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Abstract	
The requirement for the collection of data on a Haul-by-haul basis as required in paragraph 5 of CMM 2021/02 is technically very difficult to achieve for hand line fishing activities. Providing a clarification in this paragraph seems appropriate to prevent compliance issue with this requirement.	

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Recommendations

- The MoP to review and adopt the changes proposed for paragraph 5 to clarify how fishing with handline should be collected.

Introduction and rationale

The handline fisheries in SIOFA have not been fully considered when the CMM for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data relating to fishing activities in the Agreement Area has been adopted (CMM 2016/02).

A revision in 2021 provided specific data requirements for the handline fisheries, and they have been listed in Annex A and in Annex B of CMM 2021/02. The main change was the introduction of fishing operations instead of sets or hauls.

A handline fishing operation is a period within a day during which several fishermen drop lines with hooks by hand from boats or dories into the sea. The line is lifted when a bite is detected or after a short time. It is therefore very challenging for a vessel captain to record every single hauls, with its position, its start and end times, its depth, etc.

Proposed change to paragraph 5

Current paragraph 5 states:

“CCPs shall collect vessel catch and effort data on a haul-by-haul basis.”

It is proposed to change the paragraph 5 to:

“CCPs shall collect vessel catch and effort data on a haul-by-haul basis, **with the exception of handline fishing, where CCPs shall collect vessel catch and effort on an operation basis**”.

This change will enable CCPs to be compliant with the requirement of paragraph 5 when it is not possible to record the handline activities on a haul-by-haul basis.