

## 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPRFMO COMMISSION

*Held virtually, 25 January – 2 February 2021*

### COMM 9 – Prop 14\_rev 2

*Ecuador*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amend  <input type="checkbox"/> Create	<b>CMM 18-2020 Conservation and Management Measure on the Management of the Jumbo Flying Squid Fishery</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Ecuador	
<p><b>Summary of the proposal:</b></p> <p>Given the growth of fishing effort in the Convention Area, which affects the sustainability of the resources, as well as, to the coastal countries that are Members of the RFMOs; and with the need to ensure the traceability of the jumbo flying squid resource as a fishery of commercial interest. Ecuador proposes the gradual increase of the coverage percentage of Onboard Observers of jumbo flying squid vessels. The proposal will require that fishing vessels that fish jumbo flying squid in the area of jurisdiction of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO), carry an Observer on board according to the specific compliance guidelines of each CNCP in the percentages determined in this proposal. The amendment will increase the scientific information available for better decision-making regarding the management and conservation of this resource.</p> <p>Observers onboard do not only provide information for scientists about the behavior of the resources, but it has also been proven that their presence helps to identify non-compliance and IUU fisheries cases. There are many examples of the advantages of having Observers onboard among other RFMOs and implementing a significant percentage of coverage, that represents the true size of the fleet and its catches, will lead the Members participating in the fisheries of jumbo flying squid to a better governance of this activity.</p> <p>Finally, the proposal does not affect the work of the Scientific Committee and helps to improve the information provided to take the best decisions about a sustainable activity for jumbo giant squid.</p>	
<p><b>Objective of the proposal:</b></p> <p>The objective of this proposal is to improve the control and traceability of the jumbo flying squid resource caught in the Convention Area, through the gradual implementation until reaching a 20% coverage of the On-Board Observer Program on all vessels greater than 15 meters in length, in accordance with the guidelines of CMM 16-2019, of the vessels that are dedicated to this activity.</p>	
<b>Has the proposal financial impacts or influence on the Secretariat work?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## CMM 18-2021<sup>1</sup>

### Conservation and Management Measure on the Management of the Jumbo Flying Squid Fishery (Supersedes CMM 18-2020)

#### The Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation;

*NOTING* that there has been a substantial increase in catches of and fishing effort for jumbo flying squid in the Convention Area since 1990;

*CONCERNED* that there is uncertainty concerning the stock status and exploitation rate of jumbo flying squid;

*TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* the discussions at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squid Workshop on 5-6 October 2019 and the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Committee from 7 to 12 October 2019;

*BEARING IN MIND* the commitment to apply the precautionary approach and take decisions based on the best scientific and technical information available as set out in Article 3 of the Convention;

*RECOGNISING* that a primary function of the Commission is to adopt Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) to achieve the objective of the Convention, including, as appropriate, CMMs for particular fish stocks;

*AFFIRMING* its commitment to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of jumbo flying squid stocks in accordance with the objective of the Convention;

*RECOGNISING* the need for effective monitoring and control and surveillance of fishing for jumbo flying squid in the implementation of this measure pending the establishment of monitoring, control and surveillance measures pursuant to Article 27 of the Convention;

*RECALLING* Articles 20(3) and 20(4) of the Convention;

*FURTHER RECALLING* the need set out in Article 4 of the Convention to ensure compatibility of CMMs established for the high seas and those adopted for areas under national jurisdiction, and the duty of Contracting Parties to cooperate to this end;

*RECALLING* also Article 21(1) of the Convention;

*ADOPTS* the following CMM in accordance with Articles 8 and 21 of the Convention:

#### General Provisions

1. This CMM applies to all vessels flagged to Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) engaged in or intending to engage in fishing for jumbo flying squid (*Dosidicus gigas*) in the Convention Area.
2. Only fishing vessels duly authorised pursuant to Article 25 of the Convention and in accordance with CMM 05-2019 (Record of Vessels) that are flagged to Members and CNCs shall participate in the fishery for jumbo flying squid in the Convention Area.

