

CMM 3.03 Compliance and Monitoring Scheme

ANNEX II: Provisional template for the Implementation Report on Implementation of the SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures

Reporting Member/CNCP: Australia
Calendar Year to which this report refers: 2015
Date report prepared: 20/10/2015

CMM 1.02 Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area ([download](#))

1. Members shall require that vessels flying their flag prohibit the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets and all deep-water gillnets in the Convention Area.

Please describe how this requirement has been implemented

Australia fully complies with this CMM.

Australia's high seas permits applying to vessels fishing in the SPRFMO Area prohibit the use of gillnets. Gear permitted under Australia's high seas permits include demersal longline, midwater trawl and demersal trawl.

Have any of your vessels transited the Area while carrying gillnets? YES NO

(If so, was 36hrs advance notice given YES NO ,

did the vessels operate a VMS YES NO Partial ,

were VMS reports submitted YES NO Partial and

were any Gillnets lost overboard YES NO ?

(refer Paras 2a, b, c & d)

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CMM 1.04 Vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities in the SPRFMO Area ([download](#))

Did you transmit a list of presumed IUU fishing vessels to the Secretariat? YES NO
If so, did you inform the relevant flag state before, or at the same time as, transmitting the list? YES NO

Australia is not aware of any vessels presumed to be carrying out IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area. Consistent with this CMM, Australia informed the Secretariat on 4 September 2015 that it did have any information to transmit.

Were any of your flagged vessels on the draft IUU list? YES NO
If so, did you notify vessel owners and inform them about the potential consequences? YES NO

N/A

Were any of your flagged vessels on the final IUU list? YES NO
If so, did you notify the vessel owners and inform them about the consequences of inclusion? Also what measures were taken to eliminate these IUU activities?

N/A

Did you enforce any of the measures described under paragraph 12? YES NO
If so, please elaborate.

N/A. No Australian vessels were on the IUU vessel list.

CMM 2.01 *Trachurus murphyi* (now CMM 3.01) ([download](#))

Do your vessels fish for *T. murphyi* in, or adjacent to, the Convention Area? YES NO

If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:

Table 1: CMM 2.01 Effort Management

Gross Tonnage (GT) Limit	GT of Active fishing vessels	Number of vessels actively fishing for CJM	Number of vessels only engaged in Transshipment(s)

Enter n/a if not applicable.

Table 2: CMM 2.01 Catch Management

CJM catch limit	CJM catch limit taking into account any catch transfers	Provisional CJM catch total

Table 3: CMM 2.01 Data collection and reporting

Number of Monthly reports provided	VMS implemented and data provided?	List of authorised vessels provided?	Annual report provided to SC?	Observer coverage level
	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

Do you have additional measures that limit the amount of *T. murphyi* available to your vessels to an amount less than that specified in Table 2 above (refer para 8)? YES NO

If so, please elaborate

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Did you conduct any research or stock assessments for *T. murphyi* during this past year and were they submitted to the Scientific Committee? YES NO

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Did any of your vessels land or tranship *T. murphyi* within your ports and did you take measures to verify those catches? YES NO

Is any part of your national jurisdiction area adjacent to the Area to which CMM 2.01 applies? YES NO

If so, have you decided to apply the measures described in Para 11 -22 within your national jurisdiction areas? YES NO Partial

Also, have you submitted measures in effect for *T. murphyi* within your national jurisdiction areas to the Secretariat? YES NO

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CMM 2.02 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data (*now CMM 3.02*) ([download](#))

Table 4: Participation in SPRFMO fisheries during the past year

<i>Fishing method</i>	<i>Activities undertaken?</i>	<i>Main species?</i>	<i>Number of vessels</i>	<i>Activities observed?</i>
<i>Demersal Drop/dahn line</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A
<i>Demersal Longline</i>	Yes	Jackass morwong Yellowtail kingfish Blue-eye trevalla	2	Yes
<i>Demersal Potting</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A
<i>Demersal Trawl</i>	Yes	Orange roughy Alfonsino	1	Yes
<i>Pelagic Purse seine</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A
<i>Pelagic Trawl</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A
<i>Squid jigging</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A
<i>Transshipment</i>	No	N/A	0	N/A

Were you able to meet the data collection requirements described in paragraphs 1(b) (c) and (d)? (Being information on fishing activity, non-target species impacts and transshipments/landings) YES NO Partial

The information in Annex 1 and Annex 3 were collected for the trawl and longline trips respectively. There was no transshipment in the reporting period.

Do you have a national observer programme YES NO , and if so have you submitted an annual observer implementation report to the Secretariat? YES NO

Note this section could be expanded to include the observer implementation report.

