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Status of entry and exit reports received at the Secretariat

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Abstract

CMM 2018/10 on monitoring requires CCPs to provide the Secretariat with every vessels entry to and exit from the Agreement Area.

A summary of these notifications is provided for Compliance Committee consideration. Many CCPs did not provide the Secretariat with any notifications. Confirmation that these CCPs did not enter the Area, or did not comply with this requirement, could be useful.

Introduction

The Meeting of the Parties developed rules and procedures for the monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities in order to ensure compliance with CMMs.

CMM 2018/10 (supersedes CMM 2017/10) describes the measures for the Monitoring of Fisheries in the Agreement. In 2018 a new paragraph about vessel entry and exit notifications was added as follows;

Entry- Exit reports

14. Contracting Parties, CNPCs and PFEs shall require their vessels or relevant authorities to notify the Secretariat, by email or other means, within **24 hours**, in the format provided in Annex I, of each **entry to** or **exit from** the Agreement Area of vessels authorised to fish for species managed by SIOFA flying its flag, in accordance with CMM 2017/07.

The entry and exit notifications shall contains the following information in accordance with Annex I of CMM 2018/10 Monitoring.

ANNEX I	
REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL ENTRY AND EXIT NOTIFICATIONS	
Information required	
Vessel name	
Entry or exit	
IMO number, if applicable	
Radio call sign	
Vessel flag State	
Latitude	
Longitude	
Date	Date of entry or exit
Time	Time of entry or exit in UTC
Activity in the Agreement Area	Fishing (species), transiting or transshipping

Entry and exit notifications received at the Secretariat

The Secretariat received the first notifications in November 2018. The table below summarizes the notifications received from November 2018 to May 2019 at the Secretariat:

Flag state	Vessels ¹	Fishing Vessels ²	Period	Entry notifications	Exit notifications	> 24h
Australia	3	1	December 2018 – March 2019	10	9	2
Comoros	0					
Cook	0					
EU	1	?	September 2018 – May 2019	4	4	7
France Territories	7	1	November 2018 – May 2019	10	11	2
Japan	0					
Korea	<i>statement of no fishing provided</i>					
Mauritius	0					
Seychelles	<i>statement of no fishing provided</i>					
Thailand	1	1	May 2019 – May 2019	2	1	0
¹ number of vessels that transmitted notifications (fishing or transiting) ² number of vessels that intended to fish						

Conclusions

Many CCP do not provide notifications unless none of their vessels have entered or left the area since October 2018.

When notifications are received, most are received within 24 hours and compliant in this regard. A misunderstanding between the fisheries department and a vessel owner from EU Spain was the reason for late notifications from EU, this misunderstanding has now been resolved. Not all notifications provide activity information on entry or on exit.