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13TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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CTC 13 – Report

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Meeting Arrangements

- 1 The Chairperson of the Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC), Ms Rebeca Espinoza (Ecuador), opened the 13th meeting of the CTC (CTC13). She welcomed all participants and thanked Panama and the Secretariat for the work involved in preparing for the meeting.
- 2 Panama delivered welcome remarks to all participants of the meeting.
- 3 The Executive Secretary, Mr James Brown, detailed the meeting arrangements.
- 4 The local meeting coordinator welcomed participants and detailed the local facilities available to delegates.
- 5 The Rapporteur (Mr Jacques Chaumont) was appointed. Spanish-English interpretation was provided by Panama for the meeting.
- 6 The List of Participants is contained in Annex 1.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

- 7 **The CTC adopted** the agenda (CTC13-Doc01), noting that two additional information papers would be discussed under item 2d. The agenda is contained in Annex 2.
- 8 The Chairperson of the CTC presented the CTC meeting schedule (CTC13-Doc04_rev1), noting that changes to the schedule would be shared with delegates as necessary throughout the meeting.

c. Meeting Documents

- 9 **The CTC noted** the List of Meeting Documents (CTC13-Doc03).

2. CMMs Implementation

a. SPRFMO Fisheries

- 10 The Data Manager, Mr Bernard Vigga, presented the Implementation Report on SPRFMO Fisheries (CTC13-Doc05).
- 11 The Secretariat reviewed and updated certain data and references in the report requested by some Members, and the revised report (CTC13-Doc05_rev1) was circulated.
- 12 The CTC sought clarification on the apparently low number of at-sea transshipment events reported (28 events). One Member clarified that this number reflected only those transshipments monitored by scientific observers under the previous CMM requirement, noting that 100% transshipment observer coverage applied from October 2025. The Secretariat acknowledged that the data was incomplete as the report did not include information on all transshipment events for 2024 but only transshipments that were observed. The Secretariat provided an updated report, noting that future reporting would be more comprehensive.



- 13 The Data Manager demonstrated the new fisheries information management system, including the transshipment notifications module. He advised that while the system was in production, it was highly customisable and scalable and would be expanded to a full suite of modules including catch, transshipment, record of vessels, and transfers and allocations. He shared an expected launch by 30 June 2026, with the transshipment module expected to be made available on the SPRFMO website by the end of March 2026.
- 14 The CTC welcomed the Secretariat's development of the new management information system and requested notification on further developments, as well as opportunities for Members to provide input prior to finalisation.
- 15 **The CTC noted** the SPRFMO Fisheries Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc05_rev2) and requested that future reports include observer coverage information for the jumbo flying squid fishery, tracking of exploratory fisheries against their 10-year time frames, and more comprehensive transshipment reporting. For transshipments, that report would include separate reporting of at-sea and in-port transshipment events, and additional fields to record the timeliness of notification and declaration submissions, transshipment notifications received by the Secretariat that did not correspond to an event, indications of whether there was observer coverage of the transshipment event.

b. Commission Record of Vessels

- 16 The Data Manager presented the Commission Record of Vessels Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc06_rev2). The Data Manager noted that data quality and consistency had improved significantly since previous years, with most missing data fields having been addressed. He highlighted the Secretariat's priorities of improving data quality and validation, enabling Members to manage their own data directly within the Secretariat's information management system, and working towards cross-module data reconciliation across the Record of Vessels, VMS, catch, and transshipment data. He also noted that the format of the report would be improved in future years to provide more meaningful statistical analysis, developed in consultation with Members through the Data Working Group.
- 17 The CTC welcomed the Secretariat's stated priorities on data quality, validation, and standardisation, and appreciated the broader data reconciliation work under development.
- 18 **The CTC recommended** that the Secretariat ensure priority activities are appropriately sequenced within the Data Working Group's work programme, focusing first on those that can meaningfully address existing Record of Vessel data gaps.
- 19 **The CTC recommended** that future iterations of the report include analysis of the situation and progress regarding vessels without IMO numbers, noting the proposed amendment to CMM 05-2025 to extend the derogation for that obligation.
- 20 **The CTC noted** the Commission Record of Vessels Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc06_rev2) and the Secretariat's priorities on data quality, validation, and standardisation, and the progressive work underway to improve the Record of Vessels as a foundational element of the Commission's data management system.

