

INTRODUCTION

This Booklet provides as a compendium the currently in force Conservation and Management Measures and Resolutions. Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) are adopted at the annual Commission meeting which is typically in December. CMMs usually become binding 60 days after they are adopted. For example, a booklet dated 2014 would contain all the valid CMMs until a given date in February of the following year 2015.

For completeness, all current CMMs are included in this Booklet, and they are provided in the form as agreed by the Commission.

Notes on Interpreting Commission Decisions

Based on the nomenclature that was adopted at the Second Meeting of the WCPFC (see WCPFC/Comm2/29 14 December 2005)

Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) describe binding decisions relating to conservation and management measures addressed to members of the Commission and Cooperating non-members.

Resolutions describe non-binding statements and recommendations addressed to members of the Commission and Cooperating non-members.

Both are sequentially numbered and include the year of adoption.

Some CMM's will remain unchanged each year. However when changes to existing CMMs or if new CMMs are agreed by the Commission there is usually a 60 day period after the regular WCPFC annual session ends, and before the decision comes into effect. Occasionally, the Commission agrees to delay the start date of a CMM to allow more time for Members to implement the decision, and this will be specified in the body of the CMM. In other instances the rules and requirements in a CMM are specific to set periods of time.

The short-hand reference to the relevant Conservation and Management Measure is commonly CMM 20xx-xx and for Resolutions it is Res.20xx-xx. Such decisions are sequentially numbered and include the year of adoption.

List of current Conservation and Management Measures and Resolutions of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

(as at 6 February 2022)

Reference	Title
2004-03	Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels
Res. 2004-04	Resolution on Conservation and Management Measures
Res. 2005-03	Resolution on Non-Target Fish Species
2006-04	Conservation and Management Measure for Striped Marlin in the Southwest Pacific
2006-07	Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme
2006-08	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Boarding and Inspection Procedures
2008-03	Conservation And Management of Sea Turtles <i>(effective until 31 December 2019, then replaced by CMM 2018-04)</i>
2008-04	Conservation And Management Measure To Prohibit The Use Of Large Scale Driftnets On The High Seas In The Convention Area
Res. 2008-01	Resolution on Aspirations of SIDS and Territories
2009-02	Conservation and Management Measure on the Application of High Seas FAD Closures and Catch Retention
2009-03	Conservation and Management Measure for Swordfish <i>(Replaced CMM 2008-05 and CMM 2006-03)</i>
2009-05	Conservation and Management Measure Prohibiting Fishing on Data Buoys <i>AND Information Package on Data Buoys as at 18 May 2010</i>
2009-06	Conservation and Management Measure on the Regulation of Transshipment
2009-09	Conservation and Management Measure for Vessels without nationality
2009-10	Conservation and Management Measure to Monitor Landings of Purse Seine Vessels at Ports so as to ensure reliable catch data by species
2010-01	Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Striped Marlin
2011-03	Conservation and Management Measure to address impact of purse seine fishing activity on cetaceans <i>AND Best Practices for the Safe Handling and Release of Cetaceans as at Dec 2021;</i>
2012-03	Conservation and Management Measure for implementation of the ROP by vessels fishing north of 20N
Res. 2012-01	Resolution on the best available science
2013-04	Conservation and Management Measure for WCPFC Implementation of a Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI)

