



**Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and Resolutions of the  
Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)**

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## **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 AND Information Package on Data Buoys as at 18 May 2010
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 <b>(Effective 1 November 2020 (except for Indonesia), replaced CMM 2010-07, CMM 2011-04, CMM 2012-04, CMM 2013-08 and CMM 2014-05)</b> <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 <i>(effective 1 Jan 2020)</i>
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 <i>(Replaced CMM 2010-06 (2011 – 2019), CMM 2007-03 (2008-2010)</i>
Res. 2019-01	Resolution on Climate Change as it relates to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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

<b>IPOA</b>	International Plan of Action
<b>IRCS</b>	International Radio Call Sign
<b>ISC</b>	International Science Committee
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union
<b>IUU</b>	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
<b>IW</b>	International Waters
<b>IWG</b>	Intersessional Working Group
<b>LOA</b>	Length Overall
<b>LR</b>	Lloyd's Register
<b>LRP</b>	Limit reference point
<b>LSPSV</b>	Large Scale Purse Seine Vessels
<b>MCS</b>	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
<b>MHLC</b>	Multilateral High Level Conference
<b>Min.</b>	Minimum
<b>Members</b>	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.
<b>MSE</b>	Management strategy evaluation
<b>msy</b>	maximum sustainable yield
<b>MTU</b>	Mobile Transceiver Unit (VMS unit)
<b>NC</b>	Northern Committee
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic Atmospheric Organisation (USA)
<b>OFP</b>	Oceanic Fisheries Programme (SPC)
<b>Participating Territories</b>	American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna.
<b>PNA</b>	Parties to the Nauru Agreement
<b>Prep Con</b>	Preparatory Conference
<b>pCMR</b>	Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report
<b>RFMO</b>	Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
<b>RFV</b>	Record of Fishing Vessels
<b>ROP</b>	Regional Observer Programme
<b>RREG</b>	Regional Register ( Forum Fisheries Agency)
<b>SC</b>	Science Committee
<b>SB</b>	Spawning biomass
<b>SIDS</b>	Small Island Developing States
<b>SIP</b>	Strategic Investment Plan (for Special Requirements of developing States)



<b>SOLAS</b>	Safety of Life at Sea
<b>SPC</b>	Secretariat Pacific Community
<b>SRF</b>	Special Requirements Fund
<b>SSB</b>	Spawning stock biomass
<b>SSP's</b>	Standards, Specifications and Procedures
<b>TCC</b>	Technical and Compliance Committee
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>TRP</b>	Target reference point
<b>UNCLOS</b>	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
<b>UST</b>	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.)
<b>UVI</b>	Unique Vessel Identifier
<b>VDS</b>	Vessel Day Scheme
<b>VID</b>	Vessel identifier (WCPFC assigned identifier to a vessel record in RFV)
<b>VMS</b>	Vessel Monitoring System
<b>WCPFC</b>	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
<b>WCPFC Convention Area</b>	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
<b>WCPFC Statistical Area</b>	The WCPFC Statistical Area is defined in <a href="#">para. 8 of "Scientific data to be provided to the Commission"</a>
<b>WCPO</b>	Western Central Pacific Ocean
<b>WIN</b>	WCPFC Identification Number
<b>WP</b>	Working Paper

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