

**Report from the CCSBT Observer (Republic of Korea) to the Twentieth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) (Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 4-8 December, 2023)**

1. The 20th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission took place from 4 to 8 December, 2023 in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. 31 Members & Participating Territories, Cooperating Non-Members (CNM) and a number of NGOs participated in the meeting.
2. WCPFC20 amended, among others, the Conservation and Management Measure for Tropical Tunas and the one for Pacific Bluefin Tuna. The CMM for Compliance Monitoring Scheme was also amended.
3. WCPFC20 continued its discussions on the South Pacific Albacore Management Procedure as well as the development of bigeye and yellowfin tuna Target Reference Points.
4. WCPFC20 also continued to discuss the development of a CMM on Crew Labour Standards with a view to adopting it at WCPFC21.
5. WCPFC20 agreed to grant cooperating non-member status to Curaçao, El Salvador, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam for 2024. Liberia's CNM status was not granted at that time due to outstanding payment of financial contribution.
6. WCPFC20 agreed to maintain the vessels - the Neptune, Fu Lien No.1 and Yu Fong 168 on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and to include the vessel FB Kuda Laut - 03 on the list.
7. WCPFC20 agreed to request the Secretariat to establish transshipment activity, observer reports and carrier vessel data exchange arrangements with IATTC, IOTC, CCSBT, SPRFMO and NPFC, in relation to its ongoing discussions regarding at-sea transshipment monitoring and management.
8. WCPFC20 made the following appointments:
  - SC Chair : Ms. Emily Crigler(United States)
  - FAC Co-Chairs : Mr. David Power (Australia) and Ms. Putuh Suadela (Indonesia)
9. It was agreed that WCPFC21 would be held in Suva, Cook Fiji in 2024.