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**Update on Status of Observers**

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## Purpose and Introduction

1. This paper provides an updated list of accredited observers to WCPFC, as approved by the Commission in accordance with Rule 36 of the [WCPFC Rules of Procedure](#).

## Observer list

2. The observers may be organized into the following categories:

***a) State observers***

1. Mexico
2. United Kingdom

***b) Inter-Governmental Organisations:***

1. African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
2. Agreement for the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels (ACAP)
3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
4. Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources (CCAMLR)
5. Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)
6. Convention of Migratory Species (CMS)
7. Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
8. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
9. International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC)
10. International Whaling Commission (IWC)
11. North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC)
12. Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
13. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
14. Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)
15. Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
16. Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
17. University of the South Pacific

18. The Pacific Community (SPC)
19. The World Bank

**c) Non-Governmental Organisations**

1. Accountability.Fish\*
2. American Tunaboat Association (ATA)
3. Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIL)
4. Association for Professional Observers
5. Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)
6. Birdlife International
7. Blue Marine Foundation
8. Conservation International (CI)
9. Earthjustice\*
10. Global Fishing Watch
11. Global Law Alliance
12. Global Tuna Alliance
13. Greenovation Hub
14. Human Rights at Sea
15. International MCS Network
16. International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF)
17. International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)
18. Marine Stewardship Council
19. Monterey Bay Aquarium\*
20. Ocean Outcomes (O2)\*
21. Organisation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries
22. Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies (ORIS)
23. Pew Charitable Trust
24. The Safina Center
25. Seafood Legacy
26. Shark Guardian
27. Sharkproject
28. Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) Foundation
29. Te Ipukarea Society\*
30. The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
31. The Ocean Foundation
32. Western Fishboat Owners' Association (WFOA)
33. World Tuna Purse Seine Organisation (WTPO)
34. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

*\*approved observers added since WCPFC19*

### Observers Removed in 2023

3. In accordance with Rule 36(5) of the [Rules of Procedure](#), the participation of the following observers has been revoked because they have not participated in at least one session of any of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in the preceding three (3) years:
  1. American Albacore Fishing Association (AAFA)
  2. Center for the Blue Economy (CBE)

3. Earth Island Institute
4. Environmental Defence Fund (EDF)
5. Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI)
6. Greenpeace
7. Ocean Friends Against Driftnets (OFAD)
8. Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association (PITIA)
9. Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)

## Recommendation

4. The Commission is invited to note the updated list of accredited observers to WCPFC.