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1. Introduction

1. Observer data management encompasses a number of activities that ensure the data collected by observers are made available for the work of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in a form that is both representative and of acceptable quality. The main data management responsibilities include the entry and management of observer data in a standardised database system but include a suite of additional activities described in detail in Williams (2011).

2. The Nineteenth Regular Session of the Commission (27 November–4 December 2022; Anon., 2023) reconfirmed the Commission's support for ROP data processing with its inclusion in the indicative budget for the period 2023-2025.

3. Staff supported by the WCPFC ROP data management project, based at the WCPFC Secretariat, mainly process data from the national observer programme of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). WCPFC members other than Pacific Island countries have also contributed to the ROP database including Australia, China, the European Union, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Chinese Taipei and the USA.

4. The majority of observer data processed by the SPC are ROP-defined purse seine trips[1], which have been designated as the highest priority for processing since 2010. However, the WCPFC requirement for 5% observer coverage in the longline fishery (established in 2012) has resulted in increased submission of observer longline data in recent years and these data are now assigned equal priority for processing as the purse seine observer data. The SPC-OFP also processes non-ROP observer data that are of importance to the scientific work of the WCPFC and so have been included in the description of observer data management and data summaries presented in this paper.

5. SPC-OFP has also been provided with a significant amount of data generated from Electronic Monitoring (EM) initiatives undertaken by several Pacific Island countries in recent years. These data are aligned with the ROP minimum data standards but are considered as a different data source to data collected by human observers, which is consistent with the philosophy of WCPFC Project 93 (FFA, PNAO, SPC and WCPFC Secretariat, 2019). There has also been a recent initiative to produce independent draft minimum EM data field standards in Pacific Island countries (SPC, FFA and PNAO, 2020). A breakdown of data generated from EM initiatives has been included in this paper (Table 8).

6. This paper serves to provide an update on the status of ROP data management at SPC-OFP, covering the following:

7. The SC is encouraged to review the information in this paper and provide suggestions for enhancements for future WCPFC meetings, as required.

[1] CMM 2018-05 paragraph 5

Scope of the Commission ROP

5. The Commission ROP shall apply to the following categories of fishing vessels authorized to fish in the Convention Area in accordance with the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures 2004-01:

i) vessels fishing exclusively on the high seas in the Convention Area, and

ii) *vessels fishing on the high seas and in waters under the jurisdiction of one or more coastal States and vessels fishing in the waters under the national jurisdiction of two or more coastal States*.

2. Activities over the past twelve months

8. The work related to observer data management achieved over the past twelve months includes:
    - SPC technical staff continued to provide remote technical support to the observer data entry staff based at the offices of the WCPFC Secretariat. Further progress was made in refining the process for transferring WCPFC ROP data to the WCPFC Secretariat.
    - The major developments for the Tufman 2 (Observer component) have now been completed, although there is regular, ongoing maintenance of this system. Enhancements and trials of the Electronic Reporting (ER) system (OLLO) for observers active in the South Pacific albacore longline fishery was one of the features of work for the SPC development team during the past year. OLLO was used at sea in New Caledonia, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Salomon Islands and French Polynesia during the last twelve months.

9. Due to the stability and robustness achieved by the E-reporting tool OLLO, the SPC technical staff have commenced the development of an electronic debriefing module within Tufman2 for the purpose of handling the data collected through OLLO. This module was released toward the end of 2023 and is now ready for trial. Some programmes such as PGOB are expected to start using this new module later this year.
    - SPC technical staff continued to provide regular support to other countries and regional agencies processing observer data using the Tufman 2 observer component.

10. Remote (and some direct) support continued to be provided to Fiji, RMI and FSM to assist with quality control of data generated from EM systems and assistance on the use of the online web-based Observer database-reporting module ("Tufman Reports"), which summarise EM data and provide comparisons of EM data to other types of data (i.e., logbook, onboard observer and port sampling data).

11. In 2022, several SPC data experts began developing the JSON formatted DCC Longline EM Minimum Data Fields Standard. The development of minimum data standards, including additional data fields and clearly articulated explanations for each data field, is expected to improve the standardization, interpretation, and quality control for EM data submissions. The first draft of the proposed EM Longline Minimum Data Fields Standard was discussed during the DCC 12 (December 2022) and have been reviewed by Fiji. The intent for the EM JSON Standard is to allow EM data to be transmitted efficiently between database systems. SPC OFP developers have also created an EM module in Tufman2 so that the EM countries will be able to view their data. This module will include a data submission portal via an Application Programme Interface (API).

