

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MOC) ON THE EXCHANGE AND RELEASE
OF DATA**

between

**THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY
MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

and

THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA

as at 9th December, 2016

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (hereafter WCPFC) and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (hereafter CCSBT):

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that the Memorandum of Understanding of August 2009 between the WCPFC and the CCSBT agreed to exchange of data and scientific information on an annual basis; and

NOW THEREFORE the WCPFC and CCSBT confirm the following conditions for the exchange and release of data from fisheries which capture highly migratory fish species:

1. CONDITIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA

- (a) Both Commissions exchange equivalent data, specified at Clause 2, on a reciprocal basis, and maintain the data in a manner consistent with the security standards established by each Commission.
- (b) Data may be provided to the Members, Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) and Service Providers of each Commission in accordance with the data access rules of each Commission, but shall not be released or distributed further and shall be kept confidential by the Commissions and their Members, CNMs and Service Providers.
- (c) This MOC applies only to the data specified at clause 2 and does not permit the exchange between Commissions of any other data.
- (d) The data exchanged under this MOC shall be used only for the purposes of the Conventions of the WCPFC and the CCSBT.
- (e) The area of mutual interest under this cooperation is the WCPFC Convention Area, south of 20°S.
- (f) Data are to be exchanged on at least an annual basis from the date of signature of this MOC.
- (g) Outputs developed (such as scientific meeting papers) using the data exchanged under this MOC are to be exchanged on at least an annual basis from the date of signature of this MOC.

2. AGGREGATED DATA TO BE EXCHANGED

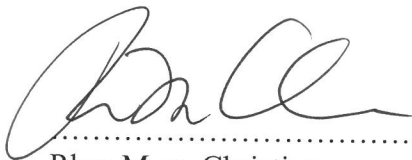
The following aggregated catch and effort data is to be exchanged on a reciprocal basis between Commissions:

- (a) Data for long line gear aggregated by flag State by 5° latitude and by 5° longitude by month with no minimum number of vessels; and
- (b) Data for surface gear (including purse seine) aggregated by flag State by 5° latitude and by 5° degree longitude by month with no minimum number of vessels.

3. OTHERS

- (a) This cooperation on the exchange and release of data may be modified at any time by mutual consent, acknowledging the need to obtain endorsement from respective RFMO member countries.
- (b) Either Commission may end this cooperation on the exchange of data by giving six months' notice of intention to terminate to the other Commission.

Signed on behalf of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna:



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Rhea Moss-Christian
Chair, WCPFC

Date: 18 April 2017



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Chair, CCSBT

Date: 5 June 2017