c. Commission Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Implementation Report

- 21 The Compliance Manager, Mr Randy Jenkins, presented the Commission VMS Implementation and Operations report (CTC13-Doc07).
- 22 The Compliance Manager noted that the overall performance of the Commission VMS was strong, with a continued downward trend in the number of VMS disruptions and gaps (27 issues in the 2024–25 reporting period, compared with 29 in 2023–24). The Secretariat noted that inclusion of IMO numbers and data-source identifiers in VMS messages, as decided by CTC12, had been implemented. The Compliance Manager also noted that as the broader data management system (THEMIS) advances, statistical reporting and vessel tracking summaries will become increasingly available through the SPRFMO website on an ongoing basis, reducing reliance solely on annual reporting.



- 23 The CTC welcomed the ongoing improvements to the Commission VMS and encouraged the Secretariat to continue developing automated audit checks for prolonged VMS non-reporting.
- 24 **The CTC noted** the Commission VMS Implementation and Operations Report (CTC13-Doc07) and the continued positive performance of the Commission VMS system.

d. Inspection Implementation Report

- 25 The Secretariat presented the Inspections Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc08). No at-sea inspections were carried out pursuant to CMM 11 during the reporting period.
- 26 Australia introduced two information papers: COMM14-Inf01 providing an overview of voluntary high seas boarding and inspection guidelines recently developed at WCPFC, and a discussion paper COMM14-Inf02 identifying topics for the scheduled review of CMM 07 in 2027. Discussion focused in particular on the use of the FAO PSMA Global Information Exchange System (GIES) as a means of transmitting port inspection information to the Secretariat, and on the interpretation of "direct electronic exchange of information" in paragraph 40 of CMM 07-2025.
- 27 **The CTC noted** the high administrative burden on the Secretariat associated with receiving paper-based inspection reports in the template due to the manual processing of data required—as raised in the port inspection implementation report (CTC13-Doc08) and in the discussion paper (COMM14-Inf02) submitted by Australia.
- 28 The CTC noted that some Members are currently submitting port inspection reports required under CMM 07-2025 to the Secretariat via the GIES and that the current language in paragraph 40 of CMM 07-2025 is broad enough to allow this. Some Members suggested that as many Members are also parties to the PSMA, they could recommend changes in the GIES to the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to ensure that all required SPRFMO port inspection data could be received directly by the Secretariat without the need for manual data processing. The CTC noted that Members and CNCPs must meet the format requirements for inspection reports contained in Annex 3 CMM07-2025 regardless of the system used for any electronic transmission.
- 29 **The CTC recommended** that the Commission consider the scheduled review of the CMM 07-2025 in 2027, and what might be required to conduct such a review.
- 30 **The CTC noted** the Inspections Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc08) and recognised the efforts of Members in using electronic means to report inspection data to the Secretariat and noted that the questions of formally recognising specific electronic systems and clarifying the language in paragraph 40 of CMM 07 could be considered further in future, including through relevant proposals before the Commission. The CTC requested the Secretariat to include in future implementation reports information on denials of port entry and services, including the reasons for denial.
- 31 **The CTC noted** the information paper (COMM14-Inf01) submitted by Australia on Voluntary HSBI Guidelines. Some Members expressed willingness to consider the [Guidelines](#) and their applicability to support HSBI procedures.

e. SPRFMO Observer Programme

- 32 The Compliance Manager presented the SPRFMO Observer Programme Implementation report (CTC13-Doc09). The report included final evaluation reports for [the](#) Cook Islands, Ecuador, Panama, and the Russian Federation in respect of their observer programmes under CMM 16-2025, and contained a recommendation for accreditation for [the](#) Cook Islands, Panama, and the Russian Federation. Ecuador's evaluation did not result in a recommendation for accreditation at this time.
- 33 **The CTC noted** the SPRFMO Observer Programme Implementation Report (CTC13-Doc09).
- 34 **The CTC recommended** accreditation of the observer programmes of Cook Islands and the Russian Federation under CMM 16-2025.



