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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA REPORTING

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Introduction

1. This paper, as in previous years, provides a summary report on the activities occurring in the EHSP Special Management Area, which is the area of high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north, from 1 January 2014 – 31 July 2015 based on data held by the Secretariat. The management and reporting arrangements for the EHSP were established through CMM 2010-02 *Conservation and Management Measures on the Eastern High Seas Pocket*.
2. TCC11 is invited to note the report and discuss the activities in the EHSP.

Report against decisions from WCPFC11 on progress to-date

3. WCPFC11 accepted the TCC10 recommendations (paras 228 and 234), and agreed:
 - i) to the development of clearer and consistent specifications to address the issues relating to the reporting of data in this and similar CMMs;
 - ii) to task the Secretariat to work with interested CCMs on some joint initiatives that CCMs might use on a voluntary basis, with a view to streamlining the WCPFC data entry processes for EHSP-SMA reporting; and
 - iii) to amend CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 to add vessel name to reporting requirements. (*WCPFC 11 Summary Record paragraph 501*)
4. In relation to point 3 iii) unfortunately, the exact amendment to CMM 2010-02 regarding the inclusion of “vessel name” to the reporting requirements was not specified in the WCPFC11 decision. Circular No: 2015/10 (dated 4 March 2015) provided some guidance as a footnote to paragraph 501 in the WCPFC11 summary report, for implementing this decision, in response to comments received on the draft WCPFC11 summary report. The suggested guidance from the Secretariat was to include the vessel name as the last field in

paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02. In practice, the Secretariat continues to receive entry and exit reports to the EHSP via email with some vessels including vessel name at the end and others including vessels names after the VID.

5. In relation to point 3 ii), and as was reported in WCPFC-2015-ERandEMWG1-03 to the 1st Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Working Group (ERandEMWG) meeting, the Secretariat has been working with two CCMs, on a voluntary basis, to trial mechanisms within the Secretariat to receive high seas pocket reporting and VMS manual reporting in standard electronic formats. The files have been recently provided in either comma-separated values (CSV) and to text (txt) formats (instead of in body of emails or pdf), and involved standardizing the format that the relevant CCM had previously used to provide their reports under the relevant CMMs or WCPFC decisions. The Secretariat remains very appreciative of the efforts of these CCMs to work with the Secretariat, so as to allow us to build on the Secretariats procedures used to support the RFV SSPs implementation and improve our understanding of the types of preparations that will be required in the Secretariat to be able to receive and upload electronic reported data into WCPFC databases.
6. In relation to point 3 i), there is some progress through the ERandEMWG. The report and recommendations from the ERandEMWG will be presented to TCC11 (WCPFC-TCC11-2015-20), and includes a proposed electronic data standard and specification for paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02 reporting (see WCPFC-TCC11-2015-20 ERandEMWG Summary Report, Attachment 1 A of Attachment 5). It is hoped that eventually these efforts will reduce manual data entry errors, reduce delays in data entry and provide a means to explore and implement automatic upload mechanisms for these reports into WCPFC databases.¹

Live list (required under CMM 2010-02 paragraph 5)

7. The Secretariat maintains a 'live list' of all fishing vessels present in the EHSP in the secure page on the WCPFC website, published in the form of Excel files. In August 2015, the display of this live list has changed making it more user friendly (Circular No.: 2015/54). Vessels present in the EHSP are now displayed in a table as well as in a map of the EHSP in the EHSP page on the website (see Annex 1). Vessels are also directly linked to the WCPFC RFV providing user with the ability to easily access vessel details on the RFV. CCMs can log into the EHSP secure page to view this new initiative.

CCMs reporting on implementation of CMM 2010-02 through Annual Report Part 2

8. As per previous years, CCMs were required to report against CMM 2010-02 paragraphs 2 and 6 in the 2015 Annual Report Part 2 covering 2014 activities. Paragraph 2 requires vessels to submit reports, in a specified format, to the Commission at least 6 hours prior to entry and no later than 6 hours prior to exiting the EHSP. Paragraph 6 states that any transshipment activities undertaken in the EHSP shall be in accordance with the applicable CMMs and obligates vessels intending to transship in the EHSP to indicate this to the Commission in the reporting format specified in paragraph 2.

