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Amendments to CMM 2022/02

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Abstract	<p>At its 8th Meeting, the Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 to improve VME bycatch information and recording by the crew in Annex A and by the observers in Annex B.</p>

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Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

- The CC to consider the proposed amendments and advise the MoP.

Amendments to CMM 2022/02 (Data Standards)

The Scientific Committee proposed several changes to CMM 2022/02 in regard to VME bycatch and recording and at its 8th meeting.

The changes that are proposed are in Annex A, vessels catch and efforts, bycatch section and in Annex B, observers' data, VME Taxa and Other benthos taxa section.

Only the sections relevant to these changes are displayed here, they are highlighted below in tracked changes:

Annex A: Vessel Catch and Effort Data

Incidental bycatch of marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles, VME and 'other species of concern'

Presence: Yes / No

For each species caught

- Taxa name
- Number alive
- Number dead or injured

Annex B: Observer Data

VME Taxa

Presence: Yes/No

a) Species (identified taxonomically as far as possible or accompanied by a photograph where identification is difficult).

b) An estimate of the quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m³)) of each listed benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).

c) An overall estimate of the total quantity (weight (kg) or volume (m³)) of all invertebrate benthic species caught in the tow (and the unit of measurement).

d) Where possible, provide the live or dead status for corals

e) Where possible, and particularly for new or scarce benthic species which do not appear in ID guides, whole samples should be collected and suitably preserved for identification on shore.

e) Collect representative biological samples from the entire VME catch. (Biological samples shall be collected and frozen when requested by the scientific authority in a Contracting Party). For some coral species that are under the CITES list photographs should be taken.

Other sessile benthos taxa

Presence: Yes/No

For each catch of ~~benthic organisms' species~~ taxa

Scientific names (identified ~~at the lowest~~ to the finest taxon level possible)

FAO code (if available)

Estimation of the amount caught