

FIFTH TUNA DATA WORKSHOP (TDW-5)

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Noumea, New Caledonia

Recommendations

1. With respect to the legal aspects of data provision, the following were recommended:
 - a. **FFA** will endeavour to finalise the guidelines on legal requirements for tuna fishery data collection to be used to audit/evaluate legislation in each member country. Consideration should be given to providing
 - i. a set of basic guidelines for member countries to conduct a preliminary audit of their legislation (with respect to tuna fishery data collection), and
 - ii. a set of guidelines that legal experts might use to conduct an evaluation/audit of member-country legislation with respect to tuna fishery data collection. The audit by the legal expert will include a capacity building aspect involving a member-country counterpart.
 - b. **SPC, FFA and Member countries** review the problems in enforcing legislation with respect to data collection at TDW-6.
2. **SPC** should assign priority to each item in the list of work required on the TUFMAN system (identified by TDW-5 participants), distribute the list and endeavour to complete the high priority tasks as soon as possible. (See Appendix **xx** for the list of work on TUFMAN identified by TDW-5 participants).
3. **SPC** should keep member countries and FFA informed on the progress with final acceptance testing of the TUBS system and the proposed plan for in-country installation.
4. **SPC** in collaboration with **Member Countries** will develop the template for national plan of action for data collection and management and trial it with one country over the coming year and report on its implementation at TDW-6.
5. The Workshop noted that tuna-fishery data sharing amongst member countries and with regional organizations enhances the ability for all entities to conduct their work. It was therefore recommended that **SPC, FFA and Member Countries** seek out opportunities to better share data for their mutual benefit. The following were specific areas raised during the workshop:
 - a. **FFA** will pursue the request to member countries to authorize the release of their national observer data to FFA.
 - b. In cases where the vessels flagged by one country (flag state) are based in another country (coastal or port state), flag-state **Member countries** were encouraged to formally communicate to the coastal state to request their (flag-state) data. Coastal or port states might consider providing SPC with authorization to release the data they collect to flag states on their behalf through a formal communication to SPC.
 - c. Successful initiatives of data sharing over the next year will be reported at TDW-6 to provide examples of what countries could potentially achieve in this area in the future.
6. **SPC** will prepare an information sheet that lists what needs to be done to implement new Longline logsheet, including the reasons for its establishment and associated obligations.
7. The Workshop noted the request by **Member countries** for assistance in establishing collection and management systems for Artisanal Tuna Fisheries data, which also highlighted at the recent Heads of Fisheries meeting (March 2011). **SPC** will continue to provide technical assistance to member countries over the coming year and report on progress at TDW-6.
8. The Workshop noted the importance of TDW in producing Annual Catch estimates and recommended that more time be allocated during TDW to complete this work. **SPC** will review the TDW-6 agenda to ensure sufficient time is available for **Member countries** to complete their Annual Catch estimates.
9. The Workshop noted the importance and usefulness of the TUFMAN exercises in capacity building, but there was insufficient time to cover all aspects of this system during TDW-5. **SPC** will therefore endeavour to convene a dedicated Regional TUFMAN training workshop for **Member countries** in late 2011/early 2012.
10. The Workshop acknowledged the importance of National Tuna Data Workshops and recommended that **SPC** continue to conduct these workshops when requested by **Member countries**.