35 In relation to Panama's application, some Members raised a question regarding the scope of Panama's observer programme, noting that Panama's current fishing activities in relation to SPRFMO are currently confined to transshipment, and querying whether the accreditation process under CMM 16 extends to transshipment observation, which is governed under CMM 12. The Members expressed concern that an accreditation based substantially on transshipment activities could be considered adequate for harvesting activities, noting that not all criteria relevant for harvesting activities appeared to have been assessed.

36 The Compliance Manager clarified the application process, whereby Panama submitted an application for assessment under CMM 16, and the evaluator conducted its assessment in the knowledge of Panama's current activities. Panama clarified that its observer programme is not exclusively focused on transshipment and also has a scientific observation capacity.

37 **The CTC recommended** the accreditation of Panama's observer programme with respect to transshipment observation services and noted that any expansion of Panama's programme to include observation of scientific data collection and harvesting activities would require further assessment by MRAG. The CTC requested that the Secretariat support Panama in this respect.

3. Assessment of Compliance of Members and CNCPs

a. Draft Compliance Report Consideration

38 The Compliance Manager introduced the Draft Compliance Report (CTC13-Doc10 RESTRICTED) which had been reviewed in advance of the meeting in accordance with CMM 10-2020 paragraph 11.

39 The CTC assessed all potential compliance issues and assigned a compliance status to each one, as reflected in the Provisional Compliance Report (COMM14-WP06_rev1 RESTRICTED).

40 With respect to VMS issues, the CTC first reviewed the VMS Issues Summary (CTC13-Doc10.1 RESTRICTED). Following assessment of the individual issues, an overall compliance assessment was conducted for each Member and Cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCp) based on the criteria in CMM 10-2020, Annex 1.

41 Most cases under CMM 06 were assessed as "Non-Compliant, No Further Action." However, Liberia's two cases, involving a bunkering vessel that ceased VMS transmission for an extended period and failed to transmit manual reports to the Secretariat as required, were assessed as "Priority Non-Compliant," with Liberia directed to provide the missing manual reporting data to the Secretariat.

42 **The CTC agreed** that a case of late submission by Ecuador of exploratory fisheries documentation under CMM 13 should not be recorded as a non-compliance issue, on the basis that the matter was procedural in nature and that the practical consequence of a late or non-submission under that provision is that the fishery does not proceed, rather than constituting a breach of an ongoing CMM obligation. The Draft Compliance Report was amended accordingly.

b. Follow-up Actions Taken Since the Last Meeting

43 The Compliance Manager presented the document (CTC13-Doc11) summarising the actions taken by Members and CNCps in response to issues identified from CTC12 requiring follow-up actions.

44 **The CTC noted** the follow-up actions taken and commitments fulfilled by the Members and CNCps concerned in response to previous compliance issues relating to CMM 05-2023, CMM 06-2023, and CMM 11-2023.

45 The CTC thanked the Members and CNCps for their follow-up actions.

c. Development of Provisional Compliance Report

46 The Secretariat, in consultation with the CTC Chairperson, developed the Provisional Compliance Report based on the revised Draft Compliance Report for reporting period 2024/25 and the discussions held during CTC.

47 **The CTC adopted** the Provisional Compliance Report (COMM14-WP06_rev1 RESTRICTED, Annex 3).



48 **The CTC forwarded** the Provisional Compliance Report (COMM14-WP06_rev1 RESTRICTED) for consideration
of the Commission.

4. Examination of Current and Draft IUU Vessel List

a. Examination of the 2026 Draft IUU Vessel List

49 The CTC examined the 2026 Draft IUU Vessel List, which included one vessel flagged to São Tomé and Príncipe.
50 Some Members expressed concern over the low level of fine imposed on the vessel operator by Sierra Leone
(the flag State at the time of the IUU fishing) and requested that the Secretariat seek proof of payment. The
Secretariat was unable to receive proof of payment of the fine during the CTC meeting.

51 At the request of some Members, the Secretariat obtained further information from the flag state on the
vessel's status. The flag state confirmed that the vessel's registration, ownership, management, and operating
details remained unchanged, and provided supporting documentation of a recycling/demolition contract
between the vessel owner and a ship-recycling facility in Pakistan.

52 **The CTC noted** that this new information did not alter the substantive basis for listing and **agreed** that, as the
vessel was not yet scrapped, it should be maintained on the 2026 Provisional IUU Vessel List for consideration
by the Commission.

b. Examination of the Current (2025) IUU Vessel List.

