

NINTH TUNA DATA WORKSHOP (TDW-9)

20–24 April 2015

Noumea, New Caledonia

Recommendations

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1. The workshop recommended that SPC (in collaboration with FFA and WCPFC as required) develop a report structure or methodical process/template for part 1 reports that separates the essential from the useful.
2. The workshop appreciated the new presentations on WCPFC Reporting obligations and compliance provided by the WCPFC and FFA during TDW-9 and recommended that these presentations are provided at future TDW workshops. The workshop also recommended the continuation of the presentation on “the use of data in fisheries management” and a presentation of an example showing how data are used in the scientific work conducted by SPC.
3. The following TDW-8 recommendation was carried forward. The workshop participants provided a number of specific requests for FFA, PNA and SPC to potentially investigate over the coming year, including:
 - a) Development of awareness-raising material on the importance of data which are specifically designed for each stakeholder group in the fisheries (e.g. decision-makers, lawyers, commercial and artisanal fishers, etc.);
 - b) How to engage each stakeholder group in the fisheries;
 - c) In country workshops – depending on the availability of resources and current work commitments.
4. In regards to data sharing, the workshop recommended the following:
 - a) Participants were encouraged to inform their superiors of the various data sharing issues raised during the workshop, particularly in view of the advent of E-Reporting and TUFMAN-2
 - b) Member countries make a concerted effort to ensure the compliance related to the provision of logsheet for their national fleets.
 - c) SPC and FFA (in collaboration with the WCPFC) continue to explore avenues to improve and formalise data sharing arrangements with their member countries.
5. The workshop recommended that countries focus this year on improving the quality and coverage of data, in particular resolve the issues with the “hooks between floats” field on the longline logsheets. It was also recommended to review the progress in resolving data quality issues at the next TDW.
6. It is recommended that SPC sends regular updates to data managers and observer coordinators on the data quality performance of observers within national observer programs.