



Western and  
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# FADMO-IWG 09

Progress Report

[SC20-EB-WP-04](#)

# BACKGROUND

- ❖ Following the [WCPFC Circular 2024/09](#) the FADMO-IWG started to discuss its priority tasks for 2024.
- ❖ The following slides will highlight some key points that the FADMO-IWG discussed for SC to consider.

# 1. SATELLITE BUOY DATA TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*Consider requirements for the transmission of satellite buoy data from drifting FADs in 2024 to promote effective and sustainable FAD management in the WCPFC (paragraph 56, WCPFC20 Outcomes Document)*

## **Key Point/s:**

- a. FAD Buoy Registration**
- b. FAD Buoy Communication/Transmission**
- c. Timing of Data Submission**

*Please refer to paragraph 10, [SC20-EB-WP-04](#)*

## 2. FAD RECOVERY PROGRAMS/STRATEGIES

*Consider ways to implement FAD recovery programs/strategies, including economic aspects and standards required for programs to be effective (paragraph 52, WCPFC20 Outcomes Document)*

### **Key Point/s:**

FADMO-IWG suggested/shared some best practices/guidelines based on CCM's experience having encountered these challenges and how they were able to address or how they think this could be addressed this issue.

*Please refer to paragraph 13, [SC20-EB-WP-04](#)*

# 3. FAD LOGBOOK

*Consider relevant information/materials to develop the WCPFC FAD logbook for vessel operators (paragraph 53c, WCPFC20 Outcomes Document)*

## **Key Point/s:**

- [IATTC Resolution C-19-01](#) on the Collection and Analysis of Data on FADs and Table 1 of [SC19-ST-WP-05](#)
- [SC20-ST-WP-06](#): FAD Minimum Data Fields to be Recorded by WCPFC Vessel Operators
- [SC20-ST-IP-09](#): Modifications to the Scientific Data to be Provided by the Commission to support the submission of FAD Minimum Data Fields to be Recorded by WCPFC Vessel Operators

*The FADMO-IWG will be focusing on the FAD data fields considering these documents*

## 4. BIODEGRADABLE FADS

*Consider ways for the implementation of the stepwise introduction of biodegradable dFADs (paragraph 53a, WCPFC20 Outcomes Document)*

### **Key Point/s:**

The FADMO-IWG will periodically review WCPFC Project 110 outcomes (as well as other relevant projects) as the projects' progress, to have robust information on NEBD FADs discussion concerning the timeline for the stepwise introduction of biodegradable FADs including its design, cost-effectiveness, and performance and any monitoring and reporting requirements.

## 5. DFAD DEPLOYMENT

*Provide advice to WCPFC23 on the effectiveness of the limit on the number of dFADs deployed as set in paragraph [21] of the CMM 2023-01 (paragraph 53b, WCPFC20 Outcomes Document)*

### **Key Point/s:**

- The FADMO-IWG has limited discussion/feedback on this topic.

## SUMMARY and RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ There was no consensus on the ranking of priority topics for discussion by the FADMO-IWG.
- ❖ More responses and inputs were received on these topics: satellite buoy data transmission, FAD logbook, FAD recovery programs/strategies, and biodegradable FADs.
- ❖ It is acknowledged that these topics being discussed by the FADMO-IWG are technical, complex, and interconnected which needs further consideration by the IWG. **SC20 is requested to provide suggestions on how the FADMO-IWG could efficiently progress its work on i) Satellite Buoy Data Transmission Requirements; ii) FAD Recovery Programs/Strategies; iii) FAD logbook; iv) Biodegradable FADs; and v) DFAD Deployment.**
- ❖ Noting that the FADMO-IWG work plan for 2024-2026 identified having a physical meeting on September 2024 and/or September 2025 but mindful that there was no funding for this year, it may be worth considering that **SC20 supports a physical meeting of the FADMO-IWG in 2025 to be endorsed and funded by the Commission, back-to-back with TCC to reduce meeting cost.**



THANK YOU

- [SC20-EB-WP-04](#):  
*Progress of the FADMO-  
IWG Priority Tasks for  
2024*