53 **The CTC noted** that the current (2025) SPRFMO IUU Vessel List contains no vessels.

c. Development of a 2026 Provisional IUU Vessel

54 The CTC developed the 2026 Provisional IUU Vessel List (COMM14-WP05) and forwarded it to the Commission
for consideration. The list contains one vessel (Annex 4).

5. Assessment of CNCPs Applications

a. Current CNCPs

55 The CTC considered the CNCP applications (CTC13-Doc13) received from Curaçao and Liberia to renew their
status of Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs).

56 One Member noted Liberia's record of repeated non-compliance with SPRFMO CMMs and recalled that a
"Priority Non-Compliant" status had been assigned to Liberia in the current reporting period in relation to
CMM 05 and CMM 06. The Member noted that Liberia was required to submit action plans to address these
compliance issues and the missing VMS data to the Commission.

57 Liberia advised that it had located manual VMS reports, provided sample reports to the Secretariat, and
committed to submitting a full action plan to the Secretariat and CTC within a few days.

58 The Compliance Manager confirmed that the sample reports demonstrated manual reporting had occurred
by the vessel, but a complete upload from Liberia to the Commission VMS had not been made.

59 As consensus could not be reached on recommending renewal of Liberia's CNCP status, **the CTC agreed** to
forward the matter to the Commission for further consideration and final determination and **requested** Liberia
to submit the action plans and missing VMS data.

60 With respect to Curaçao's application, one Member sought clarification on the specific measures taken by
Curaçao to ensure vessel compliance with SPRFMO CMMs as required by paragraph 12b of the Decision 02-
2018.

61 As Curaçao was not present to address the question, **the CTC agreed** to forward the matter to the Commission
for further consideration and final determination.





b. Other Applicants

62 **The CTC noted** that no new applications for CNCP status were received.

6. Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)

a. Proposals to Amend Current CMMs and/or Decisions

a1. COMM14-Prop01 regarding Trachurus murphyi (CMM 01-2025, CHL)

63 Chile introduced its proposal regarding *Trachurus murphyi* to amend CMM 01.

64 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a2. COMM14-Prop02 regarding Trachurus murphyi (CMM 01-2025, EU)

65 The European Union introduced its proposal regarding *Trachurus murphyi* to amend CMM 01.

66 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a3. COMM14-Prop03 regarding Trachurus murphyi (CMM 01-2025, KOR)

67 Korea introduced its proposal regarding *Trachurus murphyi* to amend CMM 01.

68 Korea noted that decisions on proposed amendments to CMM 01-2025 rely on further input from the Scientific Committee Chair and Members during the Commission meeting.

69 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a4. COMM14-Prop04 regarding Trachurus murphyi (CMM 01-2025, PER)

70 Peru introduced its proposal regarding *Trachurus murphyi* to amend CMM 01.

71 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a5. COMM14-Prop05 regarding Data Standards (CMM 02-2022, KOR)

72 Korea introduced its proposal regarding Data Standards to amend CMM 02.

73 **The CTC forwarded** the revised proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a6. COMM14-Prop06 regarding Bottom Fishing (CMM 03-2023, AUS)

74 Australia introduced its proposal regarding Bottom Fishing to amend CMM 03.

75 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a7. COMM14-Prop07 regarding Bottom Fishing (CMM 03-2023, NZL)

76 New Zealand introduced its proposal regarding Bottom Fishing to amend CMM 03, relating to changes to the move-on rule threshold.

77 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a8. COMM14-Prop08 regarding Deepwater Species (CMM 03a-2023, AUS/NZL)

78 Australia and New Zealand introduced their joint proposal regarding Deepwater Species to amend CMM 03a.

79 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a9. COMM14-Prop09 regarding Record of Vessels (CMM 05-2023, PER)

80 Peru introduced its proposal regarding the Record of Vessels to amend CMM 05.



81 Peru noted the request from some Members that Members wanting to use the temporary derogation for vessels IMO number should present an action plan which details the steps to be taken to ensure that those vessels obtain an IMO number. Peru agreed to include this requirement in a future revision of the proposal.

82 The CTC recommended that the mandatory vessel communication system on board fishing vessel be compatible with the Commission VMS.

