

OBSERVER  
PROGRAMME:SPC/FFA REGIONAL OBSERVER  
VESSEL TRIP REPORT

FORM GEN - 3

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Observer NAME		<b><i>This form <u>must</u> be filled in by the observer for every trip</i></b>			NATIONALITY OF BOARDING VESSEL IF BOARDED DURING TRIP AT SEA:	
Obs. NATIONALITY	TRIP ID NUMBER	COASTAL STATE LICENCES (IF ANY)				
VESSEL NAME	COUNTRY REG. #	UVI	IRCS	VESSEL FLAG	VESSEL GEAR TYPE	

Did the vessel do any of the following (indicate 'Yes' or 'No' with an 'X' for every item)

		Yes	No	pg No.
Observer rights / social behaviour	RS -a	Did the operator or any crew member assault, obstruct, resist, delay, refuse boarding to, intimidate or interfere with observers in the performance of their duties		
	RS -b	Request that an event not be reported by the observer		
	RS -c	Mistreat other crew		
	RS -d	Did operator fail to provide observer, while onboard, at no expense to observer or the observer's Government, with food, accommodation, access to safety gear and medical facilities of reasonable standard - equivalent to those normally available to an officer onboard the vessel		
		Refer to instruction pages for the full wording of all items on this page		
National regulations	NR -a	Fish in areas where the vessel is not permitted to fish		
	NR -b	Target species other than those they are licenced to target		
	NR -c	Use a fishing method other than the method the vessel was designed or licensed		
	NR -d	Not display or present a valid (and current) licence document onboard		
	NR -e	Transfer or transship fish from or to another vessel		
	NR -f	Was involved in bunkering activities		
	NR -g	Fail to stow fishing gear when entering areas where vessel is not authorised to fish		
WCPFC CMMs	WC -a	Fail to comply with any Commission Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs)		
	WC -b	High-grade the catch		
	WC -c	Fish on FAD during FAD Closure		
Logsheet recording - Position Logsheet recording - Catch	LP -a	Inaccurately record vessel position on vessel log sheets for sets, hauling and catch		
	LP -b	Fail to report vessel positions to countries, where required when entering and leaving an EEZ (crossing to or from an EEZ into or out of the High Seas)		
	LC -a	Inaccurately record retained "Target Species" in the Vessel logs [or weekly reports]		
	LC -b	Inaccurately record "Target Species" Discards		
	LC -c	Record target species inaccurately [eg. combine bigeye/yellowfin/skipjack catch]		
	LC -d	Not record bycatch discards		
SSIs	SI -a	Land on deck Species of Special Interest (SSI) (eg. Marine mammals, turtles seabirds or protected sharks)		
	SI -b	Interact (not land) with SSIs		
Pollution	PN -a	Dispose of any metals, plastics, chemicals or old fishing gear		
	PN -b	Discharge any oil		
	PN -c	Lose any fishing gear		
	PN -d	Abandon any fishing gear		
	PN -e	Fail to report any abandoned gear		
Sea safety	SS -a	Fail to monitor international safety frequencies		
	SS -b	Carry out-of-date safety equipment		

If unsure that a violation has been committed but suspect a vessel has violated its license agreement place an 'X' in the 'YES' box. Then write a full account of the incident, including all evidence that aroused suspicion.

<b>OBSERVER PROGRAMME</b>	The observer programme/provider you are contracted to (employed by) for this trip.
<b>OBSERVER NAME</b>	As written in your passport. Observer must print first name first and last name (family name) last.
<b>OBSERVER NATIONALITY</b>	YOUR nationality as per the passport you are using.
<b>OBSERVER TRIP ID No.</b>	Observer trip identification number. Same number for all forms and issued before leaving port.
<b>COASTAL STATE LICENCE (if any)</b>	List the licence number(s) of any current licence issued by a Coastal States (i.e. countries where the vessel is licensed to fish).
<b>NATIONALITY OF BOARING VESSEL IF BOARDED AT SEA</b>	If host vessel is boarded by authorities and inspected at sea, what was nationality of the authority?
<b>VESSEL NAME</b>	Full vessel name, as written on licence documentation - not abbreviated. Include all numbers.
<b>COUNTRY REGISTRATION #</b>	The country registration number that was issued by the country where the vessel is registered. WCPFC requires all vessels over 100 Gross Tonnage to have a UVI after 1st Jan 2016. The number may appear on certificates before 2016. Generally the UVI is the International Marine Organisation number or may be the the Lloyd's Register (LR) no.
<b>UNIQUE VESSEL IDENTIFIER</b>	International Radio Call Sign is issued by the flag state, normally painted on the side of the boat and a mix of letters and numbers. The IRCS should be the main number on the hull or side of the vessel. Confirm this before recording it. It may also be found on the vessel's licence.
<b>INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALL SIGN (IRCS)</b>	
<b>VESSEL FLAG</b>	Record the flag of the vessel. This is the same as the country the vessel is registered in.
<b>VESSEL GEAR TYPE</b>	The fishing method vessel is licensed to use (i.e. purse seine, longline, pole-and-line)

