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Subject: China report under 2018-02 on bluefin tuna

Dear Feleti Teo:

According to CMM 2018-02, paragraph 10, CCMs shall report to ED by 31 July annually measures they used to implement paragraphs 2,3,4,6,7,9 and 12 of this CMM. CCMs shall also monitor the international trade of the products derived from Pacific Bluefin tuna and report the results to ED by 31 July annually.

China have no vessels targeting for Bluefin tuna, and we have the rigid discipline of bluefin tuna import verification. According to the requirement of relevant RFMOs, the Ministry of Agriculture and the China Customs issued Joint Announcement on “Catch Clearance Certificate” to Imported Bluefin tuna. All the imported Bluefin tuna are from Atlantic Ocean. The Bluefin tuna fished by Chinese LL fleet are from Atlantic Ocean in 2018.

It is stipulated in the Announcement that as of July 1, 2010, Bluefin tuna to enter a customs boundary within China (including entry of samples, temporary import, import under processing trade, as well as entry into a special customs supervision zone or customs bonded supervision area), the related company shall apply to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs for a “Catch Clearance Certificate”. Upon entry, the related company shall declare to the customs voluntarily and accurately, and go through customs formalities with the “Catch Clearance Certificate”. And the place of origin for the relevant aquatic product shall be declared and determined pursuant to relevant regulations.

When applying to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs for the “Catch Clearance Certificate”, the related company shall submit the original of the Catch Certificate issued by the government authorities of the flag state. When a product listed in Appendix of that Announcement which has been processed in a country or region rather than the flag state, the applicant shall submit the duplicate of the Catch Certificate issued by the government authorities of the flag state and the original of the Re-export Certificate issued by an authorized agency in the processing country or region.

The Association has been instructed by the government to pre-examine the application for the Clearance Certificate based on the information provided, and submit to BOF (Bureau of Fisheries) for approval. Hope the information above could demonstrate the willingness of Chinese government to protect the Bluefin tuna and please let me know should you have further questions.

Thank you with warm regards,

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China Report for the CMM 2018-02 on the Pacific Bluefin tuna

Paragraph 5 of the CMM 2014-04 requires CCMs to report as follows: *5. CCMs shall report their 2002-2004 baseline fishing effort and <30 kg and >=30 kg catch levels for 2017 and 2018, by fishery, as referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, to the Executive Director by 31 July 2019. CCMs shall also report to the Executive Director by 31 July each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and >=30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous year, accounting for all catches, including discards. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.*

Table 1. Fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna *in the area north of 20° N in the Convention Area*

Fishery	Unit of fishing effort (e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels)	2002	2003	2004	2017	2018
The Chinese LL fleet does not conduct fishing activities targeting Blue fin tunas in the area north of	0(nil)	0(nil)	0(nil)	0(nil)	0(nil)	0(nil)

Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna *in the Comention Area* (include all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)

Fishery	2002		2003		2004		2017		2018	
	<30kg	>30kg	<30kg	>30kg	<30kg	>30kg	<30kg	>30kg	<30kg	>30kg
The Chinese LL fleet does not conduct fishing activities targeting bluefin tunas in the area north of	0(nil)	0 (nil)	0 (nil)							