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rev1: reference to CMM 2018/10 has been corrected.

rev2: addition of Annex A: chart illustrating the increasing number of notifications received at the Secretariat since 2018.

rev3: a few above 24H notifications were wrongly reported

Status of entry and exit reports received at the Secretariat

Relates to agenda item: 8

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Abstract

CMM 2019/10 on monitoring requires CCPs to provide the Secretariat with every vessel 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 Sept 2020 to April 2021 is provided in this document. Refer to the previous report (CC-04-08) for the notifications received prior to this date.

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 2019/07.

The entry and exit notifications shall contains the following information in accordance with Annex I of CMM 2019/10 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°)

The notifications are also recorded into the Entry/Exit notifications database of the Secretariat.

Entry and exit notifications received at the Secretariat

The table below summarizes the notifications received between Sept 2020 and April 2021 at the Secretariat (8 months):

	vessels ¹	fishing ²	Entry	Exit	>24h ³	Anomalies ⁴
AUS	5	1	15	15	0	0
CHN	no fishing vessels authorised					
COM	n/a					
COK	2	2	7	8	0	0
EU-SP	1	1	2	3	0	0
FR-OT	6	1	28	29	1	0
JPN	1	1	3	3	0	0
KOR	no fishing vessels authorised					
MUS	n/a					
SYC	no fishing vessels authorised					
CT	60	60	263	265	81	78
THA	3	3	23	25	0 ⁵	0
totals	78	69	689		87	78

1-vessels: number of fishing or transiting vessels (total number of vessel having provided reports)

2-fishing: number of vessels which notify entry or exit for actual fishing

3->24h account the number of notifications received more than 24 hours after the entry or exit event

4-Anomalies: account when 2 consecutive entries or exits are reported.

5-A few notifications were reported above 24H but that was a processing error, THA provide all its notifications within 24 hours.

Conclusion

Many notifications issues have been noted with Chinese Taipei. One reason might be that notifications from CT are sent automatically on an hourly basis and not on each actual crossing events, therefore several mixed events may occur within an hour. Chinese Taipei can contact the Secretariat to help in resolving these issues.

The future VMS specifications can use this information for sizing the messaging functions and could be able to automatically send area entry or exit events when they occur. It will dispense CCP to provide the notification to the Secretariat manually.

