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**Interim secretariat report on participants fishing pelagic stocks in the Area in 2007**

Paragraph 1 of the Pelagic Fisheries section of the Interim Measures adopted by the Third Round of Consultations requires that Participants notify the Interim Secretariat of the total level of gross tonnage (GT) recorded for those vessels flying their flag actively fishing in the high seas of the South Pacific (the Area) during 2007, and that Participants verify the effective presence of the vessels in the area during 2007 through VMS records, catch reports, port calls or other means. It notes that the Interim Secretariat would have access to such information upon request.

At the Fifth Third Round of Consultations the Executive Secretary was asked to prepare a report for the next Meeting on the active fishing capacity in the Area for 2007, including catches.

The table below shows the relevant information for each Participant that reported fishing activity for pelagic species (excluding squid) in the Area during 2007. Some vessel sizes have been provided as gross registered tonnage (GRT) instead of gross tonnage (GT) as required in the Interim measures.

Australia, Ecuador, Japan, NZ, Russian Federation, and Chinese Taipei Fishing Entity reported they had no fishing for pelagic species in the Area in 2007.

Some Participants have provided details of vessels they have authorized to fish in the Area during 2008, but so far, the Interim Secretariat has no data on their fishing operations.

Table: Fishing activity for pelagic species in the Area during 2007

PARTICIPANT	Recorded actively fishing in 2007	No. Vessels	Reported 2007 catches of pelagic species in the proposed Area (t)			VMS data verifying presence in Area provided to Interim Secretariat	Comment
			Chilean jack mackerel	Unspecified jack mackerel	Other pelagic species		
Belize	9,814 GT	1		*	*	Yes	Catch reported to Interim Secretariat but not shown as there were fewer than 3 vessels actively fishing
Chile	103,849 GT	138	1,293,515	297,110		Yes	The reported 2007 GT and catch includes industrial vessels authorized to fish for jack mackerel including vessels fishing within waters under national jurisdiction.
China	55,672 GT	11		140,582		Yes	
Cook Islands	12,613 GRT	3		7		Yes	VMS data were also provided for a 4 <sup>th</sup> vessel with GRT 16,820, which towed an experimental net with an open cod end.
European Community	62,999 GT	8	123,511		9067	Yes	
Faroe Islands	23,415 GT	3	38,700			Yes	Small quantities of unspecified mackerel were included in the jack mackerel total
Korea	10,473 GT	3		10,940	1240	Yes	
Vanuatu	31,220 GRT	4	112501		7705	Yes	