Australia has submitted the annual observer implementation report as part of Australia's report to the SPRFMO Scientific Committee meeting. This report covers the requirements of paragraph 2(d) of CMM 3.02 (the revised version of CMM 2.02).

Have you implemented systems to ensure that all of your vessels that fish in the Convention Area have an operational VMS system (that conforms to the requirements in Paras 3(b) and 3(c)? YES NO

All Australian vessels operating in the SPRFMO Area are required to operate a functional VMS unit.

Please describe the systems you use to verify your SPRFMO fishery data.

All Australian vessels are required to land their catch to an authorised fish receiver. The landings are monitored through catch disposal records where the catch is verified by the fish receiver. Australia reports the verified catch weight by species to SPRFMO each month (as required under CMM 2.03).

CMM 2.03 Bottom fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area
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Do you fish in the Convention Area using bottom fishing methods? YES NO

If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:

Table 5: Management of Bottom Fishing and Fisheries

Bottom fishing assessment submitted?	2002-06 Bottom fishing footprint submitted?	Bottom fishing restricted to footprint?	2002-06 average annual catch (t)	Provisional catch total for last year (t)	Observer coverage level (Trawl)	Observer coverage level (other)	Number of VME encounters above the threshold	Number of monthly reports provided
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	451.58	217.68 (2014)	100%	10%	0	12

Have you prohibited your vessels from participating in bottom fishing activities in the Convention Area, except when in accordance with this measure? YES NO

Have you established threshold levels for VME encounters? YES NO
 If so what are they?

If the take of coral and sponge exceeds either:

- (a) 50kgs in any one shot for trawl methods or
 - (b) 10kgs in any one shot for line methods for any 1000 hook section of line or 1200 metre section of line, whichever is the shorter
- the boat must cease fishing immediately and not fish using the same method at any point within a five nautical mile radius of that shot for the duration of the permit.

Also, do you require your vessels to cease fishing operations within 5 miles of any site where threshold levels are exceeded? YES NO

Have you divided your footprint into sub-areas for the purposes of preventing significant adverse impacts to VMES? YES NO . If so, please elaborate.

All areas of Australia's bottom fishing footprint are open to bottom fishing. The move on rules explained above are implemented across all footprints to prevent significant adverse impacts to VMEs.

Do you have additional measures that apply to your bottom fishing vessels in the Convention Area? YES NO . If so, please elaborate.

Australia imposes the following conditions on high seas permits:

- (a) fish must be disposed of to a fish receiver permit holder;
- (b) the removal of fins and livers from sharks at sea is banned;
- (c) operators must avoid interactions with protected organisms and, if an interaction occurs, it must be reported to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority; and
- (d) a vessel monitoring system must be used.

Have you identified any sites within the Convention Area where VMEs are likely to occur? YES NO

If so have you provided this information to the Secretariat? YES NO

Have you taken steps to ensure that your bottom fishing vessels are able to comply with all of the requirements detailed in paragraph 24? YES NO

Australia requires that Australia-flagged vessels operating in the SPRFMO Area are equipped and configured to comply with all relevant SPRFMO CMMs including observer coverage requirements, minimum data requirements and vessel monitoring system requirements. Australia has also submitted monthly catch reports within 20 days of the end of the month as per paragraph 24(f).

Are you aware of any non-member (or non- CNCP) that has recently bottom fished in the Convention Area? YES NO .

And if so, did you communicate a request to them to cooperate and to consider participating in the work of SPRFMO as a matter of priority? YES NO

N/A

CMM 2.04 Minimising bycatch of seabirds in the SPRFMO Convention Area ([download](#))

Are your vessels required to implement appropriate seabird mitigation measures while fishing in the Convention Area? YES NO

Do you have any vessels which are exempt from applying seabird mitigation measures? YES NO . And if so, when was the last time these vessels were reviewed?

Australia applies the following seabird mitigation measures for vessels consistent with Annex 1 and Annex 2 of CMM 2.04.

For longline fishing Australia prohibits the discharge of biological material during shooting and hauling and requires all vessels to use bird scaring lines. As Australia has maintained more than 10% observer coverage level for at least the last five years with a seabird mortality rate of less than 0.01 birds/1000 hooks, only one mitigation measure is required.

Australian trawl vessels have recorded observed seabird mortality of less than one mortality per vessel per year, which is below the trigger threshold. There is therefore no requirement under CM 2.04 to implement further mitigation measures.

Further information on Australia's mitigation measures can be found in Australia's national report to the SPRFMO Scientific Committee.