12. Several countries (TW, US, KR, JP) now use the WCPFC ER observer data field standards to prepare and submit their observer data, which significantly reduces the time taken to load the observer data provided by these countries (up to five times faster). Data that are not entered using the Tufman 2 system and do not align to the WCPFC ER observer data field standards are referred to by SPC as "non-standard" observer data; these data require the development of specific data loaders with the subsequent loading process being complicated (requiring manual intervention) and time consuming. There remain some CCMs (for example CN, EU and NZ) that continue to submit their observer data in "non-standard" format and SPC will continue to liaise with these CCMs to explore options for enhancing the formats for their data submissions. As at the time of writing this paper, all the recent observer data submissions have now been loaded. Also noting that some data quality issues required manual intervention and/or referral to the original source of the data and has proved to be time consuming.

13. "Tufman Reports" (SPC-developed reporting tool) continues to be enhanced and used regularly by national observer providers, the WCPFC and FFA Secretariats, and several other CCMs. This system continues to be used by Pacific Island countries in preparation of the WCPFC annual reports Part 1 and Part 2 for submission and will continue to expand and evolve over the coming years to meet the requirements of not only national observer programmes, but also SPC, the WCPFC Secretariat, FFA and the PNAO.

14. The restrictions in the region during 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the impacts of COVID-19 presented various challenges in observer data collection and data management throughout the region. The decline in purse seine observer data from April 2020 was noticeable and is described in tables and figures included

in this paper. Regional and sub-regional meetings and workshops were usually a good opportunity for national observer programmes to submit their scanned workbooks to SPC saving time where bandwidth is limited in transmitting scanned data. Despite these new challenges, observer data submission and data entry were not delayed and were comparable with previous years.

15. In 2019, SPC technical staff developed a module in Tufman2 to manage the data entry of the debriefing data. Some reports have been made available in the reporting tool "Tufman Reports" but more consultation is required with the member countries to ensure they can access all relevant data.

16. In 2023, SPC received observer transshipment reports covering the period from 2017 to 2023. To effectively manage this data, SPC developed a data entry module within Tufman2. This module was specifically designed for processing and organizing the observer transshipment reports received by SPC during the year.

3. Status of Observer data entry, data provisions and issues

17. Table 1 shows the status of observer data received and entered by SPC as of July 2024. Table 2 provides an indication of the available purse-seine observer data processed by fleet. Table 3 details the coverage of Regional Observer Programme (ROP) longline activity for 2023 as reported by the flag state and according to the metrics proposed at TCC10 and agreed on at WCPFC11. Table 4 shows the coverage of ROP longline activity for 2023, as reported by the flag state. Tables 3 and 4 also provide an indication of the longline ROP data submitted to WCPFC/SPC by year and fleet, with the coverage of the data provided; this allows a comparison to the coverage as reported by the flag state and is used to evaluate compliance in achieving the required ROP longline coverage of 5%. Tables 5 and 6 provide an indication of both ROP and non-ROP (i.e., total observer) data provided to SPC with an estimated total observer data coverage relevant to the scientific work of the WCPFC.

18. Pacific Island observers and programmes generate most of the observer data used by the Commission and Table 7 provides an indication of the extent of data generated in recent years. There has also been a significant amount of data generated from EM (although acknowledging the more recent impacts due to COVID-19), and an attempt to quantify these data has been made in Table 8.

19. As noted in previous versions of this report, the summaries of observer data provisions presented herein continue to be constrained by several factors [see Williams et al. (2017) for the details of each factor], including:

    - Accurate information on the complete number of vessel trips by gear and flag in the WCPFC Convention Area;
    - Accurate information on the actual number of observer trips by observer programme, gear and flag; and
    - Assignment of an ROP trip in the unprocessed data.

3.1 Purse seine

20. Provisions of purse seine observer data from 2012–2020 have been described in previous versions of this paper.

21. Observer data for an estimated 49% (1029 trips out of 2120 trips according to VMS data) of observer purse seine trips conducted during 2023 have been received at SPC at the time of writing this paper. The 2023 observer data received represents 80% of the trips with known observer placements (1284 trips).

22. A total of 82% (816 trips) of the observer data received at SPC for 2023 observer activities have now been entered. SPC employs a strategy of processing the most recent observer data (in this case 2023 data) as highest priority, mainly to ensure CCMs can satisfy their Part 1 and Part 2 reporting obligations (for which compliance applies to the most recent year). This is reflected in the "% of trips received without problems" in CATEGORY 5 of Table 1 whereby the outstanding data entry for 2023 (for example) had a higher priority than the outstanding trips to be entered in earlier years, and therefore a higher proportion in this column. The outstanding trips for earlier years will be entered once the current priority for 2023 data entry has been achieved (i.e., resolving the outstanding issues in trip data already received and working with observer programmes in regard to the submission of trips not yet received). For the 2023 purse seine trips received at SPC, only 3 of the trips have problems awaiting to be resolved, which is, so far, a significant improvement on previous years.

