



17th Regional Observer Coordinators Workshop Nadi, Fiji Islands February 6th – 10th

Theme: ***"The Evolution of Fisheries Observation"***

Venue: Hexagon Hotel, Nadi

Breaks will be held from 10:00 to 10:30 and 15:00 to 15:30
Lunch will be from 12:00 to 13:00

LEADS:

AO	Ambrose Orianihaa
PNOC Meeting Chair	Bernard Fiubala
CS	Caroline Sanchez
DB	David Byrom
DeB	Deirdre Brogan
DD	Donald David
IT	Icanus Tuiloma
JK	John Kelly
KS	Karl Staisch
LM	Latisha Maui
MH	Malo Hoskins
MS	Megan Streeter
PL	Philip Lens
SF	Sifa Fukofuka
TP	Tim Park

Monday, 6th February

09:00 - 9:30 Opening - Opening of the meeting by Chairperson

- a. Welcome remarks from FFA/SPC – **PL/TP**
- b. Housekeeping - FFA

0930 – 10:00 Meeting formalities – **PL/TP**

- a. Meeting procedures and approval of the agenda
- c. Procedures for recording proceedings and recommendations

10:30-11:00 Status of recommendations from ROCW16 –**PL/TP**

11:00 – 12:00 Observer Programme Updates

Programme important updates/urgent issues (not programme overviews)

1. CI	2. FJ	3. FM	4. FP	5. KI
6. MH	7. NC	8. NR	9. PG	10. PW
11. SB	12. TG	13. TV	14. VU	15. WS
16. US	17. POA	18. SPC	19. FFA	

OTHER ORGANISATIONS THEME

13:00 – 13:30 PNA Coordinators Meeting Report – PNOC Meeting Chair

13:30 – 14:30 DCC Strategy and DCC meeting TP/DeB

- a. Data Collection Committee Strategy – DeB/TP
- b. DCC developments – TP/DeB
- c. mini DCC observer form changes – DeB

14:30-15:00 – Pago Pago Support Office – JK/LM

- a. Current support update and options for development - JK/LM
- b. FFA Observers - Logistics American Samoa – SK/JK
 - i. Changing Visa issues
 - ii. Entry permits

15:30 - 17:00 Observer Safety - PL

- a. Emergency Action Plan (*EAP*) development requirements
- b. Two-Way communication device/Personal Locator Beacon (lifesaving beacon)
- c. Observer health (mental & physical) monitoring

Tuesday, 07th February

OBSERVER PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT THEME

08:30 - 10:00 Observer conduct and preparedness – PL/SK/JK

- a. FFA US Treaty Programme - PL
- b. Observer Deployment
 - i. Maintain communication
 - ii. Confirm observer availability
 - iii. Personal welfare (self/spouse/Children)
- c. National Programmes – PL
- d. Preparedness prior to departure
 - i. Contract signed/FFA Observer contract
 - ii. Valid passport (not expiring in 6 months)
 - iii. Valid visa or entry permit
 - iv. Enough cash or debit card with sufficient fund
 - v. Emergency contacts
 - vi. Measuring caliper
 - vii. Sufficient workbook/forms/stationary/tablets
 - viii. Appropriate safety gear/equipment
- e. Observer Mandatory Reporting - PL
 - i. Mandatory weekly report (every Wednesday, copy coordinators/managers)
 - ii. Notify office when heading to port with (name of port and ETA)

10:30 – 12:00 Regional observer personal information Storage & Sharing – PL

- a. All personal particulars, (*full name as shown on the passport*)
- b. Passport and visa copies
- c. Bank details (*with correct name*)
- d. Reliable contact number
- e. Reliable email address
- f. MSC and Cross Endorsement certified
- g. Observer good standing/blacklist

13:00 - 14:00 Observer Placement & Personal Data Management - KK/IT/AO

- a. OPM its use and usefulness – AO
- b. SPC' critical need for OPM programme training and placement data
- c. SPC support of user capacity development - IT

14:00-15:00 FFA and NOPs MOUs/CSLA – PL

- a. US Treaty MOU
- b. Strengthening of National Observer Programme(s)
 - i. Observer Manual & SOPs
 - ii. Other assistance

15:30 – 17:00 Cost recovery Update – PL/TP

- a. National Cost recovery
 - i. NOPs to update (if any)

