**PROGRESS ON TDW-6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**SIXTH TUNA DATA WORKSHOP (TDW-6)**

23–27 April 2012

Noumea, New Caledonia

**Recommendations**

1. The workshop noted the poor coverage of unloadings and transshipment data, the complexities introduced by the growth in transshipping in-zone before unloading to an on-shore facility and the uncertainty with respect to what information needed to be collected and what forms to use and who to report to, for example. The workshop therefore recommended that **SPC**, **FFA** and the **WCPFC** (where relevant) collaborate to produce clear and comprehensive guidelines on (i) the responsibilities, (ii) the standard forms, (iii) the resources and (iv) the protocols for member countries to use with respect to each potential types of unloading/transshipment data collection covering each fishery. The output should include information describing the uses of data to be collected and consider that the PNA MSC certification process may have some influence on how data are to be collected in the future.

*Some progress has been made during the past year but Catch Documentation Systems (CDS) are still in preliminary stages of development and discussion, and therefore standards in data collection have not yet been fully determined. An FFA-contracted study by Mike McCoy on transshipments in the region during 2012 provides the most informative information on the subject to date. The SPC/FFA Data Collection Committee (DCC) will review the unloading forms mid-2013, although it is unlikely it will cover the MSC requirements at this stage*

*It is important to note that CMM 2009-06 requires 100% coverage of transshipments on the high seas, so improvement in this type of data collection is critical.*

*This topic will be revisited in* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item 5.6****.*

1. The workshop acknowledged the useful work done by FFA with respect to legal aspects of data provision in providing background material in the document “**Update on data requirements in fisheries legislation**”. The workshop recommended that **FFA** provide a presentation at the next workshop highlighting the outcomes related to data collection from reviews of national legislation conducted in member countries over the coming year. It was also suggested that the exact text deemed to best cover data provision and related compliance after review of all national legislation should be made available so that other countries can adopt it where necessary.

*To be addressed under* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 9. LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE DATA COLLECTION***

1. The workshop recommended that **SPC** should continue to enhance tools to develop capacity with respect to their databases systems (e.g. TUFMAN and TUBs), in particular, to produce user documentation (in one form or another) for these database systems.

*To be addressed under* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 10. DATABASE SYSTEMS****. The Regional TUFMAN Training Workshop (December 2012) generated considerable training resource material with the objective that participants could use this material for later referral and conducting in-house training back in their offices.*

1. **SPC** should keep member countries and FFA informed on the progress with the implementation of the TUBS (observer database) system and the proposed plan for in-country installation. Fiji formally requested that TUBs be installed as soon as practical, noting that the Longline component of TUBs has yet to be fully developed and tested.

*To be addressed under* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 10.2 OBSERVER DATABASE SYSTEMS*** *. SPC/OFP has scheduled a visit to Fiji in 2013 to install the TUBs system. TUBs is currently installed at FFA and WCPFC Secretariat offices, and in PNG and the Solomon Islands Fisheries.*

1. During the coming year, **SPC** and **Cook Islands** will collaborate to establish a more efficient system for the electronic transfer of data, database systems, scanned data, etc. according to the model presented during TDW-6. The outcomes of this trial will be presented next year at TDW-7.

*This recommendation has been addressed via a visit to the Cook Islands and an update of the method implemented will be reported under* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 10.3 ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF DATA BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND SPC.***

1. **SPC** will provide member countries with text that describes the current SPC data archiving policy.

*SPC/OFP has an informal data archiving policy covered in the following:*

* *In the past five years, most of the fisheries data (logsheets, observer, port sampling and unloadings data) provided to SPC by member countries and other agencies have been in electronic format (i.e. scanned versions). These data are printed prior to data entry at SPC so that any corrections and control totals can be marked on the hard-copy version during the data entry process. In the future, SPC will mark any corrections made to forms in the electronic/scanned version and thereby alleviate the necessity to print hard-copy versions.*
* *All hard-copy fisheries data, with any marked corrections, are scanned and the electronic versions stored in a secure area on the SPC network servers in a structured, indexed form for easy referral, when required.*
* *Hard-copy fisheries data (logsheets, observer, port sampling and unloadings data) that have been scanned, archived on the secure SPC network server and are older than FIVE YEARS, are destroyed in a secure manner (shredded) and recycled where possible.*

1. The workshop acknowledged the importance of tuna fishery data AUDITING and recommended that all **Countries** consider implementing the standard auditing procedures as developed by SPC, once **SPC** visits that country to provide training in auditing procedures. **SPC** will then continue to provide ongoing support in this area.

*To be addressed under* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 11. AUDITING DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS****. SPC/OFP conducted four in-country audits during 2012 and plans to conduct six during 2013. A new web-based auditing toll will also be demonstrated and made available to participants during the workshop.*

1. **Member countries** were strongly encouraged to establish certified/trained debriefers as soon as possible, with assistance from **SPC/FFA** as required. **SPC** should continue to provide support to national observer debriefers, including feedback on problematic data issues identified in the observer data audit process.

*This recommendation was discussed in detail during the recent Regional Observe Coordinators Workshop in Cook Islands (February 2013). This recommendation will also be addressed under the Debriefing database system section of* ***TDW-7 Agenda Item – 10. OBSERVER DATABASE SYSTEMS.***

1. The workshop recommended that **SPC** explore the possibility of holding the next TDW workshop in another member country (i.e. another alternative to SPC Noumea).

*Unfortunately, due to logistics and funding constraints, it was not possible to consider holding TDW-7 in another country.*