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**PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE 2017-01  
FOR THE USE OF NON-ENTANGLING FADs IN WCPFC FISHERIES**

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**European Union**

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**Proposal for a Conservation and Management Measure on non-entangling FADs**

**Explanatory Note addressing CMM 2013-06 criteria**

*a. Who is required to implement the proposal?*

All fishing vessels deploying FADS in the WCPFC Convention area.

*b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?*

All CCMs having vessels deploying FADS in the WCPFC Convention area.

*c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?*

No.

*d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?*

The proposal does not affect development opportunities for SIDS.

*e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?*

The proposal does not affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations.

*f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?*

No additional resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal.

*g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?*

No mitigation measures are included in the proposal.

*h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?*

No assistance mechanisms are required.

## EUROPEAN UNION

### PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE 2017-01 FOR THE USE OF NON-ENTANGLING FADs IN WCPFC FISHERIES

*The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (the Commission);*

*In accordance with the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (the Convention):*

*Acknowledging* that the Commission has adopted measures and information reporting requirements related to FAD management and FAD data collection;

*Recognizing* that these measures need to be expanded and improved upon to ensure that the effects of the use of FADs on highly migratory fish stocks, along with non-target, associated and dependent species, are fully understood and that the Commission can receive the best available scientific advice concerning mitigation of any negative effects;

*Noting* the recommendations of the 3<sup>rd</sup> FADs management options IWG;

Adopts, the following amendment in paragraph 19 of the conservation and management measure 2017-01, to be applicable to the entire Convention Area as defined in Article 3 of the Convention:

#### **NON-ENTANGLING FADS**

To reduce the risk of entanglement of sharks, sea turtles or any other species, CCMs shall ensure that the design and construction of any FAD to be deployed in the WCPFC Convention Area shall be based on the specifications set out in Annex 1.

When designing FADs the use of non-plastic and biodegradable materials should be prioritised.

The SC and TCC shall work towards developing biodegradable FADs designs by 2020. CCMs should support research activities on the development of biodegradable FADs.

#### **Annex 1: Specifications for the construction of non-entangling FADs**

- No netting shall be used in the construction of a FAD to be deployed in the WCPFC Convention Area.
- The raft, if covered, it shall be with shade cloth or canvas.
- The subsurface structure shall be made with ropes, canvas or other non-entangling materials.