83 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a10. COMM14-Prop10 regarding Port Inspections (CMM 07-2022, EU)

84 The European Union introduced its proposal regarding Port Inspections to amend CMM 07.

85 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a11. COMM14-Prop11 regarding Seabirds (CMM 09-2023, NZL)

86 New Zealand introduced its proposal regarding Seabirds to amend CMM 09.

87 New Zealand received feedback from Members and submitted a revised version of its proposal (COMM14-Prop11_rev2).

88 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a12. COMM14-Prop12 regarding Transshipments (CMM 12-2023, ECU)

89 Ecuador introduced its proposal regarding Transshipments to amend CMM 12.

90 Some Members sought clarification on whether obligations included in the proposal were already required under the transshipment observer coverage requirement that entered into force on 1 October 2025.

91 Ecuador indicated its willingness to engage with Members and the Secretariat to provide clarification and, if necessary, to submit a revised version.

92 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a13. COMM14-Prop13 regarding Transshipments (CMM 12-2023, PER)

93 Peru introduced its proposal regarding Transshipments to amend CMM 12.

94 Some Members raised concerns regarding the collection of sensitive personal information, including passport details and health status, and sought clarification on the intent of such requirements and the procedures for handling that information.

95 Peru clarified that the objective was to establish a minimum information baseline to enable preventive measures and protect the rights and welfare of crew at sea.

96 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a14. COMM14-Prop14 regarding Jumbo Flying Squid (CMM 18-2025, ECU)

97 Ecuador introduced its proposal regarding Jumbo Flying Squid to amend CMM 18.

98 Proponents of proposals regarding jumbo flying squid and other interested Members engaged in discussions in the margins about revisions to CMM 18-2025.

99 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

a15. COMM14-Prop15 regarding Jumbo Flying Squid (CMM 18-2025, USA/NZL)

100 The United States and New Zealand introduced their joint proposal regarding Jumbo Flying Squid to amend CMM 18.

101 The proponents noted that the revised version (COMM14-Prop15_rev1) included a new paragraph on voluntary coastal State data contributions for stock assessment.



102 One Member expressed concerns that, given the uncertainty linked to the absence of stock assessment for jumbo flying squid, the reduction in effort limits might not be precautionary enough.

103 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

b. Proposals for New CMMs and/or Decisions

b1. COMM14-Prop16 Proposed CMM on a Buffer Zone for Squid (PER)

104 Peru put forward its proposal seeking a new CMM on a Buffer Zone for Squid.

105 One Member raised concerns about the lack of scientific and legal justification for the proposal.

106 One Member emphasised the importance of consistency of management measures across all Members and CNCPs.

107 Peru responded that the proposal was intended as an additional measure complementary to existing monitoring tools and engaged with interested Members to refine its proposal.

108 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion.

b2. COMM14-Prop17 Proposed CMM on Crew Labour Standards (NZL/USA)

109 New Zealand and the United States put forward their joint proposal seeking to create a new CMM on Crew Labour Standards.

110 **The CTC forwarded** this proposal to the Commission for further discussion and **noted** that a revised version of the proposal would be circulated to Members prior to the Commission meeting.

b3. COMM14-Prop18 Proposed CMM on Electronic Monitoring Standards (WGEMS)

111 The Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Standards (WGEMS) put forward its proposal seeking to create a new CMM on Electronic Monitoring Standards. The proposal comprises minimum requirements for electronic monitoring programmes, systems, and data.

112 The WGEMS Co-Chairperson noted that the proposal would not create any independent requirement to implement electronic monitoring or authorise its use to fulfil data requirements unless specifically agreed to in a SPRFMO CMM. At this stage, the proposal includes specific equipment configurations and minimum data fields only for jigging vessels. The Co-Chairperson noted that whilst the draft is largely consensus text, some bracketed text remains and further work would be undertaken during the scheduled WGEMS meeting and during the Commission meeting.

113 **The CTC forwarded** the current version of COMM14-Prop18 to the Commission for further discussion and **noted** that the WGEMS Co-Chairperson planned to distribute a revised version to WGEMS members, conduct formal discussions of the WGEMS, and provide an updated proposal to the Commission.

7. Climate Change

114 Consistent with Decision 13-2023, the CTC solicited comments and feedback from Members and CNCPs regarding any considerations on climate change.

