

OBSERVER PROGRAMME:

# SPC/FFA REGIONAL POLE-AND-LINE OBSERVER GENERAL INFORMATION

**FORM PL-1**

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## TRIP DETAILS

|                 |             |                |                                      |  |  |                                 |     |     |                       |     |     |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| <b>OBSERVER</b> | NAME        |                | TRIP START LOCATION                  |  |  | TRIP START (SHIP DATE AND TIME) |     |     |                       |     |     |
|                 |             |                |                                      |  |  | D D                             | M M | Y Y | h h                   | m m |     |
|                 | NATIONALITY | TRIP ID NUMBER | TRIP END LOCATION                    |  |  | TRIP END (SHIP DATE AND TIME)   |     |     |                       |     |     |
|                 |             |                |                                      |  |  | D D                             | M M | Y Y | h h                   | m m |     |
| VESSEL NAME:    |             |                | FISHING PERMIT OR LICENCE NUMBER(S): |  |  | VESSEL DEPARTURE PORT           |     |     | VESSEL DEPARTURE DATE |     |     |
|                 |             |                |                                      |  |  |                                 |     |     | D D                   | M M | Y Y |

## VESSEL

## CREW NATIONALITY

|                 |  |  |  |                          |  |                             |  |             |  |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------|--|-----------------|--|
| VESSEL OWNER:   |  |  |  | COUNTRY REGISTRATION No. |  |                             |  | CAPTAIN:    |  | FISHING MASTER: |  |
| VESSEL CAPTAIN: |  |  |  | : ID document : No.      |  | IRCS or WIN # (if not IRCS) |  | OTHER CREW: |  | : How many ?    |  |
| FISHING MASTER: |  |  |  | : ID document : No.      |  | FLAG                        |  | OTHER CREW: |  | : How many ?    |  |
| LENGTH:         |  |  |  | GROSS TONNAGE:           |  | FISH HOLD CAPACITY:         |  | OTHER CREW: |  | : How many ?    |  |
|                 |  |  |  |                          |  |                             |  |             |  |                 |  |

## ELECTRONICS

### USAGE

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|                        |                             |         |             |               |                   |              |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| GPS                    |                             | Y / N   |             | DEPTH SOUNDER |                   | Y / N        |             |
| TRACK PLOTTER          |                             | Y / N   |             | SST GAUGE     |                   | Y / N        |             |
|                        |                             | USAGE   |             | MAKE          |                   | COMMENTS     |             |
| <b>NEW</b>             |                             | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
| <b>NEW</b>             |                             | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
|                        | BIRD RADAR                  | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
|                        | SONAR                       | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
|                        | RADIO BUOY DIRECTION FINDER | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              | How many ?  |
|                        | GPS BUOY                    | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
|                        | DOPPLER CURRENT METER       | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
|                        | XBT (BATHYTHERMOGRAPH)      | Y / N   |             |               |                   |              |             |
| VMS - 1                | System:                     | Y / N   | ALC         |               |                   | Seals intact | Y / N / N/A |
| VMS - 2                | System:                     | Y / N   | ALC         |               |                   | Seals intact | Y / N / N/A |
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES |                             | PHONES  | SATELLITE:  | Y / N         | Phone #           | MOBILE:      | Y / N       |
|                        |                             | OTHER   | FACSIMILE:  | Y / N         | Fax #             | EMAIL:       | Y / N       |
| INFORMATION SERVICES   |                             | WEATHER | WEATHER FAX | Y / N         | SATELLITE MONITOR |              |             |
|                        |                             | OTHER   | Y / N       | url:          | Phytoplankton     | Y / N        | SST         |
|                        |                             |         |             |               |                   | Sea Height   | Y / N       |

