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| **CMM 10-05 01**  **(i) Catch and effort limits for target species** | Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and participating Territories (CCMs) shall not increase the number of their fishing vessels actively fishing for South Pacific albacore in the Convention Area south of 200S above current (2005) levels or recent historical (2000-2004) levels. |

| **Applicable CCMs** | **Limit/Reporting Requirements** | **2011 Assessment** | **2012 Implementation** | | **TCC Assessment** |
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| Australia | Limit Type = Vessels Limit Value = 132 Source: email advice to WCPFC on 8 July 2012 (also previously submitted to WCPFC in 2008 and 2010) |  | YES (fully implemented) | Australia implemented output controls for Albacore in the form of Individually Transferable Quotas (ITQs) under the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF) Management Plan that came into effect in 2011. The Australian Total Allowable catch for South Pacific Albacore in 2012 was 2500 tonnes.   The number of Australian vessels fishing for South Pacific Albacore in the ETBF in 2012 was less than 132 (as nominated to WCPFC). In 2012, 40 Australian vessels caught South Pacific Albacore in the ETBF. A total of 556.1tonnes were caught.   AR Pt 1 2013 (pg 3): Forty vessels fished for albacore south of 20°S |  |
| Belize | Limit Type = Vessels Limit Value = 2 Specified participatory rights as agreed at WCPFC8 for high seas (excluding overlap area):  2 unique longliners |  | YES (fully implemented) | Belize shall maintain our status quo. We shall not increase the number of fishing vessels actively fishing for south pacific albacore south of 20 degrees south. |  |
| Canada | Limit Type = Vessels Limit Value = 3 source: CMR 2010 |  | N/A | Canada did not have any fishing vessels targeting South Pacific Albacore in 2012. Canada has not directed any fishing activity for this stock since 2005. |  |
| China | Limit = Not Specified Limit Comment = not yet identified (source: CMR 2011) | CMM 2010-05 p1 SP ALB limit - Undertake to investigate what the level of historical activity was so as to determine appropriate limit | YES (fully implemented) | no additional fishing license for such stock   AR Pt 1, 2013 Table 1 (pg.7) report number of Chinese tuna fishing vessels operating in the WCPFC-CA for LL (286) and PS (13). ALB catch (from LL) = 24,826mt |  |
| Japan | Limit type = vessels |  | N/A | AR Pt 1, 2013 Appendix Table 2 (pg. 40) reports preliminary figures for fishing effort and albacore catch for the Japanese offshore and distant water LL fishery in the S 20 S in the WCPCA. 29 longline vessels fished south of 20S; 2,639 days fished, hooks (x1000): 9,009; 1,369 mt 2 offshore and distant pole-and-line vessels fished south of 20S; 21 days fished; 15 mt |  |
| Korea (Republic of) | Limit = Not Specified |  | YES (fully implemented) | No Korean-flagged vessel targeted Southern Albacore in 2012.   Report received by WCPFC on 31 Mar 2013 for 2012 reported 13,970kg of SP ALB caught south of 20 S |  |
| New Zealand | Limit Type = Vessels Limit Value = 393 Limit Comment = source: ave number of vessels that fished for Albacore in 2001 - 2004 : 393 vessels  270 is number that fished in 2005 |  | YES (fully implemented) | New Zealand authorities closely monitor the number of vessels participating in the NZ EEZ ALB fishery and will implement management controls if numbers of vessels approach recent historical levels. Currently the number of vessels particpating is substantially lower than either 2005 or 2000-2004 levels.    AR Pt 1, 2013 Table 3:  Number of vessel targeting ALB S 20 S = 170 Number of vessels catching ALB as a bycatch S 20 S = 55 |  |
| Chinese Taipei | Limit Type = Vessels Limit Value = 81 source: CMR 2010 |  | YES (fully implemented) | South Pacific albacore is one of the targets of our longline fishery. Boat owners of longliners shall seek prior approval from the Fisheries Agency to conduct fishing for this species. The number of fishing vessels actively fishing for south Pacific albacore in the Convention Area south of 20°S has been limited subject to recent historical levels (2000-2004) by means of this registration scheme, VMS monitoring and periodical catch report.   2,854 mt were caught by 28 LTLL vessels and 29 STLL vessels in 2012 (AR Pt 1, 2013 pg.10, also Table 10) |  |