115 ECO NZ, on behalf of ECO and DSCC, referred the CTC to section 8 of the DSCC observer paper (COMM14-Obs03). The paper proposed that all new measures and decisions include a climate impact risk assessment and that a process be established to review all existing measures and decisions on a regular basis and noted the importance of considering ocean acidification in this work.

116 **The CTC noted** that no formal submissions from Members and CNCPS had been received on the climate change topic.



- 117 **The CTC recommended** that the Commission task the Secretariat to prepare a paper for consideration at CTC14 that compiles relevant climate change-related discussions and developments from the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, and other RFMOs, with a particular focus on compliance and technical considerations of relevance to the CTC's work.

8. PR2IWG – Submission to CTC

a. Presentation from PR2IWG

- 118 Mr Mat Kertesz, the Chairperson of the 2nd Performance Review Implementation Working Group (PR2IWG), presented the six recommendations derived from the 2nd Performance Review that are relevant to the CTC (CTC13-Doc14). The PR2IWG met three times during the intersessional period to consider all PR2 recommendations, assign them to responsible bodies, and propose priority levels and implementation options. A consistent theme across PR2IWG discussions had been the importance of pragmatism, the avoidance of overburdening existing work streams, and the preference for integrating recommendations into existing processes rather than establishing new standalone ones.

b. Discussion and Plan for Addressing Recommendations

- 119 The Chairperson of the PR2IWG outlined each of the six recommendations relevant to the CTC, and Members provided extensive feedback on each recommendation.
- 120 The Co-Chairperson presented the updated recommendations document (COMM14-Doc14_rev2), which had been revised to reflect the views of Members.
- 121 Pew drew Members' attention to its observer paper (COMM14-Obs08) introducing the Compliance Self-Assessment Tool (CSAT) developed to assist Members in self-identifying human, technical, and institutional capacity needs in relation to RFMO obligations.
- 122 **The CTC noted** the updated document (COMM14-Doc14_rev2) and **endorsed** the recommendations contained therein for forwarding to the Commission for consideration and further direction as part of the broader PR2 Implementation Plan.

9. CTC Workplan

- 123 The CTC Chairperson introduced a discussion document regarding considerations to create a multi-annual CTC Workplan (CTC13-Doc15), including three core priority areas: systematic review of CMMs, development of a modern Integrated Fisheries Information Management System (IFIMS), and implementation of CTC-related PR2 recommendations.
- 124 The CTC welcomed the initiative to develop a CTC Workplan. A shared view was that the workplan scope should include, but be broader than, the proposed CMM review process, PR2 recommendations, and IFIMS, and should be grounded in the CTC's core functions such as compliance monitoring and provision of technical advice, as set out in Article 11 of the Convention.
- 125 The CTC cautioned against creating additional procedural burdens, stressing that simplification should be a cross-cutting theme and that existing structures and information sources (including implementation reports, compliance reports, and past CTC meeting reports) should serve as the primary drivers of CTC advice, rather than establishing new standalone processes.
- 126 The CTC expressed reservations about requiring a Member proposing a CMM amendment to also undertake a full review of that CMM, and about the inclusion of routine review clauses in CMMs absent a substantive basis for review. It was also noted that any workplan must realistically account for the capacity of the Secretariat and the CTC.
- 127 The CTC suggested that the workplan incorporate an explicit element on reviewing and improving the compliance monitoring scheme, including consideration of the outdated review clause in CMM 10-2022.



- 128 Global Fishing Watch expressed support for the calls by some Members for a comprehensive compliance review element in the CTC work plan and noted its readiness to provide technical support for monitoring, verification, and data quality.
- 129 **The CTC recommended that** the Commission consider the CTC's discussion on the CTC Workplan and PR2 recommendations and provide direction on tasking the CTC with developing a formal multi-annual workplan.