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<sup>1</sup> [CMM 12-2021 supersedes 12-2020]



## Data Collection and Reporting

3. Each Member and CNCP participating in the jumbo flying squid fishery shall collect, verify, and provide all required data to the Executive Secretary, in accordance with CMM 02-2020 (Data Standards) and using the templates prepared by the Secretariat and available on the SPRFMO website, including an annual catch report detailing catches on a monthly basis. The template for the reporting of catch and effort data shall be developed by the Secretariat and submitted to the Scientific Committee and the Commission for consideration at the annual meeting in 2021.
4. The Executive Secretary shall verify the annual catch reports submitted by Members and CNCPs against the submitted data. The Executive Secretary shall inform Members and CNCPs of the outcome of the verification exercise and any possible discrepancies encountered.

## Monitoring and Control

5. Members and CNCPs participating in the jumbo flying squid fisheries shall implement a vessel monitoring system (VMS) in accordance with CMM 06-2020 (VMS) and other relevant CMMs adopted by the Commission.
6. Each Member and CNCP participating in the jumbo flying squid fishery shall provide the Executive Secretary a list of vessels<sup>2</sup> they have authorised to fish in the fishery in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention and CMM 05-2019 (Record of Vessels) and other relevant CMMs adopted by the Commission. They shall also notify the Executive Secretary of the vessels that have actively fished or engaged in transshipment in the Convention Area within 30 days of the end of each year. The Executive Secretary shall maintain lists of the vessels so notified and will make them available on the SPRFMO website.
7. The Executive Secretary shall report annually to the Commission on the list of vessels having actively fished or been engaged in transshipment in the Convention Area during the previous year using data provided under CMM 02-2020 (Data Standards).

## Scientific Committee Reports

8. Members and CNCPs shall provide their annual reports, in accordance with the existing guidelines for such reports, in advance of the 2021 Scientific Committee meeting. Members and CNCPs shall also provide observer data for the 2021 fishing season to the Scientific Committee to the maximum extent possible. The reports shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary at least one month before the 2021 Scientific Committee meeting in order to ensure that the Scientific Committee has an adequate opportunity to consider the reports in its deliberations. Members and CNCPs should notify the Executive Secretary in the event they will not be submitting an annual report together with the reasons for not doing so.
9. The information collected under paragraphs 3 and 8, and any stock assessments and research in respect of the jumbo flying squid fishery shall be submitted for review to the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will conduct the necessary analysis and assessment, in accordance with its SC Multi-annual workplan agreed by the Commission, in order to provide advice on stock status.

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<sup>2</sup>Fishing vessels as defined in Article 1 (1)(h) of the Convention.



## Observer Coverage

10. Members and CNCs participating in the jumbo flying squid fishery shall ensure an observer<sup>3</sup> coverage of 20% on vessels greater than 15 meters in length flying their flag, and ensure that such observers collect and report data as described in CMM 02-2020 (Data Standards). The coverage will increase gradually according to the following:
- a. 5% in 2021
  - b. 10% in 2022
  - c. 20% in 2023

The Scientific Committee shall review the minimum observer coverage, at the latest at its 2023 meeting and provide advice to the Commission, including in relation to the specificities of different fleet segments.

## Special Requirements of Developing States

11. In recognition of the special requirements of developing States, in particular small island developing States and territories and possessions in the region, Members and CNCs are urged to provide financial, scientific and technical assistance, where available, to enhance the ability of those developing States and territories and possessions to implement this CMM.

## Review

12. This CMM shall enter into force just after the 9<sup>th</sup> SPRFMO Annual Meeting in 2021.
13. This CMM shall be reviewed by the Commission in 2024. The review shall take into account the latest advice of the Scientific Committee and the Compliance and Technical Committee.

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<sup>3</sup> According to CMM 16-2020