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Quarterly/Monthly catches of tropical tuna: Table 1 shows the catches of tropical tuna in 2020 reported quarterly and monthly. The requirements are somewhat conflicting, with some CPCs obliged to make both quarterly and monthly, and in some cases, weekly reports. It is very difficult to collect and extract data in any meaningful way, due to the duplications involved. Paragraph 13 requires reporting of tropical tuna species, while paragraph 14 requires monthly reporting for purse seiners or longliners, increasing to weekly “when 80% of their catch limits have been caught”, although catch limits only apply to bigeye tuna and not to all tropical tuna species.