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Interim Secretariat report on participants fishing pelagic stocks in the Area in 2007/08

Paragraph 1 of the Pelagic Fisheries section of the Interim Measures adopted by the Third Round of Consultations requires that Participants limit the total level of gross tonnage (GT) of vessels flying their flag fishing for pelagic stocks in 2008 and 2009 to levels of total GT recorded in 2007 in the area.

The table below shows the GT for each Participant that reported fishing activity for pelagic species (excluding squid) in the Area during 2007 and 2008. Some vessel sizes have been provided as gross registered tonnage (GRT) instead of gross tonnage (GT) as required in the Interim measures.

To date, not all participants have provided the information for vessels actively fishing during 2008.

2008

Cuba, France and its territories, Japan, New Zealand, USA and the Chinese Taipei Fishing Entity reported that no vessels fished for pelagic species (excluding squid) in the Area in 2008. No information has yet been provided by Chile and the Cook Islands for the pelagic vessel tonnage that actively fished during 2008.

The Russian Federation provided vessel details for 5 vessels that were authorised to fish horse mackerel in the Area during 2008, with a combined GRT of 29,629. It has not been confirmed if these vessels did actively fish for mackerel during 2008.

2007

Australia, Cuba, Ecuador, Japan, New Zealand, Russian Federation, USA and the Chinese Taipei Fishing Entity reported that no vessels fished for pelagic species (excluding squid) in the Area in 2007.

Table 1: Fishing activity for pelagic species (excluding squid) in the Area during 2007 and 2008

PARTICIPANT	Tonnage fishing in 2007	Tonnage fishing in 2008	Comments
Belize	9,814 GT	9,814 GT	
Chile	103,849 GT	-	
China	55,672 GT	55,672 GT	
Cook Islands	12,613 GRT	-	
European Community	62,999 GT	58,592 GT	
Faroe Islands	23,415 GT	1 vessel actively fished	The Faroe Islands had 3 vessels which actively fished during 2007
Korea	10,473 GT	10, 473 GT	
Vanuatu	31,220 GRT	31,220 GRT	