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SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE ROADMAP

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Recommendation: WCPFC14 agrees to the formation of an intersessional process to develop a Roadmap to implement the elements needed for the effective conservation and management for south Pacific albacore. The roadmap will take into account the outcome of a revised stock assessment for south Pacific albacore in 2018 and recommend an overall limit for the fishery, how it could be distributed (taking into account the interests of SIDS) and the actions required to achieve biological and economic stability in the fishery. This roadmap will include recommendations for a review of the existing CMM for south Pacific albacore.

Priorities in this roadmap will be to:

- a. Programme the elements necessary for the implementation of Harvest Strategy approach to the management of the stock.
- b. Sequence development an allocation process that will specify actions needed to initially agree, and to review from time to time:
 - i. a limit on the total catch of south Pacific Albacore tuna within the scope of the CMM;
 - ii. the proportion of the catch that is to be taken on the high seas and the remainder that is to be taken within the EEZs of coastal states and territories (“the Allocation workplan”);
- c. Sequence the strategy for improved monitoring of all fisheries taking south Pacific albacore within the WCPFC convention area.

SC14 shall provide WCPFC15 with advice on technical aspects of the SPA harvest strategy including, for example, a consideration of scientific elements of candidate harvest control rules, and potential components of the management procedure

(e.g. the use of CPUE (vulnerable biomass) indices to inform on stock status).

The Commission tasks TCC14 to evaluate monitoring and reporting gaps in the SPA fishery, as well as SIDS implementation considerations.

Based on the evaluations, SC14 and TCC14 will provide any appropriate advice or recommendations to WCPFC15 with respect to informing the development of the Roadmap for improving SPA management.

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