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**During the trip did the Master or crew of the vessel attempt or do any of the following:**

<b>Observer rights / social behaviour</b>	<b>RS-a</b>	<b>Did the operator or any crew member assault, obstruct, resist, delay, refuse boarding to, intimidate or interfere with observers in the performance of their duties</b> Were you prevented, blocked, intimidated, harassed or threatened by any of the crew or operator while onboard? Did any crew member attempt to bias your work through a gift or bribe?
	<b>RS-b</b>	<b>Request that an event not be reported by the observer</b> Did any crew member or operator ask you not to record, report photograph or video an event?
	<b>RS-c</b>	<b>Mistreat other crew</b> Were there any clear systematic or prejudiced bullying or mistreatment of any crew?
	<b>RS-d</b>	<b>Did the operator fail to provide the observer, while on board the vessel, at no expense to the observer or the observers Government, with food, accommodation [access to safety gear] and medical facilities of a reasonable standard equivalent to those normally available to an officer on board the vessel</b> Do you think you were purposely given poor accommodation, food, no access to safety gear or medical treatment?
<b>National regulations</b>	<b>NR-a</b>	<b>Fish in areas where the vessel is not permitted to fish</b> Be aware of areas within EEZs that a vessel is not allowed to fish. These include closed 'high seas pockets for purse-seiners', internal waters, territorial seas (12 miles from a land and archipelagic waters baseline) that are off limits to most gear types (however some exceptions do occur).
	<b>NR-b</b>	<b>Target species other than those they are licensed to target</b> The target species is mentioned on the vessel's fishing permit. Usually "Tuna" will be the target species. Most common species targeted illegally are sharks or reef species targeted with handlines.
	<b>NR-c</b>	<b>Use a fishing method other than the method the vessel was designed or licensed</b> The licensed fishing method is on the vessel's fishing permit. Note if a fishing method other than that on the permit is used. Common violations are hand lining near reefs and purse seiners setting lines at night to catch sharks. Fully describe the type of gear used and what species, if any, were caught.
	<b>NR-d</b>	<b>Not display or present a valid (and current) licence document onboard</b> A valid original licence document should be in the wheelhouse on display. Regulations usually require an official licence document to be kept onboard ready for inspection on request by suitable people, including observers. Record 'YES' if: no document; a copy or faxed document; an outdated document; or a cover letter shown. Report which type and
	<b>NR-e</b>	<b>Transfer or tranship fish from or to another vessel.</b> Transhipping of fish by purse seiners can only occur in designated ports. Indicate if host vessel transhipped fish or any fish products (e.g. shark fins) at sea. Note: group seine operations in PNG may tranship at sea in their zone
	<b>NR-f</b>	<b>Was involved in bunkering activities</b> Bunkering is transfer of fuel between vessels. Generally a bunker vessel is a specialised fuel carrier. Some countries ban bunkering except at port, while others require notification prior to bunkering.
	<b>NR-g</b>	<b>Fail to stow fishing gear when entering areas where vessel is not authorised to fish</b> Fishing gear should be stowed when entering waters of areas where vessels are not authorised to fish E.g.: net covered, boom lowered on purse seiners; floats stored and covered and snoods stored on longliners
<b>WCPFC CMMs</b>	<b>WC-a</b>	<b>Fail to comply with any Commission Conservation and Management measures (CMMs)</b> Has any WCPFC regional regulation (CMM) been breached?
	<b>WC-b</b>	<b>High grade the catch</b> Did the vessel discard target species already on board to make room for better quality, larger size or for a more marketable target species
	<b>WC-c</b>	<b>Incorrectly dispose of fish offal</b> Did vessel retrieve, service, set or fish on any floating object or group of objects, of any size, that was or was not deployed, living or non-living, including (but not only) buoys, floats, netting, webbing, plastics, bamboo, logs or whale sharks, floating on or near the surface of the water that fish may associate with? Was vessel used to aggregate fish or to move aggregated fish, including using underwater lights or chumming.



