

THIRD TUNA DATA WORKSHOP (TDW-3)

20-24 April 2009
Noumea, New Caledonia

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA *(as at 11th March 2009)*

Monday 20th April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

- 1.1 Welcome address**
- 1.2 Adoption of agenda**
- 1.3 Workshop arrangements**
- 1.4 Purpose of the Workshop and expected outputs**

AGENDA ITEM 2 NATIONAL REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF TUNA FISHERY DATA COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

Participants will be asked to update their **national report** from TDW-2 prior to the meeting.

Participants will also be asked to review their National data collection/management **responsibilities matrix** and bring them to the meeting. Their responsibilities matrix document will be used in an exercise during this session.

Participants will be encouraged to provide a brief presentation during this agenda item.

In plenary, Participants will be asked ...

- .. to describe **THREE IMPORTANT ISSUES/EVENTS** with respect to data collection/management systems over the past year in your country ... For example, (i) specific improvements in systems, (ii) any new stumbling blocks, (iii) changes to resources for data collection/management, (iv) introduction of special legal provision of data which has had an effect, etc..
- What is the progress with the **NATIONAL PROCEDURES** documents ?

MAIN OUTCOMES : Synthesis of a list of common points from national reports and presentations, perhaps highlighting the main areas for attention. Discussion may provide some ideas on how to resolve any problems. A revised responsibility matrix for each country.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 SOME CURRENT ISSUES IN DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

This year, the workshop will review several issues in data collection and management that have some importance in the region. There will be a brief presentation introducing each topic/issue, then discussion in plenary. Where relevant, group exercise sessions may be arranged following plenary discussion.

Agenda Item 3.1 Artisanal Tuna Fisheries Data Collection

Participants will be asked to complete a basic questionnaire regarding their artisanal tuna fisheries, prior to the workshop. The presentation and discussion will review issues such as,

- Why collecting artisanal tuna fisheries data is important
- What Artisanal tuna fisheries exist throughout the region ? (review of survey)
- Distinction between artisanal fisheries for tuna and other species
- How artisanal data will be used ?

Agenda Item 3.2 Ramifications of increased Observer activity

The presentation and discussion will review issues such as,

- Background on the reasons for increased observer activity
- How this will effect data collection at the national and regional level
- How this will effect data management systems at the national and regional level
- What member countries need to do ...

Agenda Item 3.3 Data gaps listed by the WCPFC

The presentation and discussion will review issues such as,

- Brief review of obligations for providing data to the WCPFC
- Explanation of the requirement for providing historical data to the WCPFC (e.g. providing data for your own fleet and for foreign fleets)
- Review of data gaps in each country (exercise)
- Procedures for follow-up

Each country will be provided with a table showing their provisions of data to the WCPFC prior to the meeting and will be asked to cross-check with their understanding of what has, or has not, been provided.

Agenda Item 3.4 Problems implementing the latest data collection forms

The presentation and discussion will review issues such as,

- Current status of implementation of the DCC 2007 forms
- List of problems in implementing forms ...
- Recommended procedures for implementing forms ...

Agenda Item 3.5 How to get the best out of liaison with the fishing industry

The presentation and discussion will review issues such as,

- Background on the reasons for increased observer activity in the future
- How this will effect data collection at the national and regional level
- How this will effect data management systems at the national and regional level
- Difference in data provision compliance between foreign and domestic fleets

MAIN OUTCOMES : Participants will be better informed of these issues which may help them deal with any needs or problems as they arise in their country.

Tuesday/Wednesday 21–22 April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 4 LEGALLY-ENFORCEABLE DATA COLLECTION

<Request FFA to contribute here>

MAIN OUTCOMES: A recommendation of how to proceed from here.

Wednesday 22 April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 5 PREPARATION OF ANNUAL TUNA CATCH ESTIMATES

A presentation in plenary will cover the following items :

- An abridged version of the TDW-2 presentation on the methods for annual catch estimates
- Review of the timeliness of provision of 2007 estimates before 30 April 2008
- Provision of new template to fill in this year's annual catch estimates
- Questions that each country will expect to be asked ...
 - What is progress with 2008 estimates ?
 - When will estimates be provided ?
 - What methodology ?
 - Any improvements in coverage or methods used ?
 - Any problems ?

