South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

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Australia's 2013 Implementation Report

Australia's National Report on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures adopted at the 1st Meeting of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

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CMM 1.01 Conservation and Management Measure for Trachurus murphyi

The CMM is not applicable to Australia. Australia does not fish for *Trachurus murphyi* in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

CMM 1.02 Conservation and Management Measure for Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area

Australia has fully implemented all element of this CMM. Australia has prohibited the use of both pelagic and demersal gillnets throughout the SPRFMO Convention Area through the *Australian Fisheries Management Act 1991*, Section 13 (see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A04237).

CMM 1.03 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data

Australia submitted the catch and effort data required under paragraph 1(a-c) to the SPRFMO Secretariat on 28 June 2013. Australia also submitted it National Science Report for the 1st meeting of the SPRFMO Scientific Committee

Australia provided a final list of Australian flagged vessels authorised to operate in the SPRFMO Convention Area in 2013 on 7 January 2013. No updates were required during 2013.

Consistent with paragraph 3(a-d), Australia has implemented 100 per cent observer coverage on all trawl vessels operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area. For non-trawl vessels, Australia requires mandatory observer coverage on the first trip with ongoing 10 per cent observer coverage annually.

All observer data was provided to the Secretariat by 27 September 2013.

Australia implemented VMS on all Australian flagged vessels in 2007. Australia's VMS is consistent with the requirements of paragraph 4.

Australia has previously provided all historical data for Australian flagged vessels operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area consistent with the requirements of paragraph 5.

CMM 1.04 Establishing a List of Vessels presumed to carried out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area

Australia has not detected any vessels presumed to have carried out IUU activities and as such has not reported any vessels to the SPRFMO Secretariat.