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2013-05	Conservation and Management Measure on daily catch and effort reporting
2013-06	Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals
2013-07	Conservation and Management Measure on the special requirements of Small Island Developing States and Territories
2014-02	Conservation and Management Measure Commission VMS <i>(Replaced CMM 2011-02 (2012-2014), which replaced CMM 2007-02 (2008 – 2011))</i>
2014-03	Standards, specifications and procedures for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Record of Fishing Vessels <i>(Replaced CMM 2013-03 (June 2014 – June 2015))</i>
2014-06	Conservation and Management Measures to develop and implement a harvest strategy approach for key fisheries and stocks in the WCPO <i>AND Harvest Strategy Workplan as at Dec 2021</i>
2015-02	Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific Albacore <i>Replaced CMM 2010-05 (2015-2011), CMM 2005-02 (2006 - 2010)</i>
2015-06	Conservation and Management Measure on target reference point for skipjack tuna
2016-02	Conservation and Management Measure for the Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area <i>Replaced CMM 2010-02 (2011-2016)</i>
2017-02	Conservation and Management Measure on Minimum standards for Port State Measures
2017-03	Conservation and Management Measure for the protection of WCPFC Regional Observer Programme Observers <i>(Replaced CMM 2016-03 (2017))</i>
2017-04	Conservation and Management Measure on Marine Pollution <i>(effective 1 Jan 2019)</i>
Res. 2017-01	Resolution on Provisional Application of CMM 2017-01
2018-03	Conservation and Management Measure to mitigate the impact of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds <i>(replaced CMM 2017-06, CMM 2015-03 (effective 1 Jan 2017), and CMM 2012-07(1 July 2014), which replaced CMM 2007-04)</i> <i>AND Safe handling and release guidelines for seabirds as at Dec 2019</i>

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2018-04	Conservation and Management Measure of Sea Turtles <i>(replaces CMM 2008-03 on 1 January 2020)</i> <i>AND Safe handling and release guidelines for seabirds as at Apr 2010</i>
2018-05	Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme <i>(Replaced CMM 2007-01)</i>
2018-06	Conservation and Management Measure for WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorisation to Fish <i>(Replaced CMM 2017-05 (2017) 2013-10 (2014), CMM 2009-01(2010), and CMM 2004-01 (2005))</i>
Res. 2018-01	Resolution on Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels
2019-01	Cooperating Non-Members <i>(Replaced CMM 2009-11)</i>
2019-03	Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore <i>(Replaced CMM 2005-03)</i>
2019-04	Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks (Effective 1 November 2020 (except for Indonesia), replaced CMM 2010-07, CMM 2011-04, CMM 2012-04, CMM 2013-08 and CMM 2014-05) <i>CMM 2010-07 had replaced CMM 2009-04, which replaced CMM 2008-06 and CMM 2006-05</i> <i>AND Guidelines for safe release of encircled whale sharks as at Dec 2015;; Best handling practices for safe release of sharks (other than whale sharks and mantas/mobulids) as at Dec 2018; Best handling practices for safe release of mantas and mobulids as at May 2021.</i>
2019-05	Conservation and Management Measure on Mobulid Rays caught in association with fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area (effective 1 Jan 2020)
2019-07	Conservation and Management Measure to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing activities in the WCPO (Replaced CMM 2010-06 (2011 – 2019), CMM 2007-03 (2008-2010)
Res. 2019-01	Resolution on Climate Change as it relates to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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2021-01	Conservation and Management Measure for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (<i>(Replaced CMM 2020-01 (2021), CMM 2018-01 (2019 -2020), CMM 2017-01 (2018), CMM 2016-01 (2017), CMM 2015-01 (2016), CMM 2014-01 (2015), CMM 2013-01 (2014), CMM 2012-01 (2013), replaced CMM 2008-01/CMM 2011-01 (2009-2012), which replaced and CMM 2005-01, and CMM 2006-01.)</i>)
2021-02	Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin tuna <i>(Replaced CMM 2020-02 (2021), CMM 2019-02 (2020), CMM 2018-02 (2019), CMM 2017-08 (2018), CMM 2016-04 (2017), CMM 2015-04 (2016), CMM 2014-04 (2015), CMM 2013-09 (2014), which replaced CMM 2012-06 (2013), which replaced CMM 2010-04, which replaced CMM 2009-07)</i>
2021-03	Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme <i>(Replaced CMM 2019-06 (2020 - 2021), CMM 2018-07 (2019), CMM 2017-07 (2018), CMM 2015-07 (2016), CMM 2014-07 (2015), CMM 2013-02 (2014), CMM 12-02 (2013), CMM 11-06 (2012), CMM 2010-03 (2011))</i>
2021-04	Conservation and Management Measure for Charter Notification Scheme <i>(Replaced CMM 2019-08 (2020 - 2021), CMM 2016-05 (2016-2019), CMM 2015-05 (2016), CMM 2012-05 (2013- 2015), CMM 2011-05 (2012), which replaced CMM 09-08 (exp 31 Dec 2011))</i>