¹ Report from the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring IWG is at WCPFC-TCC11-2015-20

9. In 2014, 7 CCMs had no vessels on the RFV and 6 CCMS reported in their fish/did not fish report that none of their vessels fished beyond their area of national jurisdiction.² Consequently, CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to these 13 CCMs in 2014. Twenty three (23) CCMs reported in their fish/did not fish report that they had flagged vessels fishing beyond areas of national jurisdiction in 2014. CMM 2010-02 may be applicable to these 23 CCMs. The analysis was further refined by looking at the areas fished by these vessels to determine if CMM 2010-02 was applicable. It was apparent that CCMs who did not have any vessels fishing or transiting in the EHSP concluded that the implementation of CMM 2010-02 was not applicable to their flag vessels. As at 4 August 2015, Secretariat has received Annual Reports Part 2 from 34 CCMs. Annex 2 provides a summary of CCMs response in Annual Report Part 2 related to CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 and 6.

Review of available data relevant to the EHSP

10. Paragraph 2 of the measure requires flag vessels to submit entry and exit reports to the Commission in a prescribed format at least 6 hours prior to entry and no later than 6 hours prior to exiting the EHSP. Annex 3 provides a summary of the entry and exit reports received together with the Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS, by year. Paragraph 2 of the measure also states that the report shall also contain estimated catch (kgs) onboard. Annex 4 shows the estimated catch as reported in the entry and exit report by year. Annex 5 provides a list of vessels by flag and vessel type that submit an entry/exit report to the Secretariat in 2014.
11. As shown in the table there appears to be vessels that are entering and exiting the EHSP-SMA which are not reporting in accordance with CMM 2010-02. In addition, there were some High Seas Boarding and Inspection activities in 2014, which found this to also be the case.

Administrative Note

12. To assist with internal record keeping at the WCPFC Secretariat, copies of entry and exit reports that are required in accordance with paragraph 2 to be submitted to the Commission, can be sent to the Secretariat to email: contact.ehsp@wcpfc.int

Recommendation

13. TCC11 is invited to note the report and discuss the activities in the EHSP.

² See Annex 1 of WCPFC-TCC11-2015-RP05 for a summary of information relating to the fished or did not fish report

Annex 1: Display of Live list at <https://www.wcpfc.int/eastern-high-seas-pocket>

CMM 2010-02 paragraph 5 state “The Commission Secretariat shall maintain a ‘live list’ of all fishing vessels present in the E-HSP, based on near-real time VMS information. This list will be made available to Commission Members through the WCPFC website.” Previously, these live lists were posted as Excel files (Figure 1). As at August 2015, the display of the live list is as shown in Figure 2. Users have the option of choosing the available report by date and time from the drop down box, next to “Report Time (UTC)”. Vessels present in the report are displayed on the map of the EHSP as well as in the table. Clicking on the vessel name on the table will highlight that vessel position on the map. Vessels are hyperlinked to the RFV providing user the ability

Figure 1: EHSP old display of live list

Eastern High Seas Pocket

View draft | Edit draft | Moderate

Map showing the Eastern High Seas Pocket (EHSP) in the South Pacific Ocean, with surrounding countries like Japan, United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia, and New Zealand.

Text, Coordinates and Implementation Guidelines

Symbol	Title	Files	Date of Issue
CMM 2010-02	Eastern High Seas Special Management Area Conservation and Management Measure		11 Apr 2011
	Coordinates of the Eastern High Seas Pocket - Special Management Area		12 Jun 2011
	Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area - Implementation Guidelines		18 Jun 2011

Live Vessel List

Symbol	Title	Files	Date of Issue
	2015-08-02-08-00-08		3 Aug 2015
	2015-08-02-12-00-05		3 Aug 2015
	2015-08-02-18-00-05		3 Aug 2015
	2015-08-03-00-00-27		3 Aug 2015
	2015-08-03-08-00-43		4 Aug 2015
	2015-08-03-12-00-16		4 Aug 2015

Figure 2: EHSP new display of live list

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E-HSP Live List

The table provides a live list of all fishing vessels present in the E-HSP based on near-real time VMS information, in accordance with paragraph 5 of CMM 2010-02. The map displays the most recent position provided in the live list. Position reports are received every six (6) hours and are available for the previous two days. The live list and the map provides a hyperlink to the relevant vessel record in the RFV. Please provide any comments and feedback to the email address EasternHighSeasSpecialManagementArea@wcpfc.int

Map showing the Eastern High Seas Pocket (EHSP) in the South Pacific Ocean, with a vessel position highlighted.

