



**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION  
to discuss the COVID-19 Decisions Relating to Purse Seine Observer Coverage and At-  
Sea Transshipment Observers**

Electronic Meeting  
9 June 2022 from 10.00am to 2.00pm Pohnpei time

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**DATA SUMMARIES FROM THE SSP IN RESPONSE TO THE  
“COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING THE  
SPECIAL SESSION OF WCPFC ON COVID-19 DECISIONS”**

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<sup>1</sup> Includes some small corrections to the details

- Number of PS trips observed by Flag State and by Service Provider in 2021 and the first quarter of 2022.

**Table 1. Annual purse seine observer trips, 2016-2022, based on information provided to SPC**

Year	VMS PS Trips	Known Placements	Known Placements %	Trips Submitted	Trips Entered	Trips Not Entered
2022	902	29	3.22%	29	29	
2021	2180	294	13.28%	294	292	2
2020	2230	957	42.91%	856	832	8
2019	2612	2299	88.02%	2136	2115	12
2018	2468	2308	93.52%	2133	2079	39
2017	2296	1883	82.01%	1816	1754	59
2016	2293	1849	80.64%	1836	1612	224

**Table 2. Purse seine observer trips by flag in 2021, based on information provided to SPC**

Flag	Estimated trips (VMS Trips)	Obsv PS - Nbr Trips	Coverage
CK	4		
CN	19		
EC	27		
EU-Spain	16	2	13%
FM	237		
JP	207		
KI	217		
KR	192		
MH	110		
NR	161		
NZ	8		
PG	399	180	45%
PH	19	50	263%
SB	129	62	48%
SV	13		
TV	30		
TW	285		
US	50		
VU	57		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>294</b>	

**Notes**

1. “VMS trips” are based on port-to-port activity. The Philippines catcher vessels operating in the #HSP 1 do not return to port for long periods (their catch is transferred back to port using carriers), so the definition of “VMS trips” for this fleet is not relevant here. Observer coverage of this fleet continues to be 100% despite the impacts of COVID-19.

**Table 3. Purse seine observer trips by flag in 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter), based on information provided to SPC**

Flag	Estimated trips		Coverage
	(VMS Trips)	Obsv PS - Nbr Trips	
CK	1		
CN	4		
EC	8		
EU-Spain	7		
FM	48		
JP	42		
KI	55		
KR	55		
MH	22		
NR	34		
NZ	1		
PG	88	20	23%
PH	5	4	80%
SB	22	5	23%
SV	4		
TV	11		
TW	66		
US	18		
VU	17		
<b>Total</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>29</b>	

- Number of PS trips and carrier vessels trips starting and ending in the same port in the same period, and which ports are these.

**Table 4. Summary of Purse seine VMS trips in 2021 with (i) the departure port is the SAME as the RETURN port and (ii) the departure port is DIFFERENT to the RETURN port, by departure port**

Departure Port	Number of VMS Trips in 2021	
	Departure Port is the <b>SAME</b> as the Return Port	Departure Port is <b>DIFFERENT</b> to Return Port
RABAUL	282	175
TARAWA	273	146
MAJURO	177	126
LAE	76	40
NORO	75	27
YAIZU	45	26
KOSRAE	44	38
POHNPEI	38	99
PAGO PAGO	36	19
FISH HARBOUR	22	33
MAKURAZAKI	20	14
SHIMIZU	19	27
POSORJA	18	1
MADANG	17	20
YAMAGAWA	17	33
Others	54	195
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