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Dear Mr. Stephen Fisher,

Thank you very much for joining with us in the process of improving the fisheries management system in Vietnam. Your suggestion on enabling staffs in species identification is highly appreciated. We are planning to train the local staffs with knowledge and skills of collecting tuna data fisheries. Therefore, please proceed it as soon as possible so that we can guide the local staffs to use and deliver to them for use.

Thank you very much and look forward to further cooperation with you.

Best regards and stay safe

Hai

From: Stephen Fisher

Date: Wed 4/28/2021 10:41 AM

Dear Dr. Kien and Peter,

Congratulations on the completion of the 10th annual VTFACE meeting. I would like to thank you both so much for inviting me to attend as an observer. It is really great news to see the progress being made by Vietnam as a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) of WCPFC and the work being done by D Fish and the SPC.

I would like to be able to report some important takeaways from VTFACE 10 to Sea Delight's key customers. Can you please advise if this would be OK and if the following is accurate?

1). Vietnam will continue as a CNM and align its data collection and reporting on WCPFC Key Species with the requirements of WCPFC.

2). Vietnam will continue to work to align its tuna fisheries management framework with relevant WCPFC CMMs.

3). VTFACE 10 did result in 2020 provisional billfish and shark catch data being reported to WCPFC.

3). D Fish will start a Port Data collection program in Vietnam's major tuna ports. This program will assign local sub-D Fish authorities in each port to collect catch data on the WCPFC Key Species, including billfish, mobula spp. rays and sharks. This information will be used by WCPFC to help determine stock status of these species for the sustainable management of their stocks.

Suggestion: As part of the program described above, in item 3, Sea Delight, VINATUNA and WWF would like to assist by commissioning D Fish approved high-quality laminated Fish Identification Posters of the WCPFC Key Species, in Vietnamese and English. These would be designed to help fisheries authorities and fishermen identify the WCPFC Key Species correctly for more accurate and comprehensive catch data reporting. The species images and identification guidance would come from the SPC Species Identification Files.

Please advise if this would be acceptable to D Fish and we will begin work quickly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to observe VTFACE 10.

Best Regards,

Steve