- b. Regional Cost Recovery – TP/PL

Wednesday, 08th February

OBSERVER DATA THEME

08:30 – 10:00 WCPFC Developments - KS

- a. Observer Sea Safety/Emergency Action Plan
- b. Transshipment observers
- c. ROP audits – 2017 time table
- d. CMM booklet progress - DD
- e. IATTC Cross endorsement

10:30 - 12:00 WCPFC13 Outcomes - KS

- a. New measures
- b. WCPFC13 Decisions
- c. Outcome/Recommendations/Implications
- d. Future Issues

13:00 – 14:00 Evolving technology: Status of ER & EM- MH/TP/PL

- a. Status of implementation of ER – MH/PL
 - i. PNA (iFIMS and FIMS)
- b. Status of EM implementation and the way forward-MH/PL
 - i. Regional implementation- MH
 - ii. National implementation (e.g. PNG) – PL
- c. EM (longline) Standards – DeB/TP
- d. Working with EM/ER - Impacts on observers role and training – TP/MH
- e. PIRFO EM analyst qualifications – TP/PL
- f. PIRFO ER competency

14:00 – 14:30 SPC needs for Observer data– IT/TP

- a. Quality Assurance process implementation
- b. Status of data provision and submission issues
- c. Debriefing evaluations for quality assurance

14:30 – 15:00 Status of biological sampling and tagging – CS

- a. Biological sampling and tagging
- b. Biological sampling status
- c. Future of biological sampling (national and regional targets implementation, biodays interface)
- d. Tagging status
- e. Biological and tag seeding training – CS

15:30 – 16:00 Sampling Protocols – SF/TP

- a. Spill Sampling requirements
- b. Conversion Factor collection
- c. Bird ID Guide

16:00 – 17:00 - Regional Agency future role

- a. SPC's role in observer programme support - TP
- b. FFA's future in observer programme strengthening & support - PL
- c. Other organizations recent news relevant to observers - PL
 - i. PNA
 - ii. Te Vaka Moana?

Thursday 09th February

PIRFO THEME

08:30 – 10:00 PIRFO developments – TP/SF/PL/MS

- a. The future of PIRFO training? TP/PL/MS
- a. What areas need development – TP/SF/PL
- b. Curricula, Assessment, lesson structure – MS/TP/SF
- c. Technical requirements - TP
- d. Human resources – PL
- e. Presentation requirements - SF
- f. 'PIRFO Trainer' vs. 'PIRFO Trainer and Assessor' TP/SF
- g. PIRFO standards – what do they mean? TP/PL
- h. Proposed APTC Cert IV Trainer & Assessor training
- i. True cost of training – MS/TP/PL
- j. PIRFO Standards – what do they mean – TP/PL
- k. Who can deliver training? - MS
- l. Evolving relationships with Marine Schools - MS
- m. PIRFO training affiliation with Tertiary Institutions (USP/NFC) - MS

10:30 - 12:00 PIRFO continued. - SF

- n. Quality Assurance in Training
- o. WCPFC CMMs – what's new that requires extra training?
- p. Catch Certification Schemes
- q. MSC training – how it fits in with PIRFO
 - a. Sharing MSC certified list - PL
 - b. MSC US Treaty Fleets (PNA/TMI issue) - PL
- r. PIRFO website development – TP
- s. Observer Professional Affiliation - PL
- t. PIRFO Certification Management Committee (CMC) – TP

13:00 – 14:00 PIRFO continued

14:00 – 15:00 PIRFO Frontline Management: completing PIRFO career structure - MS/PL

- a. Selecting/Changing suitable mentors
- b. Submitting of assessment tasks
- c. PIRFO-FLM certification
- d. Advance FLM

15:30 - 17:00 PIRFO 2017 Training Schedule/Regional Support needs

Friday, 10th February

08:30 - 10:00 The Way Forward

- a. Identifying issues for MCSWG consideration
- b. Anticipating potential WCPFC decisions impacting on observer providers

10:30 - 12:00 Wind-up (return to unfinished business/additional items)

- a. Next meeting venue and date
- b. Clearance of report

13:00-14:00 PIRFO Certification Management Committee

- PNA representative
- Non-PNA representative
- Chair of the ROCW
- WCPFC representative
- FFA representative
- SPC representative