10. Working Group Updates

a. Data Working Group

- 130 The Chairperson of the Data Working Group (Data WG) presented an overview of the Data WG Strategy and Three-Year Workplan (CTC13-Doc16) via a pre-recorded video.
- 131 **The CTC noted** the Data WG Strategy and Three-Year Workplan and **recommended** that the Commission endorse the Strategy and Workplan, subject to any refinements agreed with the Data WG Chairperson.
- 132 The CTC invited Members to engage actively with the Data Working Group.
- 133 **The CTC recommended** that the Commission task the CTC with reviewing the Secretariat's data security policy and standards as an agenda item at CTC14, noting the current standard is overdue an update.

b. Electronic Monitoring Working Group

- 134 The Co-Chairperson of the Working Group on Electronic Monitoring Standards (WGEMS), Mr Colin Brinkman (USA), presented the Report of the WGEMS (CTC13-Doc17).
- 135 The Co-Chairperson noted that, in addition to the minimum standards proposal, there were several matters requiring consideration by the Commission, including the future mandate of the WGEMS. If standards are not adopted in the current year, the Commission could consider extending the mandate of the WGEMS until a consensus is reached, or if standards are adopted, there may be an ongoing role for the WGEMS in implementing the standards, such as developing an accreditation scheme for national electronic monitoring programmes.
- 136 The CTC thanked the Co-Chairpersons and members of the WGEMS for their efforts.
- 137 **The CTC noted** the Report of the WGEMS, **recommended** that the Commission authorise the WGEMS to continue its work as needed, and **recommended** that the Commission consider the appropriate future mandate and tasking of the WGEMS in the context of its discussions on COMM14-Prop18.

11. Election of Officers

a. CTC Chairperson

- 138 The CTC Chairperson, Ms Rebeca Espinoza (Ecuador), was elected in 2024 and thus was completing her first term. This position required consideration in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure.
- 139 **The CTC nominated** Ms. Rebeca Espinoza (Ecuador) for a second term as CTC Chairperson.

b. CTC Vice-Chairperson

- 140 The CTC Vice-Chairperson, Mr Ming Zhao (China), was elected in 2025 and is halfway through his first term.

12. Other Matters

- 141 The CTC noted the retirement of Mr Randy Jenkins as the SPRFMO Compliance Manager and thanked him for his hard work during his years of service.



13. Adoption of the CTC13 Report

142 **The CTC adopted** its meeting report on 27 February 2026 at 15:40 hours.

14. Close of the Meeting

143 The CTC meeting was closed on 27 February 2026 at 15:40 hours.



13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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ANNEX 1 – List of Participants

Under development



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ANNEX 2 – Meeting Agenda

1. MEETING OPENING
 - a. Meeting Arrangements
 - b. Agenda Adoption
 - c. Meeting Documents
2. CMMs IMPLEMENTATION
 - a. SPRFMO Fisheries (CMMs 01, 03, 03a, 13-14, 18)
 - b. Commission Record of Vessels (CMM 05)
 - c. Commission VMS (CMM 06)
 - d. SPRFMO Inspections (CMMs 07, 11)
 - e. SPRFMO Observer Programme (CMM 16)
3. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS AND CNCPs
 - a. Draft Compliance Report Consideration
 - b. Follow-up actions taken since the last meeting
 - c. Development of Provisional Compliance Report
4. IUU LISTS
 - a. Current (2025) IUU List Examination
 - b. 2026 Draft IUU List Examination
 - c. 2026 Provisional IUU List Development
5. ASSESSMENT OF CNCP APPLICATIONS
 - a. Current CNCPs
 - b. Other applicants
6. CMM PROPOSALS AND REVIEW
 - a. Proposals to amend current CMMs
 - a1. Proposals to amend current CMMs will be added as necessary
 - b. Proposals for new CMMs
 - b1. Proposals for new CMMs will be added as necessary
7. CLIMATE CHANGE
8. PR2 IWG - Submission to CTC
 - a. Presentation from PR2IWG
 - b. Discussion and Plan for addressing recommendations
9. CTC WORKPLAN
10. WORKING GROUP UPDATES
 - a. Electronic Monitoring WG
 - b. Data WG
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
12. OTHER MATTERS
13. CTC REPORT ADOPTION
14. CLOSE OF MEETING



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ANNEX 3 – Provisional Compliance Report

As per paragraph 18 of CMM 10-2020 (CMS), the Provisional Compliance Report shall not constitute public domain data, but the Final Compliance Report and the executive summary shall be public domain data (refer to the COMM14-Report Annex 6a).



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ANNEX 4 – Provisional IUU Vessel List

As per standard SPRFMO practice, the Provisional IUU Vessel List is not a public domain document, noting that the Final IUU Vessel List is contained in the COMM14-Report as Annex 6b.