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Reports of Sightings of Vessels without Nationality and Vessels flagged to Non-CCPs Received by the Secretariat

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Abstract	
<p>Paragraph 5 of CMM 04 (2016) (Vessels without Nationality) encourages CCPs to share information about vessels suspected to be without nationality and for the Secretariat to present these reports to the Compliance Committee at its next ordinary meeting.</p> <p>CMM 09(2022) (Control) requires that each CCP ensure that vessels flying its flag report any presumed fishing as defined in the Agreement, including transshipment, by vessels flying the flag of a State or fishing entity that is not a Party to or otherwise cooperating with the Agreement in the Agreement Area. It also requires that the CCPs submits these information to the Secretariat where it shall forward these information to all CCPs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>This paper presents a report of these submissions received in 2023.</p>	

Recommendations (for proposals and working papers only)

N/A

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Summary

Paragraph 5 of [Conservation and Management Measure on Vessels without Nationality](#) (CMM 04 (2016) (Vessels without Nationality)) encourages CCPs to share information about vessels suspected to be without nationality to assist in clarifying the status of such vessels and about the activities of vessels without nationality to inform decisions about action to prevent and deter such vessels from engaging in fishing or fishing related activities in the Agreement Area. Any sightings of fishing vessels suspected of, or confirmed as being, without nationality that may be fishing in the high seas of the Agreement Area shall be reported to the Secretariat as soon as possible by the appropriate authorities of the CCP whose vessel or aircraft made the sighting. The Secretariat is required to circulate such information to all CCPs as soon as practicable, and to provide a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Compliance Committee of all such information provided.

Paragraph 12 of [Conservation and Management Measure for Control of Fishing Activities in the Agreement Area](#) (CMM 09(2022) (Control)) requires that each CCP ensure that vessels flying its flag report any presumed fishing as defined in the Agreement, including transshipment, by vessels flying the flag of a State or fishing entity which is not a Party to or otherwise cooperating with the Agreement in the Agreement Area. Paragraph 13 further requires CCPs to submit this information to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Secretariat shall forward this information to all CCPs for information and for consideration of further action as required by Article 17 of the Agreement at the next ordinary Meeting of the Parties.

During the Calendar year of 2023, the Secretariat has not received any reports on vessels suspected of, or confirmed as being, without nationality that may be fishing in the high seas of the Agreement Area pursuant to Paragraph 5 of CMM 04 (2016) (Vessel Without Nationality)

The Secretariat has also not received reports of any presumed fishing as defined in the Agreement, including transshipment, by vessels flying the flag of a State or fishing entity which is not a Party to or otherwise cooperating with the Agreement in the Agreement Area, pursuant to CMM 09(2022) (Control).