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<b>Logsheet recording - Position</b>	<p><b>Inaccurately record vessel position on vessel log sheets for sets, hauling and catch</b> The vessel logsheet should be filled out by the Captain or a designated officer, daily, or after each set.</p> <p><b>LP-a</b> The observer has the right to ask to see this log (inspect this log at least once a day). If there are significant discrepancies (&gt;3nm) of reported set positions between the vessel log and the observer forms the details should be written into the observer report.</p>
	<p><b>Fail to report vessel positions to countries, where required when entering and leaving an EEZ (crossing to or from an EEZ into or out of the High Seas)</b></p> <p><b>LP-b</b> Zone Entry and Zone Exit as well as Port Entry and Port Exit notifications are regulated by countries. Most countries also have mandatory Wednesday reporting of position when fishing in their EEZs.</p>
	<p><b>Inaccurately record retained "Target Species" in the Vessel logs or weekly reports</b> Is the vessel under reporting, over reporting or not reporting any of the observed sets for any reason ?</p> <p><b>LC-a</b> It is critical that observers do their own accurate estimate of catch. Compare vessel logged catches with your estimates to ensure all sets are recorded and the catch has been logged correctly every day.</p>
	<p><b>Inaccurately record "Target Species" Discards</b></p> <p><b>LC-b</b> Report any attempt to not report commercial species that have been rejected because they are damaged, too small or are considered to be undesirable for other reasons. Note in your report if discards were reported by vessel.</p>
	<p><b>Record target species inaccurately</b></p> <p><b>LC-c</b> On purse seiners BET are commonly recorded as YFT; and both BET and YFT are sometimes recorded as SKJ. Mixed small BET and YFT are often recorded as just YFT, simply because they fetch the same cannery price.</p>
	<p><b>Not record bycatch discards</b></p> <p><b>LC-d</b> Report any attempt to not report any fish, shark, reptile or mammal species - retained or discarded.</p>
	<p><b>Inaccurately record retained bycatch species</b></p> <p><b>LC-e</b> Report if vessel wrongly reports retained bycatch species.</p>
	<p><b>Inaccurately record discarded bycatch species</b></p> <p><b>LC-f</b> Report if vessel wrongly reports discarded bycatch species.</p>

<b>SSIs</b>	<p><b>Land on deck Species of Special Interest (SSIs)</b></p> <p>Did the vessel land on deck at any time (either deliberately or accidentally) during the trip any SSIs. SSIs are: all turtles; all marine mammals – dolphins, whales, seals, dugongs, etc; birds; oceanic whitetip sharks and silky sharks and whale sharks. All landings should also be fully recorded on the catch details forms (PS-3, PL-3, LL-4). More complete data and description must be in GEN-2 forms, the observer's journal and written report It is important to note the vessel's general attitude to such animals in reports.</p>
	<p><b>Interact (not land) with SSIs (e.g. Marine mammals, turtle or whale sharks)</b></p> <p><b>SI-b</b> Did any SSIs interact with any part of the vessel, its gear, or its support boats, etc., during the trip ? More information on interactions must be recorded on GEN-2 forms, observer journal and written report.</p>

<b>Pollution</b> <small>(see MARPOL explanation on GEN-6)</small>	<p><b>Dispose of any metals, plastics, chemicals or old fishing gear</b></p> <p><b>PN-a</b> Was there any deliberate throwing over of: metals or plastics (from kitchen or elsewhere on boat); or parts of the fishing gear (netting, nylon line, etc.); from the vessel into the ocean at any time ? Was any unprocessed perishable garbage discharged within 12 nautical miles of land or a reef ?</p>
	<p><b>Discharge any oil</b></p> <p><b>PN-b</b> Was any fuel oil spilled or dumped within 50 nautical miles of shore ?</p>
	<p><b>Lose any fishing gear</b></p> <p><b>PN-c</b> Was any fishing gear lost during this trip ?</p>
	<p><b>Abandon any fishing gear</b></p> <p><b>PN-d</b> Was any fishing gear dumped or abandoned by the observer's host vessel ?</p>
	<p><b>Fail to report any abandoned gear</b></p> <p><b>PN-e</b> Did vessel not report any lost fishing gear (IF REQUIRED by the country in which waters it is fishing) ?</p>

<b>Sea safety</b>	<p><b>Fail to monitor international Safety frequencies</b></p> <p><b>SS-a</b> Does the vessel keep its radio tuned into and turned onto the international distress, safety and calling frequencies when it is not communicating ? <u>Frequencies are:</u> VHF marine radio for medium to long range voice communications - 2182 kHz VHF marine radio for short range voice communications - Channel 16</p>
	<p><b>Carry out-of-date safety equipment</b></p> <p><b>SS-b</b> Was any of the safety equipment (lifeboats, EPIRBs, etc.) out of survey date or in a bad condition ?</p>