TROPICAL TUNA FISHING MANAGEMENT PLAN

Name of CPC: St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Fishing Plan Year: 2018

1. Introduction

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has a High Seas fishing fleet which are foreign owned vessels registered in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The High Seas fishing fleet is of an industrial nature, harvesting tuna and tuna like species. There are Thirty-three (33) such vessels of between 23 to 52 meters in length fishing in the Atlantic.

The current high seas fishery is a Long line tuna fishery utilizing long line gear and licensed to target albacore, big eye tuna, yellowfin tuna and swordfish. This fishery is governed by two essential legislative documents, the High Seas Fishing Act (2001) and the High Seas Fishing Regulations (2003), and where applicable the Fisheries (Prevention of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Regulations (2017).

2. Details of fishing plan

There are thirty-three (33) vessels flagged to St. Vincent and the Grenadines that are involved in the Long line fishery. The Long line fishery is the only High Seas fishery that St. Vincent and the Grenadines conducts and as such the Quotas allocated to the country, if any, are assigned to these thirty-three vessels. Catch data is compiled and reviewed monthly to ascertain compliance of these vessels to the recommendations set forth by the ICCAT Commission.

CPCs should also complete the following table:

		Explanation of CPC	Relevant	Note
	ICCAT Requirement	actions taken to	domestic laws or	
	(per 16-01)	implement	regulations	
			(as applicable)	
1.	Catch reporting (para. 5)	Fisheries Division	High Seas Fishing	
		reports SVG's	Act 2001; High Seas	
		quarterly catch of	Fishing Regulations	
		BET to ICCAT	2003	
2.	Implementation of the	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas
	area/time closure (para. 38),			vessels do not fish
	including inspection and			around FADs
	control measures			
3.	Use of and limitation of FADs	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas
	(para 16)			vessels do not fish
				around FADs
4.	CPC Scientific Observer	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas
	(para 39 and Annex 5)			vessels do not
				operate within any
				CPC's EEZ

5.	Quota transfers para 8)	N/A	N/A	SVG does not have a quota allocation for Bigeye tuna
6.	Capacity management (para 12)	N/A	N/A	Capacity limitation does not apply to SVG as per para 12 (d)
7.	Maximum by-catch limit established for non-authorized vessels (para 27)	N/A	N/A	All SVG High Seas vessels are licensed to catch tropical tunas

Capacity Management Plan

In addition to paragraph 12 of Rec. 16-01, each CPC will provide the number of fishing vessels and the corresponding fishing capacity using the template provided by the Secretariat (attached). This information will also be made available to SCRS.

TROPICAL TUNA VESSEL FLEET		Fleet (number of vessels)			Estimated capacity					
Туре	2017	2018	2019	2020	Unit (type of capacity)	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Purse seiner over 40m										
Purse seiner between 20 and 40m										
Purse seiners less than 20m										
Longliner over 40m	7	7	7	7	Metric tonnes	2100	2100	2100	2100	
Longliner between 20 and 40m	26	26	26	26	Metric tonnes	3595	3595	3595	3595	
Longliner less than 20m										
Baitboat 20m or greater										
Baitboat less than 20m										
Handline 20m or greater										
Handline less than 20m										
Harpoon 20m or greater										
Harpoon less than 20m										
Sport/Recreational										
Other (please specify)										
Total fishing capacity										
Support vessels (not authorised to catch tuna, but assist in fishing operations)										
Quota										
Initial quota		_								
Quota transfer made to XXX (if applicable)										
Quota transfer received from XXX (if applicable)										
Total adjusted quota (if applicable)										