Report Time (UTC) 15 Aug 2015 - 20:00

Vessel Name	Call Sign	Flag	Last Date (UTC)	Position
4103	View	TW	15 Aug 2015 - 01:24	-17
	View	TW	15 Aug 2015 - 02:00	-17
	View	TW	15 Aug 2015 - 01:58	-16
	View	TW	15 Aug 2015 - 01:28	-16

The vessel details and positions are whited out

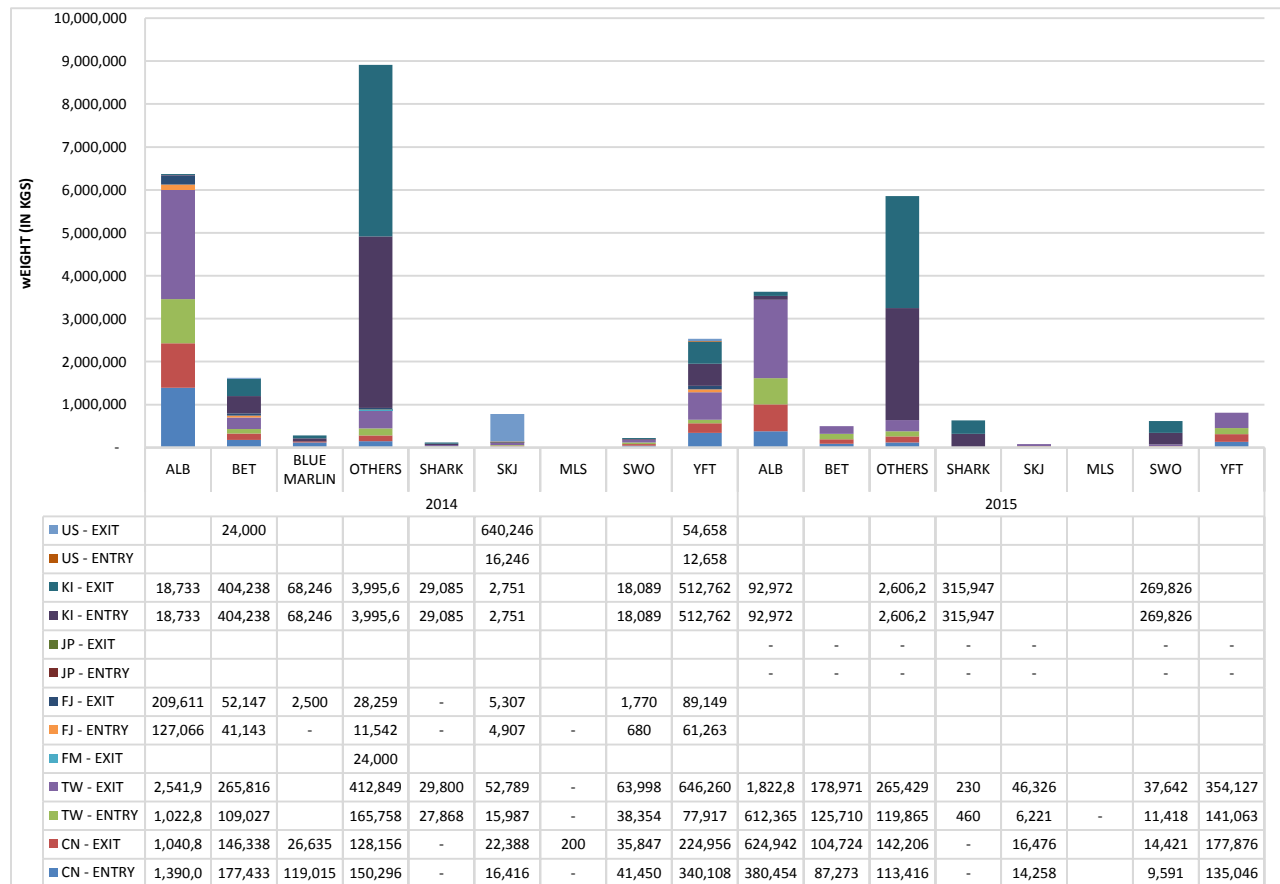
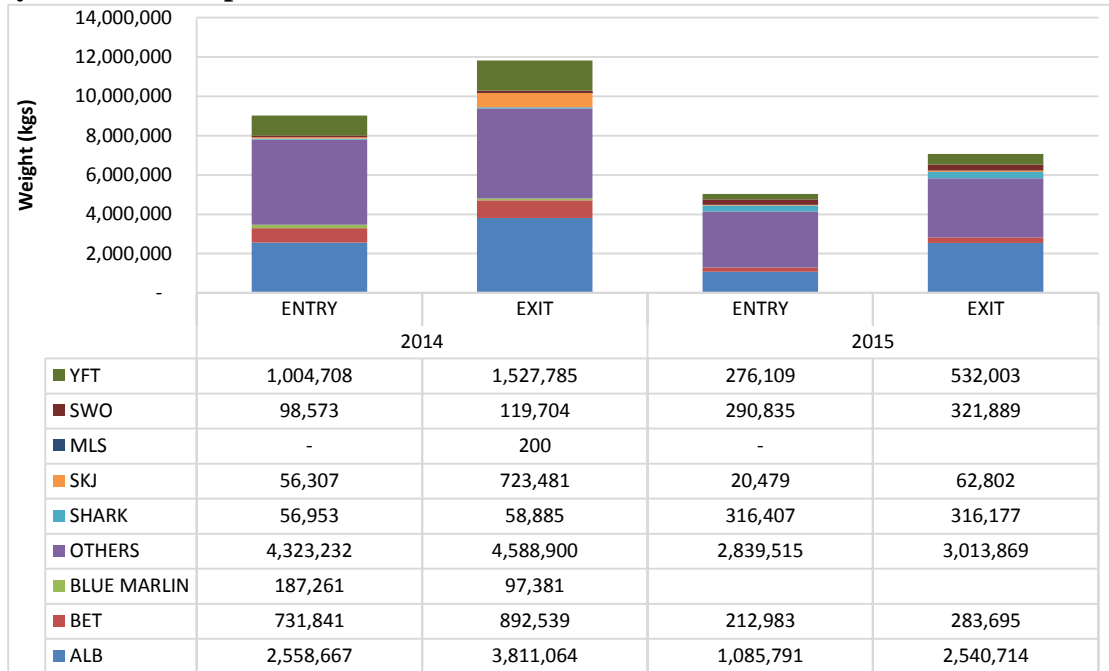
Annex 2: Summary of CCMs responses in Annual Report Part 2

