system (CMM 2021-03 paras 26(ii) and 28)

5. In accordance with paragraph 28 of CMM 2021-03, Tuesday 6th September was the cut-off date for relevant CCMs to submit additional information or clarifications for consideration in the updated version of summary paper prepared by Secretariat drawing from WCPFC online compliance case file system. These updates are currently being reviewed by the Secretariat, and an updated version of the Summary tables of the WCPFC online Compliance Case file system (WCPFC-TCC18-2022-dCMR02_rev1) will be posted as soon as practicable to the secure pages of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/cmr-2022>).

Other additional information on further CCM replies to draft CMR (CMM 2021-03 para 31)

6. The Commission’s decision that the Commission’s Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS) would continue in force (as CMM 2021-03) for two years with certain amendments, which include that TCC’s review of the draft CMR prepared in 2022 will be deferred until TCC19 in 2023 has been noted. Given this, the Secretariat expects that TCC18 will provide guidance and recommendations on the processes around how any additional information that CCMs may provide in response to the full draft CMR potential issues – 2021 list or additional updates from the Secretariat will be handled between now and TCC19 (2023). The individual CCM portal pages will continue to be available, and as appropriate will be used by the Secretariat to provide CCMs with updated supporting documentation relevant to their individual draft CMR potential issues.

7. Should any CCM have any problems or questions regarding the draft CMR or the online Compliance Case File System please contact Compliance Manager Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int) and Assistant Compliance Manager Eidge Sharp (eidge.sharp@wcpfc.int).

Access to Annual Report Part 2

8. For those CCMs who are interested in reviewing other CCMs AR Pt 2 reports, a MS Excel copy of all CCMs AR Pt 2 reports covering 2021 activities is posted to the secure pages of the website: <https://www.wcpfc.int/annual-report-part-2-2014> .

Sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**LIST OF POTENTIAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE FULL dCMR
(as at 7th September 2022)**

COUNT BY CATEGORY

Quantitative Limits (QL):-	3	
Implementation (IM):	128	
Report (RP):	47	
Deadline (DL):	18	
TOTAL:	196	(for 36 CCMs)

COUNT BY CMM AND BY OBLIGATION

CMM 2009-03 – Swordfish (3 potential issues)

- **RP: CMM 2009-03 08** *Report annually the number of vessels that fished for SWO and total catch of SWO* (3)

CMM 2009-06 – Transshipment (6 potential issue)

- **RP: CMM 2009-06 11** *Annual report on all transshipment activities covered by this Measure (including transshipment activities that occur in ports or EEZs) in accordance with the specified guidelines (Annex II)* (4)
- **QL: CMM 2009-06 29** *Limit on purse seine vessels transshipment outside of port to vessels that have received an exemption from the Commission. Where applicable, flag CCM authorisation should be vessel-specific and address any specific conditions identified by the Commission.* (1)
- **RP: CMM 2009-06 35 a (iii)** *WCPFC Transshipment Advance Notification (including fields in Annex III)* (1)

CMM 2011-03 – Cetaceans (5 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2011-03 01** *Prohibit purse seine setting on cetaceans, if animal is sighted prior to commencement of the set* (2)
- **IM: CMM 2011-03 02** *Requirements in the event of unintentional encircling of cetaceans in the purse seine net, including incident reporting requirements* (3)

CMM 2014-02 – VMS (25 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2014-02 9a** *Fishing vessels comply with the Commission standards for WCPFC VMS including being fitted with ALC/MTU that meet Commission requirements* (21)
- **IM: CMM 2014-02 VMS SSPs 2.8** *Provision of ALC/MTU 'VTAF' data* (4)

CMM 2018-04 – Mitigations measures for Sea Turtles (3 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2018-04 06** *CCMs to require longline vessels to carry and use line cutters and de-hookers to handle and promptly release sea turtles, as well as dip-nets where appropriate* (2)
- **IM: CMM 2018-04 07a** *Sea Turtle mitigation requirements for shallow-set longline vessels* (1)

CMM 2018-06 – Record of Fishing Vessels (4 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2018-06 03** *CCMs should only allow its fishing vessels to be used for fishing, if properly authorised* (1)
- **RP: CMM 2018-06 09** *Submission by Member to ED a list of all vessels on national record in previous year, noting "fished" or "did not fish" for each vessel* (3)

CMM 2019-04 – Sharks (111 potential issues)

- **RP: CMM 2019-04 05** *Report to describe, where applicable, any alternative measures from those in CMM 2019-04 SHARKS which are applied by CCMs in areas under national jurisdiction (provide in Part 2 Annual Report)* (7)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 07-10** *Take measures necessary to require all sharks retained on board their vessels are fully utilized and ensure the prohibition of finning (provide in Part 2 Annual Report) - including consideration of para 10 endorsed alternative measures* (15)
- **RP: CMM 2019-04 11** *Report annually on shark fins attached/alternative measures* (12)
 - **DL:** (7)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 13** *Take measures necessary to ensure carcasses and their corresponding fins are landed or transshipped together, in a manner that allows inspectors to verify* (5)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 14-15** *Implement at least one option to minimize bycatch of sharks in longline fisheries, and notify choice and whenever the selected option is changed* (5)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 16** *CCMs shall develop and report their management plans for longline fisheries targeting sharks in their Part 2 Annual Report* (1)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 18** *Ensure that sharks that are caught but are not to be retained, are hauled alongside the vessel in order to facilitate species identification (only applicable where observer or EM camera is present, and where safe for crew and observers)* (7)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 20(01)** *Prohibit retaining/transshipping/storing/landing oceanic whitetip & silky sharks* (3)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 20(02)** *Requirement to release oceanic whitetip & silky sharks asap* (11)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 20(03)** *If oceanic whitetip & silky sharks caught, must be given to government or discarded* (7)
- **IM: CMM 2019-04 21(01-07)** *Prohibit purse seine setting on whale sharks, retaining/transshipping/landing of whale sharks* (12)
- **RP: CMM 2019-04 23** *Report on Implementation of CMM 2019-04 Sharks (Part 2 Annual Report)* (8)
 - **DL:** (11)

CMM 2019-05 – Mobulids (26 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2019-05 (04-06, 08, 10)** *Prohibit retaining/transshipping/storing/landing mobulid rays* (26)

CMM 2020-01 – Tropical tuna (5 potential issues)

- **IM: CMM 2020-01 16** *Purse seine 3 month FAD closure (1 July - 30 September)* (2)
- **QL: CMM 2020-01 25** *Purse seine EEZ limits (for skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna) and advice from other coastal CCMs of EEZ limits to be applied* (1)
- **QL: CMM 2020-01 39** *Bigeye longline catch limits for 2021, with adjustment to be made for any overage* (1)
- **RP: CMM 2020-01 Att 2 03** *Philippines vessels Entry/Exit reports for HSP1-SMA* (1)

CMM 2020-02 – Pacific Bluefin (2 potential issues)

- **RP: CMM 2020-02 05** *reporting of recent fishing effort and catch for Pacific Bluefin* (1)
- **RP: CMM 2020-02 11** *Annual report on measures for Pacific Bluefin, including monitoring of international trade* (1)

Scientific data (6 potential issues)

- **RP Scidata 03** *Scientific Data– operational level catch and effort data* (1)
- **RP Scidata 05** *Scientific Data– Size composition data* (5)