## FISHING GEAR

### USAGE

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

|  |       |       |       |                               |          |                   |                                |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| AUTOMATIC POLING DEVICES   |       | Y / N |       | <b>LIFE JACKET</b>            |          | Y / N / O         | No. of LIFE BUOYS / LIFE RINGS |
| MAKE   | MODEL |       |       |                               |          | Y / N             |                                |
| <b>WASTE DISPOSAL</b>  |       |       | Y / N | AVAILABILITY (circle one)     |          |                   |                                |
|  |       |       |       | Easy                          | Moderate | Hard              |                                |
| DESCRIBE:  |       |       |       | <b>EPIRBs (No) Total Exp.</b> |          | <b>LIFE RAFTS</b> |                                |
|  |       |       |       | 406                           |          | 1                 | 2                              |
| OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS, OTHER GEAR, UNUSUAL USE OF GEAR<br>(write brief notes here and a full description in trip report) |       |       |       | other                         |          | 3                 | 4                              |
|  |       |       |       |                               |          |                   |                                |

### USAGE CODES (for "USAGE" columns)

- ALL - used all the time in fishing
  - TRA - used only in transit
  - OIF - used often in fishing
  - SIF - used sometimes in fishing
  - RAR - rarely used
  - BRO - broken now but used normally
  - NOL - no longer ever used
- N.B. - fishing can be searching, bait or tuna fishing, investigating, etc.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Observer programme :-

record the country code if working for a national programme  
or the abbreviation if a regional programme (e.g.: USMLT, FSMA, PNA, SPC, ROP, etc.)  
of the authority / provider that has allocated this trip

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**A complete fishing trip is defined as 'from one full or partial unloading to the next full or partial unloading'.**

If an observer trip is not over a normal complete fishing trip the reasons why must be in the trip report - also see "Partial trips" notes, below.

**N.B.:** Wherever there is a **Y / N** (yes or no) option for an item, either the "**Y**" or the "**N**" **must be circled**

### Trip Details

For dates and times use  
**SHIP'S DATES**  
and **TIMES**

Observer

Name : Print name in full - first name first and family name last (e.g. "John Masa").

Nationality : Record the nationality as it is shown in the observer's passport

Trip ID Number : Print number issued by the authority sending you on this trip.

(e.g. John H. Masa, on his third trip in 1996 might be issued Trip ID Number: "JHM 96-03").

Start of trip (Ship date and time) : when vessel lets go ropes or hauls anchor to leave port or observer transfers at sea.

End of trip (Ship date and time) : when the vessel ties up or drops anchor in port or observer disembarks at sea.

Trip Start Location / Trip End Location / Vessel Departure Port : Record in all three boxes even if it is the same port.

(DD = Day) - (MM = Month) - (YY = Year) - (hh = hour) - (mm = minute) - (dd = degree)

**N.B.:** an observer trip starts only once the actual vessel to be observed is boarded and ends when disembarking that vessel.

**Partial trips** - If boat is embarked or disembarked at sea:

Record 'Trip Start Date and Time' as time of transfer between boats and 'Trip Start Location' as "At sea"; and

Record 'End of Trip Date and Time' at time of transfer off vessel and 'End of Trip Location' as "At sea"

- in both situations the "At sea" should be followed by the position recorded in degrees and minutes (dd°mm').

Observer meeting host vessel at sea must record position and 1st activity in PL-2 forms as soon as possible after boarding

**Multiple trips** - treat work on 2 (or more) different vessels while at sea as 2 (or more) trips, each with its own forms.

### **Vessel**

Vessel Name : Full name of vessel including a number if appropriate - No abbreviations ! (e.g. "The Lucky")

Vessel owner, Vessel Captain, Fishing master : Print full names whenever possible.

Country Registration : Number issued by country in which the vessel is registered (e.g. "ME1-808").

Flag : Name of country in which the vessel is registered (e.g. "Japan").

IRCS (international radio call-sign) or WIN# : Used by vessel to communicate with radios. Should be painted on the side of the vessel but do not confuse it with a license number which may also be painted on the side of the vessel.

Report if vessel has not got a proper IRCS. If vessel does not have an IRCS it should have a WIN # issued by the WCPFC

Vessel Captain - ID Document / No. : Along with the Captain's and Fishing Master's full names record

Fishing Master - ID Document / No. : identification document types and the document numbers for each of them

The preferred document is a Captain or Master's license but another, such as their passport, will do if that is not possible.