	<i>from Annual Report Part 2</i>	
	CCM answer in AR Pt 2 when asked whether CMM 2010-02 para 2 and 6 has been implemented (choice of Yes/No/N/A)	Summary of further information provided by CCM in AR Pt 2
CMM 2010-02 02 (submission of entry/exit report)	14 Yes	Some CCMs states this is fully implemented; Some provided explanations that this is implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	20 N/A	Flag vessels do not fish in the EHSP/beyond areas of national jurisdiction; no flag vessel
	2 outstanding AR Pt 2 reports	
CMM 2010-02 06 (indication of transship in the EHSP)	6 Yes	Implemented through national legislation/regulation/license terms and conditions
	28 N/A	No transshipment in EHPS; no flag vessels permitted to transship in Convention Area/high seas; no flag vessel operates in areas beyond national jurisdiction
	2 outstanding AR Pt 2 reports	

Annex 3: Summary of entry and exit reports received by WCPFC with the Entry and Exit Alert generated by the Commission VMS by flag for the year 2014. This table does not take into account any recent submissions and updates provided as replies to the draft Compliance Monitoring Report 2015 covering 2014 activities and may be subject to revision.

CCM	# of Vessels detected		ENTRY		EXIT	
	Number of vessels detected on VMS	Number of vessels that submitted entry/exit report	VMS Alert	Manual Report	VMS Alert	Manual Report
China	59	61	54	94	59	62
Fiji	8	12	12	15	11	13
FSM	-	1	-	1	-	1
Kiribati	8	3	16	4	17	4
Panama	3	-	4	-	4	-
Chinese Taipei	25	31	25	68	68	68
USA	2	2	2	1	2	2
Vanuatu	1	-	1	-	1	-
Total	106	110				

Annex 4: Summary of catch on board (in kgs) of main species recorded on entry and exit reports submitted to the Secretariat for 2014 and 2015



Annex 5: List of vessels that submitted entry/exit reports to the Secretariat for 2014

China – 60 vessels

Longliner (48)

HAI XING 715
HAI XING 815
HAI XING 817
HONG YANG 11
HONG YANG 3
HONG YANG 8
HONG YANG 9
HUA NAN YU 711
HUA NAN YU 712
HUA NAN YU 716
HUA NAN YU 717
HUA NAN YU 718
HUA NAN YU 719
HUA NAN YU 721
HUA NAN YU 722
HUA NAN YU 731
HUA NAN YU 732
HUA NAN YU 736
HUA NAN YU 737
HUA NAN YU 738
HUA NAN YU 739
LU RONG YUAN YU 138
LU RONG YUAN YU 205
LU RONG YUAN YU 206
LU RONG YUAN YU 207
LU RONG YUAN YU 208
LU RONG YUAN YU 588
LU RONG YUAN YU 599
LU RONG YUAN YU 799
LU RONG YUAN YU 888
LU RONG YUAN YU 889
LU WEI YUAN YU 488
LU WEI YUAN YU 688
PING TAI RONG 13
PING TAI RONG 31
RONG DA YANG 16
RONG DA YANG 18
RONG DA YANG 19
RONG DA YANG 29
SHEN GANG FA 18

SHEN LIAN CHENG 881
SHEN LIAN CHENG 882
SHEN LIAN CHENG 883
SHEN LIAN CHENG 884
ZHONG YANG 16
ZHONG YANG 18
ZHONG YANG 19
ZHONG YANG 29

Tuna longliner (12)

HAI XING 716
HAI XING 717
HAI XING 718
LU RONG YUAN YU 27
LU RONG YUAN YU 28
LU RONG YUAN YU 29
LU RONG YUAN YU 30
PING TAI RONG NO.6
PING TAI RONG NO.8
RONG DA YANG 6
RONG DA YANG 8
RONG YUAN YU 89

Chinese Taipei – 31 vessels

Longliner (1)

YI SHENG WANG NO.1

Tuna longliner (30)

CHI FA NO.888
CHI HONG NO.899
CHIUAN FA CHENG NO.166
CHU HUAI NO.368
CHU HUAI NO.628
CHU HUAI NO.668
CHU HUAI NO.826
CHU HUAI NO.888
CHUAN HSIANG NO.368
CHUAN HSIN NO.128
CHUAN SHYANG NO.98
JIN CHIN FU NO.68
JIN TSAI FU NO.888
LIAN JI FA NO.212
LIEN CHI FA NO.24
MAAN YIH FENG NO.16

MAAN YIH FENG NO.166
MAAN YIH FENG NO.26
MAN YI FENG NO.66
MING YIH FA NO.3
SEA HAWK NO.18
SHENG I TSAI NO.688
YI SHENG WANG
YU LONG
YU LONG FA NO.168
YU LONG FA NO.22
YU LONG NO.10
YU LONG NO.12
YU LONG NO.18
YU LONG NO.2

Federated States of Micronesia – 1 vessel

Tuna longliner (1)

CFA 21

Fiji – 12 vessels

Longliner (1)

SUNSHINE 802

Tuna longliner (11)

HSINLONG NO. 1
HSINLONG NO. 6
RISING NO. 8
RISING NO. 9
RITUNA NO.2
RISING NO.6
RUIFENG NO. 2
SUNSHINE NO. 8
SUNSHINE NO.6
WINNING NO. 6
XIN SHI JI 16

Kiribati – 3 vessels

Tuna purse seiner (1)

PACIFIC STAR

FISH CARRIER (2)

SEIWA

SHIN HO CHUN NO. 102

United States of America – 2 vessels

Tuna purse seiner (2)

ISABELLA

WESTERN PACIFIC