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## **2014 Report on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measure 2.01 for *Trachurus murphyi***

### **Effort Management**

Under the Interim Measures Vanuatu has a limit of total fishing capacity of 31,220 GRT.

In 2014, only two Vanuatu trawlers were deployed to the fishery with a total capacity of 15,610 GRT.

One of the vessels suffered a main engine breakdown in July 2013, with repairs being completed in June 2014 when the vessel re-entered the fishery.

### **Catch Management**

The jack mackerel catch limit for Vanuatu vessels in 2014 was 19,966 tonnes. The actual catch taken was 15,364 tonnes. In addition, 500 tonnes of the Vanuatu catch limit was transferred for the 2014 season to the Republic of Korea.

### **Data Collection and Reporting**

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

Verified annual catch data and tow-by-tow data were provided to the Secretariat for 2013.

An annual report and observer data were provided to the 2014 Science Working Group meeting.

The Secretariat was advised when the Vanuatu catch reached 70% of its catch limit.

### **Monitoring and Control**

VMS is fitted on both Vanuatu flagged trawlers and on the three Vanuatu flagged carrier vessels.

Observer data on the length frequencies of the catch were collected for 120 fishing days in the 2014 season out of a total 296 days fished, giving an observer coverage rate of 40.5%.

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## **2014 Report on the Implementation of Article 24.2 of the SPRFMO Convention**

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

Data required under CMM 2.01, including tow-by-tow data, VMS data, transshipment data, landings data, catch data and observer data were provided to the Secretariat within the prescribed timelines.

### **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**

This measure is not yet in force.

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

Vanuatu 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 Vanuatu flagged vessels authorised to fish in SPRFMO Convention Area are fitted with VMS systems.

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

This measure is not yet in force.