Fishing Permit or Licence Number(s) : If the vessel is registered in the coastal state, then print the fishing licence

number issued by the coastal state. If the vessel fished under one or more bilateral access agreements,

then record the fishing permit number issued by each of the coastal states. If the vessel fished under a

multilateral treaty, then print the fishing permit number issued to the vessel under the multilateral treaty.

Length : } The place to find vessel's length overall (LOA) and gross tonnage is on registration papers.

Gross tonnage : } Be alert for any signs that suggest there has been a change to length and/or gross tonnage.

} If changes are suspected provide as much extra information as possible in observer trip report

Fish Hold Capacity : (record in metric tonnes (mT)) can usually be found in deck plans and engineer's logs.

Record the total space for all holds that can carry fish regardless of whether they are being used to carry fish on this trip

### **Crew Nationality**

Captain and Fishing Master (under "Nationality") : Record the nationality of the Captain and/or the Fishing Master (eg: Taiwan).

Other Crew : For each nationality of crew (not Captain or Fishing Master) report nationality and how many of that nationality.

## Electronics

\* **new**: empty lines are to record new equipment not listed. Write about new equipment in "Comments" and trip report.

**Usage**: use codes (bottom front of form) to show how much each piece of equipment, for which "Y" is circled, is used

**Y/N**: (Circle "Y" or "N" (yes or no) to show if each item is present or not present on board)

**Comments (equipment usage)**: Make a note about each piece of equipment's use during the trip (sometimes, never, very old, out of order etc.) Make a comment if it is used in an unusual way.

**Binoculars**: Number /Power. Write down the different powers of binoculars used and the amount in each category (example: 2 x 8 x 50, 2 x 10 x 50 and 1 x 15 x 70)

**VMS-1** and **VMS-2**: Record system type (e.g.: InMarSat-C, Iridium, Argos) for each "vessel monitoring system" used by the vessel.

**System type**: If only one system record next to VMS-1. If two record FFA approved at VMS-1 and the other next to VMS-2.

**ALC make and model**: Record manufacturer's name (e.g.: Trimble, Thrane and Thrane, Furuno, etc.) and the model, if possible.

**Seal intact** ? A good (intact) seal is bright silver. A seal that has been interferred with has black crinkly lines through it.

**Communication services**: If vessel has satellite and/or mobile phone and/or fax and/or email address, record contact details.

**Information services**: Weather info may be faxed. Weather and/or other info may be sent in other ways to onboard computer monitors.

Circle Y or N to show if they get information on sea-surface temperature (SST), phytoplankton densities or sea height.

If they are receiving another type of information record that in "Comments" and write about it in your trip report.

If "Y", record the url (website address) below the "Y / N" and write more about the website in your written report.

## Fishing Gear - (*Automatic Poling devices*)

Record the number of automatic poling devices onboard the vessel.

Comments whether all are used and if they are in good working order.

## Waste Disposal

Examples include incinerators, crushers, compacters, shredders, balers, meal plants, etc.

If present describe how these are used and how effectively they are used in your trip report

(i.e., what pollution control processes does the vessel have ?)

## Safety Equipment (obtain as much information as possible without intruding)

**Life jacket**: if your own (or fisheries) circle "O". Else circle "Y" or "N" to show if vessel showed you one for your own use

Was it a good size ? Was it (*easy*) available, available but not easy (moderate) to get to, or (*hard*) to find

**Lifebuoys/life rings** - count all to be found

**EPIRBs** - count total and count any with expired battery renewal dates.

**Life rafts** - find info on labels on life-rafts. If, **after careful check**, dates are not found, record "DND" for 'dates not displayed'.

## Observations / Comments, Other Gear, Unusual Use of Gear

Record notes if you think there is anything special about this boat or its crew compared to others.

Comment if equipment is not working, not used or used in an unusual way. Describe fishing gear if different to equipment you see on other longliners and record make, model, special characteristics and **usage** of this new gear.

If you have lots to write about (good) do so in your diary and in a special section in your trip report then only put a brief note here with a reference to page numbers in your diary and trip report.