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### **Liberia's 2014 Annual Report on the Implementation of SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures**

30 January 2015

#### **CMM 1.02 Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area**

Liberia does not have ships in our fleet that would use gillnets. We only have reefer and support vessels.

#### **CMM 1.04 Vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities in the SPRFMO Area**

Liberia did not transmit a list of presumed IUU fishing vessels to the Secretariat.

We have one ship on the draft IUU list—the Bonaire Trader. Upon learning of this activity, we immediately notified vessel owners and informed them about the potential consequences. We also launched an investigation and the preliminary findings and results were forwarded to the Secretariat on 30 January 2015.

Liberia does not currently have vessels on the final IUU list.

We have not enforced any measures described under paragraph 12 as we have not encountered any vessels on any IUU list.

#### **CMM 2.01 for *Trachurus murphyi***

##### *Effort Management*

Our vessels are not actively engaged in fishing—only transshipment. In 2014, we had five ships licensed to operate in the convention area, but only two ships have engaged in transshipment (Bonaire Trader supplying bunkers and Prince of Seas transshipping fish).

##### *Catch Management*

Liberia does not have a catch limit as we do not actively fish in the convention area.

##### *Data Collection and Reporting*

A list of vessel authorized to transship in the SPRFMO has previously been reported to the Secretariat and we provide advance notice to the Secretariat prior to issuing transshipment licenses.

Monthly catch reports and transshipment data were provided on 30 January 2015 for Prince of Seas which was the only reefer vessel to transship fish (September monthly report). If required, the

remaining monthly reports for bunkering vessel Bonaire Trader will be sent to the Secretariat within the next week.

VMS data for 2014, quarters 3 and 4, were provided to the Secretariat on 30 January 2015.

Annual report of transshipment data for 2014 will be sent to the Secretariat in June. Liberia was not required to complete this report for 2013 as we were not a CNCP member that year.

Liberia did not conduct research or stock assessments for *T. murphyi* this year.

Our vessels did not transship *T. murphyi* to the country of Liberia.

No part of our national jurisdiction is adjacent to the Area which CMM 2.01 applies.

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

Liberian ships have only been engaged in transshipment during the past year.

We do not have a national observer programme.

All Liberian ships engaged in transshipment are required to have a VMS system conforming to SPRFMO requirements. As part of this process, we issue all ships an electronic tablet to record transshipment logs and to send us transshipment reports. This is verified by tracking ships ALC locations on a web interface accessed at our Fisheries Monitoring Centre to see when they are operating in the SPRFMO convention area.

### **CMM 2.03 Management of Bottom Fishing in the SPRFMO Area**

No bottom fishing was carried out.

### **CMM 2.04 Minimising By-catch of Seabirds in the SPRFMO Area**

Liberian vessels are not actively fishing and therefore do not have seabird bycatch.

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

Liberia provided a list of vessels authorised to fish within the SPRFMO Convention Area in the prescribed timeframe.

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

All Liberian flagged vessels authorised to fish in SPRFMO Convention Area are fitted with VMS systems, with hourly ALC positions reported, and our Virginia USA Fisheries Monitoring Center for Transshipment monitors their activities.

### **CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port**

Fish from the SPRFMO convention area are not landed in Liberia.