Glossary of common Acronyms and Terms

Acronym	Explanation
ALC	Automatic Location Communicator (VMS unit)
B_{MSY}	biomass that will support the maximum sustainable yield
3IA	3rd Implementing Agreement (PNA)
C of C	Code of Conduct
CCMs	Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories
CDS	catch documentation scheme
CMMs	Conservation and Management Measures
CMR	Compliance Monitoring Report
CMS	Compliance Monitoring Scheme
CNM	WCPFC Cooperating Non Members: Ecuador; El Salvador; Nicaragua, Panama, Liberia, Thailand, Vietnam
COFI	FAO Committee on Fisheries
CPUE	catch per unit effort
dCMR	Draft Compliance Monitoring Report
DP	Delegation Paper
ED	Executive Director
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EHSP-SMA	Eastern High Seas Pocket-Special Management Area
EM	electronic monitoring
EPO	Eastern Pacific Ocean
ER	electronic reporting
F	Fishing Mortality Rate
F_{current}	average fishing mortality rate over the period xxxx–xxxx
F_{msy}	Maximum rate of fishing mortality
FAC	Finance and Administration Committee
GRT	Gross Registered Tonnage
GT	Gross Tonnage
HCR	harvest control rule
HMS	Highly Migratory Species
HS	High Seas
HSBI	High seas boarding and inspection
HSP	High Seas Pocket
IATTC	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IP	Information Paper

IPOA	International Plan of Action
IRCS	International Radio Call Sign
ISC	International Science Committee
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IUU	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
IW	International Waters
IWG	Intersessional Working Group
LOA	Length Overall
LR	Lloyd's Register
LRP	Limit reference point
LSPSV	Large Scale Purse Seine Vessels
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
MHLC	Multilateral High Level Conference
Min.	Minimum
Members	Australia, China, Canada, Cook Islands, European Union, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Chinese Taipei, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu.
MSE	Management strategy evaluation
msy	maximum sustainable yield
MTU	Mobile Transceiver Unit (VMS unit)
NC	Northern Committee
NOAA	National Oceanic Atmospheric Organisation (USA)
ONP	Oceanic Fisheries Programme (SPC)
Participating Territories	American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna.
PNA	Parties to the Nauru Agreement
Prep Con	Preparatory Conference
pCMR	Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
RFV	Record of Fishing Vessels
ROP	Regional Observer Programme
RREG	Regional Register (Forum Fisheries Agency)
SC	Science Committee
SB	Spawning biomass
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SIP	Strategic Investment Plan (for Special Requirements of developing States)

SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea
SPC	Secretariat Pacific Community
SRF	Special Requirements Fund
SSB	Spawning stock biomass
SSP's	Standards, Specifications and Procedures
TCC	Technical and Compliance Committee
TOR	Terms of Reference
TRP	Target reference point
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UST	Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries Between Certain Governments of the Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Commonly called the US Treaty.)
UVI	Unique Vessel Identifier
VDS	Vessel Day Scheme
VID	Vessel identifier (WCPFC assigned identifier to a vessel record in RFV)
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WCPFC Convention Area	Area of competence of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention
WCPFC Statistical Area	The WCPFC Statistical Area is defined in para. 8 of "Scientific data to be provided to the Commission"
WCPO	Western Central Pacific Ocean
WIN	WCPFC Identification Number
WP	Working Paper