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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.

The Secretariat collects all reports and merges them into a dedicated database.

A summary of notifications provided from July 2019 to August 2020 is provided in this document. Refer to the previous report (CC-03-Doc06) for the notifications received prior to this date.

Most of the reports are compliant I regard with the notification period; however, several discrepancies have been highlighted.

Recommendations

The Secretariat invites CCPs to help in clarifying some reports and to provide missing one.

Introduction

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

CMM 2019/10 describes the measures for the Monitoring of Fisheries in the Agreement. In 2018 a new paragraph about vessel entry and exit notifications was added:

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 contain 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 (intended activity on entry OR activity carried out prior to exit)	Fishing (species), transiting or transshipping
Heading (optional)	Vessel heading when entering OR exiting the area (from 0° to 359°)

Entry and exit notifications received at the Secretariat

The table below summarizes the notifications received between June 2019 and August 2020 at the Secretariat:

Flag state	Vessels ¹	Fishing Vessels ²	Entry notifications	Exit notifications	> 24h
Australia	3	1	27	22	0
China	<i>no fishing during the period</i>				
Comoros	1	1	6	5	7
Cook	2	2	12	11	8
EU	1	1	5	5	0
France Territories	7	2	59	59	0
Japan	2	1	4	4	1
Korea	<i>no fishing during the period</i>				
Mauritius	n/a	n/a	0	0	
Seychelles	<i>no fishing during the period</i>				
Thailand	4	3	16	12	0
Chinese Taipei	2	2	1	2	0
¹ number of vessels that transmitted notifications (fishing or transiting) ² number of vessels that notified a fishing activity					

Comoros has many over 24H notifications, where they are provided by the industry (vessel owner).

A problem known by Cook Islands is the reason why many reports have been provided much later than the actual vessels passages. Some reports that have been received from Cook Island are not relevant of SIOFA, the Secretariat do not need to receive these reports (e.g. Reunion-Mauritius ZEE crossing).

Issues detected

The table below summarize the discrepancies of the reports by vessels.

Flag state	Vessels	Issues	Date
Australia	ATLAS COVE	Entry without prior exit	2020-05-01
	CORINTHIAN BAY	Entry without prior exit	2019-09-16
Comoros	DIEGO STAR 2	Entry without prior exit	2020-01-22
Cook	NIKKO MARU No.1	Entry without prior exit	2020-05-29

Flag state	Vessels	Issues	Date
France Territories	ALBIUS	Exit without a prior entry	2019-09-04
	ALBIUS	Entry without prior exit	2019-09-18
	ALBIUS	Exit without a prior entry	2019-12-22
	CAP HORN	Exit without a prior entry	2019-12-20
	CAP KERSAINT	Exit without a prior entry	2019-09-17
	CAP KERSAINT	Entry without prior exit	2020-08-22
	ILE BOURBON	Entry without prior exit	2019-09-06
	ILE BOURBON	Exit without a prior entry	2019-09-12
	ILE DE LA REUNION 2	Entry without prior exit	2020-02-16
	ILE DE LA REUNION 2	Entry without prior exit	2020-03-20
	LE SAINT ANDRE	Exit without a prior entry	2019-07-11
	LE SAINT ANDRE	Exit without a prior entry	2019-08-18
	LE SAINT ANDRE	Entry without prior exit	2019-09-01
	MASCAREIGNES III	Exit without a prior entry	2019-09-02
	MASCAREIGNES III	Exit without a prior entry	2019-09-02
	MASCAREIGNES III	Entry without prior exit	2019-10-31
THAILAND	CHOKEPHOEMSIN 1	Exit without a prior entry	2020-01-14
	SUPDAOPAMONG 1	Entry without prior exit	2020-07-24

The Secretariat invite CCPs to resolve the issues above with the Secretariat.

Sometime, notifications for the same event are provided by 2 times by 2 different sources (Governmental and Industry). When the notifications are not the same (small variation of time and position) the Secretariat is not able to tell which one to keep.

Many entries or exits reports from France Territories are not on the SIOFA perimeter but occurs outside SIOFA and south of 45°S.

Conclusions and recommendations

When notifications are received, many are received within 24 hours and compliant in this regard.

Where issues have been recorded, the Secretariat invite CCP to resolve them so that all entry and exit reports are consistent over time.

The Secretariat reminds to use the proper annex format from CMM 2019/10 to provide the report to the Secretariat. It will also be helpful if latitude and longitude coordinates are provided in decimal degrees.

The Secretariat has not the capacity to check the relevance of the report at the time a report is received but it will try to alert the CCP when issues are detected.