



# WCPFC Allocation and Management of Fishing Capacity

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# OVERVIEW

## Allocation

- Though not discussed explicitly, substantial allocations have been made through CMMs
- This includes catch and effort allocation by species, by gear, by country, and by sub-region (e.g., EEZ)

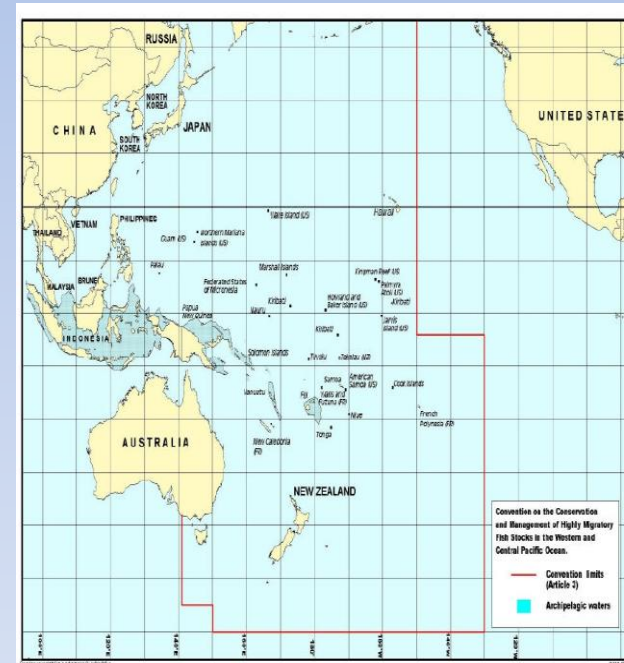
## Fishing Capacity

- Though not discussed explicitly, including the definition of fishing capacity, capacity limitation has been made through CMMs

# WCPFC CONVENTION (Article 10, Paragraph 1)

**One of the functions of the Commission is to:**

Develop, where necessary, criteria for the allocation of the total allowable catch or the total level of fishing effort for highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area



# WCPFC CONVENTION (Article 10, Paragraph 3)

## Ten factors to take into account:

- the status of the stocks and the existing level of fishing effort in the fishery;
- the historic catch in an area;
- the needs of small island developing States, and territories and possessions,;
- the respective contributions of participants to conservation and management of the stocks; etc.

# CMM 2008-01 – Bigeye and Yellowfin

## Purse Seine Fishery

A 30% reduction in F on BET from the annual average (2001-2004) or 2004 between 20°N and 20°S over 3 years

- PNA EEZs: Total vessel days – no greater than 2004 levels
- Other non-PNA EEZs: Establish compatible measures
- High seas pockets closure, 3-month FAD closure

# CMM 2008-01 – Bigeye and Yellowfin

## Longline Fishery

By 1 Jan. 2012, the LL catch of BET is 70% of the average annual catch (2001-2004) or 2004

- CCMs < 2K tons: Not exceed 2K tons
- CCMs > 2K tons: 30% reduction over 3 years
- Some exemptions: Fresh tuna < 5K tons, not applicable to a case related with catch attribution, ..

**YFT** - No increase in F beyond the annual average (2001-2004) or 2004

# OTHER FISHERIES

## **CMM 2005-02 [SP Albacore]**

- # vessels: No increase from 2005 or (2000-2004) levels

## **CMM 2005-03 [NP Albacore]**

- TAE: No increase beyond the current level

## **CMM 2006-04 [SWP Striped Marlin]**

- # vessels: Limit the # vessel to the number in any one year between 2000-2004

# OTHER FISHERIES

## **CMM 2009-03 [Swordfish]**

- # vessels: Limit the # vessel to the number in any one year between 2000-2005
- Catch: Limit catch to the amount in any one year between 2000-2006

## **CMM 2005-03 [Pacific bluefin tuna]**

- TAE: No increase from 2002-2004 level



# SUMMARY

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Capacity limitation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ PS effort in EEZs through VDS – allocation by EEZ</li><li>➤ PS effort on the HS – allocation by flag state</li><li>➤ LL BET catches – allocation by flag state</li><li>➤ Vessels numbers in respect of albacore, swordfish, striped marlin</li><li>➤ Allocations generally linked to recent average participation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ PS effort limitation</li><li>➤ LL BET catch limitation</li><li>➤ Limits on numbers of vessels fishing for albacore, striped marlin, swordfish</li></ul>