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Revision of Article 22.8 of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures
(by the Secretariat) (**ADOPTED**)

For Consideration

Following the deliberation of the Fisheries Commission (FC) on the matter of making available the VMS data to the Scientific Council (SC), the Secretariat was given the task to revise the text of the Article 22.8. The reformulation of the text was made in consultation with the SC Chair. The bold letters indicate the addition to the original text of the article.

Article 22 – Vessel Monitoring System

8. The Executive Secretary shall make available as soon as possible the information received under paragraph 6 to other Contracting Parties with an inspection presence in the Regulatory Area. All reports and messages shall be treated in a confidential manner.

The Executive Secretary shall make VMS data available in a summary form to the Scientific Council following specific requests from the Fisheries Commission to the Scientific Council to determine fishing effort on and around vulnerable habitats and for any other purpose.