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RE: 2020 WCPFC Annual Meeting Position Statement

Dear Nauru Fisheries Marine Resources Authority,

The submission of this letter and subsequent position statement is regarding the [Fishery Improvement Project](#) (FIP) currently being undertaken by the Kiribati purse seine tuna fishery (Kiribati Fish Ltd operated vessels). The fishery targets skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*) and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) through free-school and FAD-associated purse seine sets. The fleet of ten purse seine vessels are flagged to China and operate mainly in the Kiribati EEZ, other PNA countries' EEZs and potentially the high seas. The fishery is managed regionally by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

To find more information on the present FIP, please view the public Fishery Progress profile here: <https://fisheryprogress.org/fip-profile/western-and-central-pacific-ocean-tuna-purse-seine-kiribati-fish-Ltd..>

This FIP aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region. The end goal is to achieve certification under the [Marine Stewardship Council](#) Fisheries Standard by 2025.

As part of this FIP reaching MSC certification there are various actions which need to be undertaken which involve a range of different stakeholders. To ensure the FIP meets these objectives we need the support of the Flag states to advocate during the 2020 annual WCPFC meeting to urge action on multiple topics laid out below. To see these actions in further detail, please see the position statement available on the Fishery Progress FIP page sent on behalf of all the FIP participants to WCPFC.

As a flag state, it is important that the following is adequately advocated for during the WCPFC meeting in 2020 and we ask for you to make sure the following asks are raised:

- **Ask 1:** To endeavor to stick to the prescribed timetable for the development of management procedures (i.e. harvest control rules) for tropical tuna stocks that will ensure that they fluctuate around the Target Reference Points.
- **Ask 2:** Require 100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic) for longline vessels, and all vessels engaged in at-sea transshipment, within four years to ensure effective enforcement.
- **Ask 3:** Adopt best practice e-monitoring and e-reporting standards, including for logbooks for purse seine vessels.
- **Ask 4:** Identify and sanction non-compliance with the existing minimum 100% purse seine vessel observer coverage requirements.
- **Ask 5:** Update the commission on the progress/results of CMM 2009-06 review and what amendments can be made presented to the Commission in 2020, and subsequently adopted.
- **Ask 6:** Set a specific timeframe for the adoption of audit points to clarify the Commission obligations assessed under the CMS, as well as the development of a checklist to be used by the proponents of any proposal to include a list of potential audit points for the consideration of the Commission.



- **Ask 7:** Progress, as a matter of urgency, the remaining items identified in the CMM 2018-07 and subsequently CMM 2019-06 work plan through the Intersessional CMS Working Group, including allowing accredited observers to attend CMS working group meetings.
- **Ask 8:** Disclose CCM's plans to address identified areas of non-compliance.
- **Ask 9:** Make public all non-sensitive elements of the Part II Report to ensure transparency of how CCMs' are implementing their obligations.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and we would appreciate any feedback after the RFMO meeting on how it went and your position on these points. We thank you in advance for making sure these important issues are being raised to enable us all to meet sustainability goals and ensure a sustainable future for our oceans.

Kind regards,

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