| United States of America | South Pacific albacore fishery south of 20S Limit Comment = 20° S latitude: the albacore troll fleet based out of ports on the U.S. West Coast and the longline fleet based in Am. Samoa. The number of vessels in the Am. Samoa-based longline fleet is constrained by a limited access permit system (50 CFR § 665.816), implemented in 2005. The U.S. will continue to monitor the performance of the fishery and consider any additional controls needed to comply with para 1 of the CMM. The ALB troll fishery is not currently subject to any effort or catch controls, but permitting, VMS, and reporting requirements (vessel logbooks) enable the U.S. to monitor the fishery, including levels of participation, fishing effort and catches. Given the relatively low level of participation in the Convention Area in the last few years and the reported adverse economic conditions, including high fuel costs, the U.S. does not expect any significant increase in participation relative to the 2000-2005 period. (Pt 2 2012)    submitted on 31 May 2013: United States directed fisheries oeprating S of 20S:  catch: 198 Mt, by 7 vessels American Samoa directed fisheries: 2 vessels with catch not supplied for confidentiality reasons.   No catch by vessels not targetting albacore south of 20S |  | YES (fully implemented) | Vessels in two U.S. fleets have fished for albacore south of 20° S latitude: the albacore troll fleet based out of ports on the U.S. West Coast and the longline fleet based in American Samoa. The number of vessels in the American Samoa-based longline fleet is constrained by a limited access permit system (50 CFR § 665.816), implemented in 2005. The U.S. will continue to monitor the performance of the fishery and consider any additional controls needed to comply with paragraph 1 of the CMM. All U.S. regulations can be found at www.ecfr.gov.    The albacore troll fishery is not currently subject to any effort or catch controls, but permitting, VMS, and reporting requirements (vessel logbooks) enable the U.S. to monitor the fishery, including levels of participation, fishing effort and catches. Given the relatively low level of participation in the Convention Area in the last few years and the reported adverse economic conditions, including high fuel costs, the U.S. does not expect any significant increase in participation relative to the 2000-2005 period. |  |
| European Union | South Pacific Albacore Fishery S of 20S = limit vessels |  | N/A | 2011 CMR:  not applicable   Both EU-Spain PS vessels and EU-Portugal flagged LL vessel report does not show any catch of south pacific albacore (AR Pt 1, 2013) |  |

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| **CMM 10-05 04**  **(ii) Catch and effort reporting for target species** | CCMs shall report annually to the Commission the catch levels of their fishing vessels that have taken South Pacific Albacore as a bycatch as well as the number and catch levels of vessels actively fishing for South Pacific albacore in the Convention area south of 20o S. Initially this information will be provided for the period 2000-2010 and then updated annually. |

| **Applicable CCMs** | **Limit/Reporting Requirements** | **2011 Assessment** | **2012 Implementation** | | **TCC Assessment** |
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| Australia | Reporting requirement = catch levels of  FVs that have taken SP ALB as a bycatch S20S; number and catch levels of vessels actively fishing for SP ALB S20S |  | YES (fully implemented) | AR Pt 1 2013 (pg 5) 462 t caught south of 20°S AR Pt 1 2013 (pg 3): Forty vessels fished for albacore south of 20°S. |  |
| Belize |  | YES (fully implemented) | Respected. |  |
| Cook Islands |  | YES (fully implemented) | All operational level data for all licenced vessels fishing in the Cook Islands EEZ is provided to the WCPFC Science provider (SPC/OFP). All 2012 catch information is included in the Part 1 Report to the Commission.   39 vessels were licensed to target albacore within CK EEZ caught a total of 7790mt of albacore was taken in zone below 20 S.  Only 672.5 mt of ALB was taken as bycatch from the chartered exploratory vessels licensed that target bigeye tuna and swordfish |  |
| China | Potential compliance or implementation issue. • There is a need to improve reporting to differentiate north and south pacific albacore. | YES (fully implemented) | Such data is available in the overall data reported to the Commission before April 30.   AR Pt 1, 2013 Table 1 (pg.7) report number of Chinese tuna fishing vessels operating in the WCPFC-CA for LL (286) and PS (13) and ALB catch (from LL) = 24,826mt   *The catch information is available in the annual catch data submitted to the Commission. In the xls table, catch is indicated by 5X5 degrees. As for the number and catch levels actively fishing for a given year, China will improve its data collecting and reporting system and submit such figure in the future.* |  |
| Fiji |  | YES (fully implemented) | Fiji's 2013 Part 1 report details 2012 catch levels south of 20°S forSP ALB was 1066.3 mt by 62 Fiji fishing vessels.   All 11 chartered LL fishing vessels in Fiji's licensed fleet were logged to have caught SP ALB = 427.7mt (AR Pt 1, 2013 pg. 13) |  |
