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Proposal to Amend CMM 10-2017 on Jack Mackerel
Vanuatu

<u>Conservation and Management Measure for *Trachurus murphyi*</u>

Jack Mackerel Fishery Incentive Proposal

Vanuatu

During the 5th Commission meeting Vanuatu presented a proposal entitled Interim Allocation of Jack Mackerel Quotas ([COMM5-Prop01](#)). The meeting agreed that the proposal had merit but that more consideration needed to be given to its possible interaction with existing decisions. Members were encouraged to work inter-sessionally to address these issues.

The purpose of this revised proposal remains to:

1. Promote increased utilization of quotas; and,
2. Provide fishing opportunities for Members or CNCPs with low or zero quota allocations.

The proposal would be first implemented in 2022 using catch and transfers data in 2021 to calculate national utilization rates.

Main Elements of the Proposal

1. Establish a minimum annual utilization threshold of quota that, if not reached, would lead to that member not being entitled to share in any increase in the TAC <u>in the following year</u>.
2. The minimum annual utilization threshold would comprise both catches and quota transfers. For example, if a member transferred all of its uncaught annual allocation it would achieve 100% utilization.
3. The minimum annual utilization standard to be set at a level of 70% of the weighted average utilization of quotas by all members fishing for jack mackerel during the year that is 2 years before the annual meeting.
4. If a member fails to achieve the minimum utilization standard then the catch limit of that member would remain at the current level rather than increasing in line with any increase in the TAC in the following year.
5. The forfeit amount of quota would be assigned by the Commission to other member states with no or very low allocations or CNCPs.

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9. By 31 December each year a Member or CNCP may transfer to another Member or CNCP all or part of its entitlement to catch up to the limit set out in Table 1, without prejudice to future agreements on the allocation of fishing opportunities, subject to the approval of the receiving Member or CNCP. When receiving fishing entitlement by transfer, a Member or CNCP may either allocate it on the basis of domestic legislation or endorse arrangements between owners participating in the transfer. Before the transferred fishing takes place, the transferring Member or CNCP shall notify the transfer to the Executive Secretary for circulation to Members and CNCPs without delay.

9 bis. Beginning in 2021, for the purpose of being entitled to an increase in tonnage set out in Table 1 for the following year, Members shall reach a certain minimum annual utilisation level (annual threshold).

9 ter. This annual threshold shall be 70% of the weighted average utilisation level of catch limits in Table 1 by all Members during the calendar year beginning two years before the annual meeting.

9 quater. The annual threshold will be calculated taking into account the sum of each Member catches and quota transfers to other Members, irrespective of whether the transferred amount is fully caught. A quota transfer received from other Members will be added to the Member's initial catch level for the purpose of calculating the annual threshold.

9 quinquies. If there is an increase in the total allowable catch, Members not reaching the annual threshold shall not receive an increase in their quotas in Table 1 during that annual meeting. The tonnage of that Member would remain unchanged. Any increase in tonnage that would have otherwise been allocated to such Members may be assigned by the Commission to Members or CNCPs without an entitlement in Table 1, or to Members with very low entitlements.

9 sexies. All relevant information concerning the annual threshold and each Member and CNCP's final catch and transfer figures will be provided to all Members and CNCPs by the Secretariat prior to the annual meeting.