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Subject: Information regarding the activity of the PRT FV “ARTICO” (July-November 2014)

Dear Secretary,

Please find attached the following information regarding the activity of the PRT FV “ARTICO” under SPRFMO regulatory area in 2014 (July-November).

- monthly VMS reports
- monthly catch data
- total annual catches

Kind Regards,

Ben KLOPPENBORG
Head of Unit

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MONTHLY REPORT: Bottom Fisheries*

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PRT

YEAR

2014

MONTH

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ESTIMATED CATCHES:

Species name	Species (FAO) Code	Area	Total Monthly Estimated Catch (kg): (All Vessels Combined)
Orange Roughy	ORY	FAO 81 (HS)	
Alfonsinos nei	ALF	FAO 81 (HS)	
Oreo Dories nei	ORD	FAO 81 (HS)	
Bluenose Warehou (Blue-eye Trevalla)	BWA	FAO 81 (HS)	
Cardinal Fishes nei	CDL	FAO 81 (HS)	
Dogfish Sharks nei	DGX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Morwongs	MOW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Amberjacks nei (incl. Yellowtail Kingfish)	AMX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Pelagic Armourheads nei (Boarfishes)	EDW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Other Marine Fishes nei	MZZ	FAO 81 (HS)	78526

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Bluenose Warehou (Blue-eye Trevalla)	BWA	FAO 81 (HS)	
Cardinal Fishes nei	CDL	FAO 81 (HS)	
Dogfish Sharks nei	DGX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Morwongs	MOW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Amberjacks nei (incl. Yellowtail Kingfish)	AMX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Pelagic Armourheads nei (Boarfishes)	EDW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Other Marine Fishes nei	MZZ	FAO 81 (HS)	163495

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Oreo Dories nei	ORD	FAO 81 (HS)	
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Cardinal Fishes nei	CDL	FAO 81 (HS)	
Dogfish Sharks nei	DGX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Morwongs	MOW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Amberjacks nei (incl. Yellowtail Kingfish)	AMX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Pelagic Armourheads nei (Boarfishes)	EDW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Other Marine Fishes nei	MZZ	FAO 81 (HS)	50228

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Oreo Dories nei	ORD	FAO 81 (HS)	
Bluenose Warehou (Blue-eye Trevalla)	BWA	FAO 81 (HS)	
Cardinal Fishes nei	CDL	FAO 81 (HS)	
Dogfish Sharks nei	DGX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Morwongs	MOW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Amberjacks nei (incl. Yellowtail Kingfish)	AMX	FAO 81 (HS)	
Pelagic Armourheads nei (Boarfishes)	EDW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Other Marine Fishes nei	MZZ	FAO 81 (HS)	88131

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Pelagic Armourheads nei (Boarfishes)	EDW	FAO 81 (HS)	
Other Marine Fishes nei	MZZ	FAO 81 (HS)	29724

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24 July 2015

Stefaan Depypere
DG Mare – Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
International Affairs and Markets
European Commission
Brussels

Subject: letter from DG-Mare regarding sanction imposed onto the operators of *FV Artico*

Dear Mr Depypere

Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2015 (Ref. Ares(2015)2497679) regarding the results of your inquiry and the actions taken against the operators of the *FV Artico* by the European Commission.

We are encouraged by the actions taken so far by the European Commission in this respect, particularly since the IUU fishing that was undertaken by the *FV Artico* took place adjacent to the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone.

In addition to providing monthly catch figures and VMS tracks to the SPRFMO Secretariat, it would be useful to have further information regarding the conditions under which the *FV Artico* was authorised to fish in the SPRFMO Convention area. In this regard we would suggest providing the Secretariat with a copy of the fishing licences issued to the *FV Artico* for SPRFMO in 2014 and 2015. We are especially interested in knowing whether an observer was on board the vessel in 2014, particularly in relation to documenting the presence of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems and the application of the move on rule.

Could you let me know if any further sanctions will be applied to the *FV Artico*. We, like you, are keen to have in place a sanction regime that is a deterrent to IUU activities in the SPRFMO Convention area. We specifically have further questions in relation to the sanctions imposed on the operators of the *FV Artico*, including;

- Should the operators of the *FV Artico* apply for a licence to fish in the SPRFMO Convention Area for 2016, is it likely that this application will be approved?
- Are there any actions planned against the senior crew who were in control of the vessel at the time of offending?
- Are there any further financial sanctions planned for the operators of the vessel?

Again, we appreciate your getting back to us and we look forward to continuing this positive working relationship in the fight against IUU fishing in the Pacific Ocean region.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Coleman
Chief Operations Officer

cc: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand
cc: Executive Secretary, South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation