

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

TO : Representatives of Governments and Administrations **N° :** 13/26
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RÉFÉRENCE : PRO 93/29/1 **DATE :** 6 September 2013

OBJET : **ARTISANAL TUNA MONITORING WORKSHOP**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

1. This is an invitation to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's Artisanal Tuna Monitoring Workshop to be held in Noumea at the SPC Conference Centre over four days from the 11th to 14th November 2013.
2. This notice is a request to the Heads of Fisheries from SPC member country governments and territory administrations to nominate the person who is the most responsible for monitoring small-scale vessels that target tuna and tuna-like species to attend the workshop.

NOMINATIONS

3. **Financial support** from Australian Aid's Pacific Fisheries for Food Security Program Project is available for FFA member countries, for the travel and attendance of one officer who is normally involved in the monitoring of the artisanal tuna fishery. The French Pacific Fund has supplied support for nominations from French Pacific Territories. Alternative funding arrangements for other SPC members that are not FFA member countries will be discussed on a case by case basis. Additional country participants may be nominated to attend, but their attendance will be at the country's own expense. All SPC members who wish to participate and who require SPC funding for their representative to attend the workshop should make formal nominations to Dr. John Hampton, Oceanic Fisheries Manager (email: JohnH@spc.int : fax +687 263818). Nominations should also be copied to the workshop organisers: Deirdre Brogan (DeirdreB@spc.int) and Michael Sharp (MichaelS@spc.int). Nominations should include the following information:
 - o Name and full contact details of nominee, including email address, telephone and fax numbers,
 - o Nominee's position and main work duties within the fisheries administration.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

4. The purpose of the meeting is to assist Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) consider the need to implement a data collection programme to gather relevant information from small-scale vessels that regularly target tuna and tuna-like species and to provide them with the tools to set up such a monitoring programme.

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Bureau national de coordination : Honiara (îles Salomon)
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

5. During the course of the workshop the following topics will be covered;
 - Current knowledge and data requirements for the artisanal tuna fishery
 - National artisanal tuna fishery profiles
 - SPC's Artisanal Tuna Data Collection programme
 - Complementary data collection programmes
 - Data management procedures and best practices
 - Tools and challenges for implementing a suitable artisanal tuna data collection programme.
6. Pre-meeting requirements and the full agenda will be circulated to the participants in late September. Background meeting documents will be made available on the OFP web site from October 2013 onwards.

PARTICIPANT INPUTS

7. All participants will be asked to submit a written profile of their country's artisanal tuna fishery two weeks before the workshop, and to subsequently present this to the workshop. The profile should refer to the total number of motor boats and canoes involved in the fishery, annual catch estimates for the fishery, the most common fishing and landing sites, and information on any current or historical data collection programmes. More comprehensive details of what is required will be sent to the participant once nominated, and support to compile the national artisanal tuna fishery profile is available from the workshop organisers.

MEETING OUTPUTS

8. Participants should also come away with enhanced knowledge and skills to implement and monitor a national tuna data collection programme. The report/recommendations of the workshop will be posted on the SPC website approximately one month after the end of the workshop.

ACCOMMODATION

9. A per-diem will be provided to the nominated officer. Hotel accommodation can be booked at the SPC Secretariat rate if any meeting participant requires, but the payment of all costs will be the responsibility of each participant.

TRAVEL

10. An economy class return ticket by the most economical route will be provided to all SPC-funded member country and territory representatives. If participants choose to travel by a route other than the one proposed, all additional costs will be at their own expense. Travel orders cannot be issued until the official nomination has been received. A copy of the participant's passport (photo page) is required to process travel arrangements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

11. Visas are **not** required for entry into New Caledonia for stays of up to three months for nationals of all SPC member countries except Fiji Islands and Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu. Participants from these three countries are requested to contact the French embassies in their countries as well as the Secretariat for assistance.

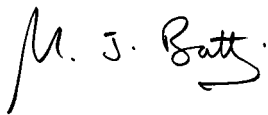
MEETING CONTACTS

12. The following may be contacted for any additional information:

- Official nominations to: Dr John Hampton, Oceanic Fisheries Manager, SPC (email: JohnH@spc.int fax +687 263818)
- Administrative issues, visa documentation, hotel bookings etc: Helene Ixeco, Project Assistant, Oceanic Fisheries Programme (email: HeleneI@spc.int; tel +687 26 09 53, fax +687 263818).
- Agenda items, papers, other enquiries etc: Deirdre Brogan, Oceanic Fisheries Programme (DeirdreB@spc.int), Michael Sharp, Coastal Fisheries Programme (MichaelS@spc.int) fax +687 263818).

INSURANCE

13. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community does not insure participants while attending the meetings or during travel to and from New Caledonia and will not be responsible for any expenses arising out of sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life. It is your responsibility to ensure that your travel is covered by insurance.



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