



TUNA TAGGING



The **SECRETARIAT** of the **PACIFIC COMMUNITY** is tagging **BIGEYE, SKIPJACK** and **YELLOWFIN TUNA** in the **Western and Central Pacific** to assess their stock status and movement patterns.

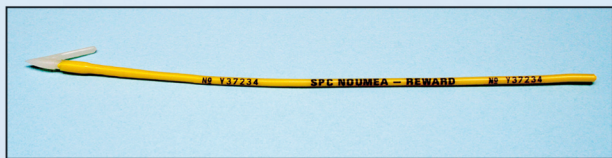


TAGS

All tagged tuna have one (or sometimes two) plastic dart tags inserted below the second dorsal fin.

An identifying tag number is printed (twice) on each tag and the words:

SPC NOUMEA-REWARD - www.spc.int/tagging

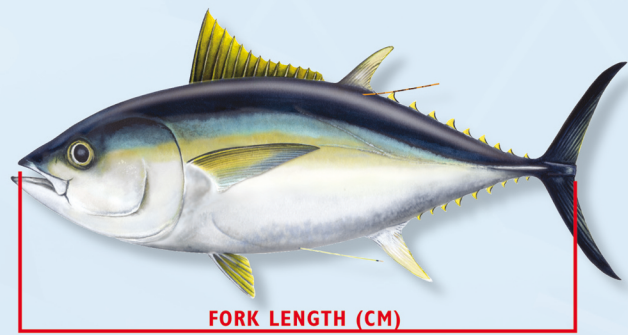


Most tags are **yellow**. If the tag is **green** or **orange**, the tuna will also have an electronic tag placed inside its body cavity.

Tuna with a **green** dart tag also have a valuable acoustic tag that is not visible from the outside.

Tuna with an **orange** tag have an archival tag which you can see because it has a clear antenna coming out of the body cavity.

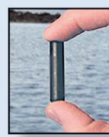
IF YOU FIND A TAGGED TUNA



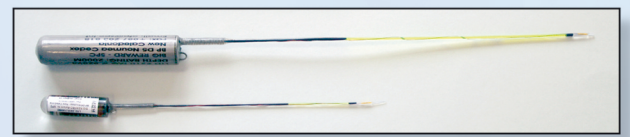
FORK LENGTH (CM)

If the dart tag is **green** or **orange**, check for an **electronic tag inside!**

Avoid pulling the antenna when removing an archival tag.



acoustic tag



archival tags

WRITE DOWN:

- ✓ Tag number
- ✓ Where, when, how tuna was caught
- ✓ Fork length of tuna
- ✓ Your name and address

GIVE TAGS AND INFORMATION TO:
Local Fisheries Office



OR POST TO:

Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Oceanic Fisheries Programme
B.P. D5, Noumea Cedex, NEW CALEDONIA
Email: oceanfish@spc.int
www.spc.int/tagging

\$ REWARD \$

SPC will give **CASH** for each tag returned:

/ / **\$10 US** for a **dart tag**

\$50 US for an **acoustic tag**

\$250 US for an **archival tag**

There will also be an annual **LOTTERY** with large cash prizes.