| Japan | 2010-05 SP ALB para 4: The WCPFC does not appear to have directly received from Japan a report regarding SP ALB catches and vessel numbers in accordance with this provision. This was to be provided to WCPFC for 2000-2010 and should have also been provided for 2011, and should specify the number of vessels and catch levels of vessels that have taken ALB as a bycatch as well as the number and catch levels of vessels actively fishing for SP ALB in area S of 20S.  • SP albacore is caught only as bycatcch by Japanese vessels. Our catch data by 5x5 is provided to SPC, but catch S20S will be provided to the Commission in the future. | YES (fully implemented) | AR Pt 1, 2013 Appendix Table 10 provide fishing effort and albacore catch for Japanese offshore and distant water LL vessels south of 20 S.   Offshore and distant water longline:  29 vessels, 2639 days fished, 9009 hooks, 1369t Offshore and distant water pole-and-line:  2 vessel, 21 days fished, 15t |  |
| Kiribati |  |  |  |  |
| Korea (Republic of) |  | YES (fully implemented) | AR Pt 2 2013 state No Korean-flagged vessel targeted Southern Albacore in 2012 Report received:  31 Mar 2013 In 2012, 13,970kg of ALB was caught in south of 20 S AR Pt 1 2013 Table 1(b) shows ALB catch in WCPFC-CA as 1,264 mt |  |
| Niue |  | YES (fully implemented) | There was no fishing in Niue EEZ in 2012.  Niue is not a flag State (AR Pt 1, 2013) |  |
| Marshall Islands |  | N/A | AR Pt 1: advises four RMI flagged longline vessels which typically fished within the RMI EEZ north of the equator |  |
| New Caledonia |  | YES (fully implemented) | Albacore catch south of 20°S by the New Caledonian vessels: - 2006: 793 mt - 2007: 837 mt  - 2008: 1,096 mt  - 2009: 1,061 mt  - 2010: 1,396 mt  - 2011: 1,039 mt - 2012: 880 mt (19 active vessels)   AR Pt 1, 2013:  SP ALB = 1,715mt, 880mt was caught south of 20 S |  |
| New Zealand |  | YES (fully implemented) | This information is provided to the Commision every year via the Part I Report   Provided in Table 3, AR Pt 1, 2013 (pg.7) |  |
| French Polynesia |  | YES (fully implemented) | AR Pt 1, 2013 ALB catch estimates for 2012 = 3,868mt  French Polynesia's fleet operate exclusively in its EEZ.    Poti marara = 377 vessels (248 mt)  Bonitier = 50 vessels (26 mt)  LL = 64 vessels (3594 mt) |  |
| Philippines |  | YES (fully implemented) | no Philippine flag vessel targets this species but around 81MT was reported in 2012   there are no Philippine flagged fishing vessels operating South of 15 degrees South.  *Based on our 2012 data around 80MT was taken by the municipal hook-and-line including handline fishery in the Philippines. PH would like to clarify that these 80MT was caught between 20N to 20S and not south of 20S. It was only in recent year that we have recorded this catches due Philippine initiatives with the help of WPEA-OFMP that tried to improve data gathering particularly on these species. Philippines still have difficulty in providing other information with regards to this municipal/artisanal hook-and-line fishery.* |  |
| Solomon Islands |  | YES (fully implemented) | Solomon Islands flagged vessels are required to provde catch logsheets to Solomon Islands fisheries and Solomon Islands fisheries provide copies of catch logsheets to SPC   AR Pt 1 (pg 9): There have been no Solomon Islands flagged longline vessels licensed to fish in Solomon Islands in the last 5 years.  AR Pt 1 also provides some details on charter activity: 155 vessels registered in 2012. Most vessels under this fleet are mainly from Taiwan, China and Fiji and are licensed and targeting albacore tuna. |  |
| Tonga |  | YES (fully implemented) | Logsheet is collected and submitted to SPC.   *There were total of eight (8) vessels was actively fished for SP ALB south of 20 S and their catch levels were 169.3mt; and the catch levels of FVs that have taken SP ALB as a bycatch was 5.023mt within south of 20 S.* |  |
| Chinese Taipei |  | YES (fully implemented) | Please refer to our Annual Report Part 1 which will be submitted to the Commission one month before the SC9 meeting.   Total catch of SP ALB and number of fishing vessels targeting SP ALB S 20 S :  Total 2,854mt caught by 28 LTLL vessels and 29 STLL vessels in 2012 (AR Pt 1, 2013 pg.10 & Table 10 pg.16) |  |
| United States of America |  | YES (fully implemented) | The information required by the CMM under paragraph 4 was submitted to the Secretariat 30 April 2012. Additional information can be found under section 173.   2012 SP ALB catch level was rec. by Secretariat on 31 May 2013 A.S ALB catch = not provided for confidentiality reason as number of vessels = 2.  US ALB catch = 198 mt, number of vessels = 7 |  |
| Vanuatu |  | YES (fully implemented) | Albacore is the target species within the Vanuatu EEZ and the Vanuatu Longline fleet.   AR Pt 1, 2013 (pg.2) report unraised and provisional estimates ALB caught by the LL fleet in 2012 to be 8,300.1 mt and number of LL fishing vessels to be 74 (Table 2, pg.5) |  |
| European Union |  | N/A | Information on spanish longline catches in 2012 were not provided in AR Pt 1  *No EU vessel is actively fishing for SP Albacore. Information on catches of albacore south of 20S has been provided in the operational data in May 2013 (3 tons - provisional figures).* |  |