[A full presentation and exercises that were provided in TDW-2 can be provided on Wed PM for new participants, if required]

INDIVIDUAL EXERCISE : (undertaken during the week) Each participant will be asked to determine catch estimates for 2008 (and review/update of estimates for the four years prior to 2008) using the information they have from their fishery. (**Participants have been asked to bring their TUFMAN, or other Tuna fishery databases, and any other summarised data/information that will be used in the exercise to estimate annual catches**).

MAIN OUTCOMES : Participants will be familiar with the importance of coverage and some of the methods used for determining annual catch estimates.

The successful completion of this EXERCISE will entail each country producing at least a provisional estimate for their national fleet, or a provisional estimate for the catch of a foreign fleet fishing in their waters (for countries that don't have a national fleet), in addition to an explanation of the coverage and type of data used, and the method used to estimate the catch.

Wednesday/Thursday 22–23 April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA SUMMARIES FOR SC NATIONAL FISHERIES REPORTS

A presentation will be provided including the following :

- Background and purpose of the SC National Fisheries Report
- Typical structure of the report
- What data summaries are required ?
- A description of the template for producing data summaries for NFRs
- Where to get the data ?
- Schedule for ensuring data is available on time !
- What are the potential problems ?

EXERCISE – Participants will be provided with the template for a typical SC National Fisheries Report and for each table/graph/map, they should fill in the detail as to :

- WHERE the data come from
- HOW the data are obtained
- WHEN then data should be available
- PROBLEMS in getting the data

SPC Staff will be on hand to assist participants.

MAIN OUTCOMES : Participants will have developed a clear plan for producing the data summaries for inclusion in their SC National Fisheries Reports.

Thursday/Friday 23–24 April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 7 AN INTRODUCTION TO AUDITING

Presentation revisiting the concepts of auditing and a description of two draft WORKBOOKS for auditing (PORT SAMPLING and LOGSHEETS). What is “Self-auditing” and the importance of having independent experts conducting the auditing.

EXERCISE : Participants will be asked to do a preliminary self-audit of their own data collection/management systems using the draft WORKBOOKS.

EXERCISE : If there is time available, 2-3 groups of participants will conduct an audit of a “simulated” port sampling data collection programme using the AUDIT WORKBOOK. The results will be reviewed in plenary. (Each group will have 30 minutes to observe and interview staff in the simulated port sampling collection programme, and complete their audit – usually audits will take longer, but this exercise aims at introducing participants to concepts of auditing).

AGENDA ITEM 8 DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

This session will provide participants with the latest developments covering a number of database management systems and tools available to member countries.

- TUFMAN
 - (the topics to be discussed will depend on the responses to the TUFMAN survey to be completed by participants prior to the workshop)
 - Main problems ?
 - Where is TUFMAN lacking ?
 - Future enhancements (what would you like to see ?)
- DATA REGISTRY systems
- Recommended procedures for SCANNING hard-copy data for (i) archiving internally and (ii) sending data to SPC
 - Demonstration of how to set up new SCANNERS and SOFTWARE
 - SLOPS
 - FILEZILLA
 - Can your country support SLOPS and FILEZILLA
 - What are the resource problems ?
- Demonstration of TUBS – the new TUFMAN Observer Database System
- Demonstration of the new TUFMAN Video training software tool

This agenda item will include computer lab sessions which will include a demonstration of how to install and use the new scanners.

Friday (PM) 24th April 2009

AGENDA ITEM 9 Review of work undertaken

- 8.1 Review of progress on Annual Catch Estimates by country
- 8.2 Review of requirements for producing the SC5 National Fisheries Reports
- 8.3 Review of the suggested enhancements to TUFMAN and other dissemination tools
- 8.4 Review of other issues raised during the workshop
- 8.5 Discussion and formulation of recommendations from the workshop

AGENDA ITEM 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

