Review reporting requirements in all Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) in order to harmonize and streamline

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PURPOSE

To assist participants at the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) to review the reporting requirements contained within CMMs in order to harmonize and streamline reporting requirements.

BACKGROUND

Component 3, sub-component 3.1, of the Work Plan of the WPICMM comprise of the following activities:

3	**Review the reporting requirements contained within CMMs in order to harmonize and streamline**
3.1	*Review reporting requirements in all CMMs*
3.1.1	Assess and compare reporting requirements for all CMMs in other relevant RFMOs and harmonize
3.1.2	Undertake an assessment of existing IOTC reporting requirement in order to streamline the reporting by CPCs
3.1.3	Consider the report at WPICMM
3.1.4	Provide recommendation to harmonize and streamline reporting requirements

DISCUSSION

A consultant was recruited to conduct the following activities:
- Assess and compare reporting requirements for all CMMs in other relevant RFMOs and make proposals on the whether there are any benefits to be gained by through harmonisation,
- Undertake an assessment of existing IOTC reporting requirements in order to streamline reporting by CPCs.

The main outcomes and results related to the above activities can be found from pages 27 to 33 of the consultant's report. The conclusions and recommendations are reproduced below. The report of the consultant is presented in full in IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review.

Streamlining IOTC reporting requirements:

Conclusions and recommendations:

(1) Streamlining of reporting requirements will reduce redundancies and will make reporting requirements easier to understand and to manage, especially for smaller administrations. Reporting requirements on port inspections or vessel data are provided as examples. It is recommended that streamlining of reporting requirements be combined with the introduction of the online reporting system e-MARIS.

(2) When introducing the online reporting system e-MARIS, capacity building should be provided to ensure consistent entry, the required level of detail and the quality of data and information reported by CPCs.

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(3) Automated solutions for data sharing can make better use of the data within IOTC (e.g. data required for the assessment of compliance with different CMMs) and are also helpful in the context of data sharing with States and other RFMOs (see Section 5.2).

Harmonizing reporting requirements across tuna RFMOs

Conclusions and recommendations:

(1) The harmonization of reporting requirements across tuna RFMOs should be encouraged, where useful, to make reporting easier for CPCs that are Members to multiple RFMOs and to strengthen MCS by setting consistent standards, especially in the context of combatting IUU fishing globally.

(2) Harmonization should be advanced for e. g. records of authorized fishing, support and transport vessels, IUU vessel lists, port State measures, VMS, reporting of transhipment activities and observer programs.

(3) Automated solutions for data sharing can support coordination and cooperation with States and other RFMOs (see Section 5.2).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the WPICMM02:

1) **NOTE** paper IOTC–2019–WPICMM02–06 and the consultant's report, reference IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review,
2) **REVIEW AND DISCUSS** the report IOTC-2019-WPICMM02-Compliance review to provide recommendations to the Compliance Committee.