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Attachments: FAD management plan in Australia's Tropical Tuna Fisheries - Final.pdf

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Dear Lara and Ana,

We understand that the Secretariat last received Australia's FAD management plan on 5 December 2007, which permanently prohibits the setting of FADs north of the parallel latitude of 20°S in the Eastern Skipjack Tuna Fishery. There has been no change to this policy.

However, we appreciate that we have not provided a recent update on Australia's position regarding FADs under the new measure CMM 2013-01. This email confirms that Australia continues to prohibit the setting of FADs north of the parallel latitude of 20°S, including being prohibited in July, August, September and October of 2014 (which is a specific response in accordance with paragraph 16 of CMM2013-01).

Please also note Australia has recently updated it's FAD management plan (see attached) to be consistent with paragraph 37 and Attachment E of CMM 2013-01.

Note that, in addition to notifying the Secretariat regarding a permanent FAD ban north of 20°S in December 2007, Australia has provided statements reflecting this in the Annual Reports submissions for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Happy to discuss this information.

Kind Regards,

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