

3rd Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee Valdivia, Chile, 21-23 January 2016

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Compliance related follow-up actions taken since previous meeting

Secretariat

This paper reports on the outcomes of specific commitments made by either Members or CNCPs during the 2nd Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC) held in January 2015.

2nd CTC report, paragraph 3.2 (Annual Implementation reports):

Australia provided an update on the ongoing investigation on an Australian fishing vessel for allegedly fishing outside Australia's bottom fishing footprint. Australia undertook to update the Commission on its investigations and any resulting actions.

On 23 October 2015, Australia, as part of its annual implementation report provided the following update: "Australia is currently investigating a potential breach of paragraph 8(d) of CMM 2.03, in which Australia restricts bottom fishing of Australian vessels to its bottom fishing footprint. It is noted that at all times while fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area, including at the time of the alleged incident, the vessel operator completed daily fishing logbooks and catch disposal records, had its vessel monitoring system operational and carried an observer on board. The investigation is ongoing and Australia will report the outcome to the SPRFMO Commission once it is finalised."

2nd CTC report, paragraph 4.6 (*Current and Draft IUU Lists, BONAIRE TRADER*): At the meeting Liberia assured the CTC that it is currently investigating the case and will apply sanctions. Liberia also committed to provide a report to the Commission within 3 months detailing the results of its investigation.

On 10 April 2015, Liberia submitted a Report of Contravention – Determination. This report detailed the results of Liberia's investigation and confirmed that Liberia had imposed a financial penalty on the owners of the vessel. The report was previously circulated to Members and CNCPs by the secretariat as letter 0052-2015.