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Vanuatu Report on the Implementation of the 2012 Interim Measures for Pelagic Fisheries

Effort Management

Under the Interim Measures Vanuatu has a limit of total fishing capacity of 31,220 GRT. This reflects the tonnage of 4 vessels that operated each year in the fishery between 2003 and 2010.

In 2012, only two Vanuatu vessels were deployed to the fishery with a total capacity of 15,610 GRT.

Catch Management

The jack mackerel catch limit for Vanuatu vessels in 2011, based on a 60% reduction of the 2010 catch, was 18,362 tonnes. The actual catch taken was 16,068 tonnes.

Data Collection and Reporting

Monthly catch reports were provided within the required timeframe. VMS data, a list of active vessels and transshipment data were also provided on a quarterly basis.

Verified annual catch data and tow-by-tow data were provided to the Secretariat for 2011.

An annual report, which included up to date, preliminary 2011 catch and effort data, was provided to the 2011 Science Working Group meeting. These data have since been confirmed to the Secretariat.

Monitoring and Control

VMS is fitted on all Vanuatu flagged trawlers.

Observer data on the length frequencies of the catch were collected for 104 fishing days in the 2012 season out of a total 476 days fished, giving a observer coverage rate of 21.8%.