Do you require your observers to record seabird interactions? YES NO
If so, are the records in accordance with CMM 2.02 and is the resulting data reported to the Secretariat? YES NO

There were no interactions with seabirds in the reporting period. Any interactions would be reported consistent with paragraph 7 if they were to occur.

Table 6: Seabird mitigation measures in Demersal Longline

Biological discharge during shooting/hauling prohibited?	List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area	Observer coverage level ¹	Number of Seabird captures	Approximate seabird mortality rate (per 1000 hooks observed)
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	At least 10%	0	0

Table 7: Seabird mitigation measures in Trawl Fisheries

Number of vessels that do not discharge Biological material	Number of vessels discharging Biological material	List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area	Observer coverage level ²	Number of Seabird captures	Approximate seabird mortality rate (per tow observed)
1	0	See explanation above	100%	0	0

¹ Provided as a percentage of number of hooks

² Provided as percentage of number of tows

CMM 2.05 Commission record of Vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area ([download](#))

Describe how you take into account the vessel and operator compliance history when considering whether or not to authorise a particular fishing vessel.

To fish in the SPRFMO Area, Australian flagged vessels must hold a High Seas Permit. For Australia to issue a High Seas Permit, the vessel must be Australian flagged. Compliance checks are conducted as part of the process of deeming vessels as Australian.

The history of the operator and the vessel, including any IUU listing, is taken into account when deciding whether or not to authorise a High Seas Permit for a particular fishing vessel.

Describe the measures you have taken to ensure that you are able to take effective enforcement actions against the owners of vessels flying your flag should the need arise.

For Australian vessels operating in the SPRFMO Area, imposes conditions through High Seas permits that are consistent with SPRFMO CMMs. Australia enforces these requirements through a suite of MCS measures including observer coverage, inspections, sufficient penalties under legislation, warnings, fines and education and outreach.

Do you maintain your own register of fishing vessels for the SPRFMO Area and does it contain all the necessary information (as described in Annex 1 of the measure)?

YES NO

Table 8: Vessel data submission summary

<i>Number of vessels authorised to fish in the SPRMO Area</i>	<i>Number of new authorisations within past year</i>	<i>Number of revoked authorisations within past year</i>	<i>Authorisation details submitted to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Number of Active fishing vessels*</i>	<i>Number of vessels only engaged in Transhipment(s)*</i>
7	3	2	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	3	0

* These numbers may be equal to or larger than the figures provided in Table 1.

CMM 2.06 VMS in the SPRFMO Convention Area ([download](#))

At this time, this CMM does not have readily measurable implementation requirements.

CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of inspection in Port ([download](#))

Are your have ports able, or expected, to receive SPRFMO-managed species? **YES** **NO**

If so please complete the following table and questions.

Table 9: Implementation of Port Standards

<i>Point of Contact transmitted to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Designated port list provided to Secretariat?</i>	<i>Number of foreign fishing vessels seeking to use port services</i>	<i>Number of foreign fishing vessels denied entry</i>	<i>Number of inspections</i>	<i>Percentage of foreign landings /transhipments inspected</i>
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0%

Do you have sufficient capacity to conduct inspections in every designated port?

YES **NO**

Australia has the capacity to conduct inspections in any Australian port, provided there is sufficient prior notice provided.

Do you require foreign fishing vessels to provide the information prior to any landing or port transhipment? YES *NO* *If so, does that information comply with paragraph 11?*

YES **NO**

Any foreign vessel that intends to enter an Australian port must first apply for a port permit. The information required in the port permit is consistent with paragraph 11 of CMM 2.07.

Is the notification period for a foreign fishing vessels port request different than 48 hours?

YES **NO** . *If so, please elaborate.*

Australia requires foreign fishing vessels seeking access to an Australian port to apply for a port permit. The Australian Fisheries Management Authority is responsible for issuing these permits. It's client service charter provides a maximum of seven days for the processing of all applications and completes compliance checks based on information provided in the application and any other relevant information before issuing a permit

Did you receive any requests from other Members, CNCs or relevant RFMOs to inspect particular vessels? YES *NO* . *If so, please elaborate.*

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Did you encounter any difficulties with the inspection procedures described in paragraphs 17-21? YES *NO* . *If so, please elaborate.*

N/A

Did any of your inspections discover evidence that a SPRFMO had occurred? YES *NO*

If so, did you encounter any difficulties with the infringements procedures described in paragraphs 22-25? YES *NO*

*Have you provided (or received) any assistance as described under Paragraph 26?
(Being the development of capacity, facilitation of participation and assessment of
requirements for developing members and CNCs) YES NO*

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