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Summary report on Entry-Exit notifications received at the Secretariat

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Abstract	
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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 in 2022 (from January 1 to December 31) at the Secretariat.

	vessels[1]	fishing[2]	Entries	Exits	>24h[3]	Anomalies[4]
AUS	3	1	18	18	1	0
CHN	no fishing vessels authorised					
COM	0	0				
COK	2	2	6	5	0	0
EU-SP	1	1	3	3	0	0
FR-OT	6	1	37	38	3	3
IND	no fishing vessels authorised					
JPN	1	1	6	6	0	0
KOR	no fishing vessels authorised					
MUS	3	3	13	13	26	0
SYC	no fishing vessels authorised					
CT	48	48	371	354	2[a]	0
THA	4	4	35	37	0	0
totals	68	61		963	32	3

1-vessels: number of fishing or transiting vessels (total number of vessels that have 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. Two notifications were received one hour late, and one was due to an internet connection issue.

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

a: 14 notifications from CT were sent on time (<24h) but reached the secretariat inbox later. Mail servers' delays may be the reason for this. Only 2 notifications were sent after the 24h delay.
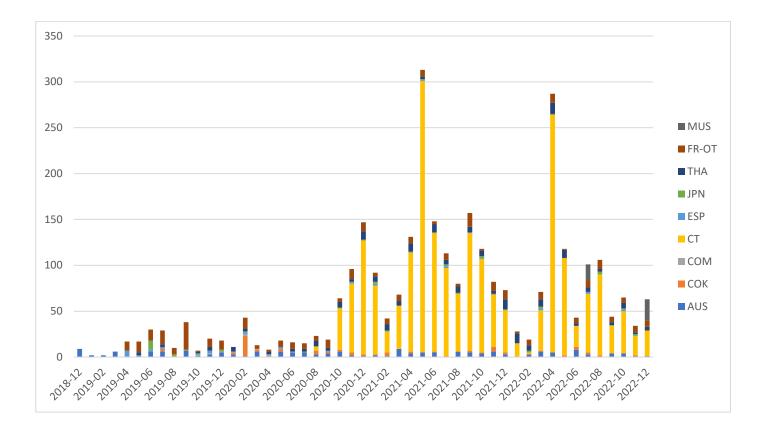
Conclusion

Most entry and exit notifications were received timely and very few anomalies have been identified. The few anomalies are trying to be solved.
Note that Mauritius entry-exit reports were not reported at the event time but were all provided at once in December 2022. Now, they are reported on a regular basis.

Annex A

Chart illustrating the number of entry or exit notifications received at the Secretariat per month since 2018.