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IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 24.2 OF THE SPRFMO CONVENTION AND PARAGRAPH 19 OF CMM 2.01 ON TRACHURUS MURPHYI

1. INTRODUCTION

The Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (SPRFMO) entered into force on 24 August 2012.

The European Union is a Member of the SPRFMO Commission.

This report is provided under Article 24.2 of the Convention and Paragraph 19 of CMM 2.01

2. IMPLEMENTATION

CMM 2.01 Conservation and Management Measure for *Trachurus murphyi*

The EU fleet operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area in 2014 consisted of two vessels: F/V *Annelies Ilena* and F/V *Maartje Theadora* targeting jack mackerel and operating from May 2014.

The GT did not exceed the limits of Table 1 of CMM 1.01 as foreseen in Paragraph 4 of CMM. 2.01.

As provided in Paragraph 9 of CMM 2.01, 4.400 tonnes of jack mackerel were transferred from the EU to Chile.

Monthly catches were reported to the SPRFMO Secretariat within 20 days of the end of the month, in accordance with the Data Standards CMM 2.02 and using templates prepared by the Secretariat and available on the SPRFMO website.

In accordance with CMM 2.01 one observer at sea was on-board during the first four months of the season in 2014. Observer data were collected, produced in a national report and provided to the SC in accordance with Paragraphs 18 and 20 of CMM 2.01.

Under Paragraph 15 of CMM 2.01, a Vessels Monitoring System (VMS) was implemented and VMS data were provided to the Executive Secretary within 10 days of each quarter in the format prescribed by the SPRFMO Data Standards CMM 2.02 and using the templates on the SPRFMO website.

All EU fishing vessels over 15m are equipped with a VMS, in accordance with EU Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003.

Observing Paragraph 16 of CMM 2.01, the EU notified fishing vessels and produced data in respect of those vessels in accordance with paragraph 5 of CMM 2.05 and other relevant CMMs adopted by the Commission.

When applicable, the EU also notified to the Executive Secretary those vessels that were actively fishing or engaged in transshipment in the Convention Area within 20 days of the end of each month in accordance with Paragraph 16 of CMM 2.01.

There was one exception for the vessel Cassiopea involved in transshipments and for which the notification was provided beyond the 20 days. Administrative action has been taken to avoid this type of delays in the future.

CMM 2.02 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data

All data foreseen by CMM 2.01 and applicable to the EU fleet (tow-by-tow data, observer data, fishing data, landings and transshipments and VMS data) were provided within the applicable deadlines.

The EU observer programme was further developed with an increase in observer coverage as compared with 2013. Data required by Annex 7 was compiled by the observers. Observer data was presented and discussed at the SC.

CMM 2.03 Management of Bottom fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area

Not applicable as no bottom fishing undertaken.

CMM 2.04 Minimising bycatch of seabirds in the SPRFMO Convention Area

Seabird mitigation measures of Annex II of CMM 2.04 were used.

In 2013, no birds were observed in the catch. In 2014, special attention was given to the observation on birds, and a large amount of information was collected about the presence of birds around the vessels. A summary of the observations is available in Table 6 of the EU report to the SC.

CMM 2.05 Establishment of the Commission record of Vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area

As per Paragraph 4 of CMM 2.05, all vessels authorised to fish in the SPRFMO Convention Area are recorded in the EU Fleet Registry which is of public access at <http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/fleet/index.cfm>.

According to Paragraph 5, the EU collected the information described in Annex 1 of CMM 2.05.

CMM 2.06 Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area

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CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of inspection in Port

N/A as not yet in force.