23. The breakdown of processed purse-seine observer data by fleet (Table 2) shows that the coverage of 2023 observer data submitted to SPC is generally high, with respect to observer data with known placements.

24. Figure 1 highlights the continuation in the data entry work done by the SPC team and the data entry staff in the region. This graph represents the number of purse seine trips entered during each month for the years 2022 and 2023, and the colours represent a breakdown of when the processed trips were conducted. The graph highlights (1) the priority given to the more recent trips and (2) the data entry work done to catch up

with the backlog of the previous years. The timely data entry of 2023 and 2022 observer data has meant that data for the most recent calendar year were available for the scientific work required for SC20.

25. As reported in previous years, the 'problematic' trip data held at SPC awaiting resolution are mainly due to incomplete or poor-quality scanned data submissions. However, trips conducted in 2022 and received by SPC so far, showed minimal problems.

26. It is important that the observer trip data rejected by the observer programmes still be submitted to ensure all observer trip data are available, and that the problems encountered can be reviewed and referred to in future training, debriefing and data quality control procedures. Information on the trips "with unknown status" will require follow-up with flag state and observer service providers, in the absence of any observer trip reporting obligations. Provision of a list of ALL observer trips conducted by each observer service provider on a regular basis would enhance the summary reports presented in this paper. The lack of provision of 'observer placement lists' from some national observer programmes remains a major issue.

27. We also highlight the importance of observer service providers submitting debriefing evaluations/scores to allow the assignment of appropriate data quality indicators to the data. In the future, we plan to work with observer providers to resolve the backlog of observer debriefing data and incorporate debriefing data from the PNA Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) observer-debriefing component into the regional observer database. We anticipate reporting summaries from the observer debriefing data in future versions of this report.

28. Figure 2 provides an indication of the spatial coverage of the purse seine observer data for 2023, noting that the domestic fisheries of Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam are not shown (although the Philippines purse seine fleet observer effort in the high seas pocket #1 is shown).

3.2 Longline

29. SC11 directed SPC to present a table of longline ROP coverage which included both the coverage reported by each CCM for their longline fleet and the coverage of that fleet according to data provided to the WCPFC. Tables 3 and 4 have been prepared in response to this recommendation for longline ROP coverage for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

30. Previous versions of these tables included the trips for fleets that are restricted to the home EEZ/adjacent high seas only (which are defined as non-ROP). The 15th WCPFC Scientific Committee (SC15), held in Pohnpei, FSM in August 2019, recommended that future versions of Tables 3 and 4 exclude the non-ROP defined data and only report on ROP longline coverage.

31. Tables 5 and 6 provide a breakdown of all longline observer data (ROP and non-ROP) provided to the WCPFC Science Service Provider for Commission work, covering 2022 and 2023, respectively. These tables use the common longline effort metric (hooks) and indicate that overall coverage was 4.5% and 4.8% (respectively for 2022 and 2023) according to data provisions to date. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, it is unlikely that the longline observer coverage for 2022 will exceed the required 5% once all data are submitted.

32. Figures 3 and 4 provide an indication of the spatial coverage of all longline observer data (ROP and non-ROP) provided for 2022 and 2023, respectively. Spatial coverage of longline observer data has improved in recent years, but as noted, the impacts of COVID-19 in 2022 means that the spatial coverage will be less representative in 2022 than the previous few years (2017-2019).

33. Table 9 provides a breakdown of the transhipment observer data processed at SPC. This data was receiving and processed in 2023 and includes transhipments for the period 2017-2023.

3.3 Contribution of Pacific Island observer programmes

34. Table 7 provides a breakdown of observer data collected by each Pacific Island country (PIC) observer programme for 2022 and 2023. For purse seine, the PIC observer data currently cover 11.4% of the tropical WCPFC fishery (based on total tuna catch estimates for the tropical fishery) for 2022, and 62% for 2023 (acknowledging that the overall coverage for the tropical purse seine fishery 2022 is expected to be only 15%-20%). For longline, the PIC observer data currently covers 1.7% and 1.72% of the fishery, respectively for 2022 and 2023, based on total WCPFC tuna catch estimates.

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FIGURES

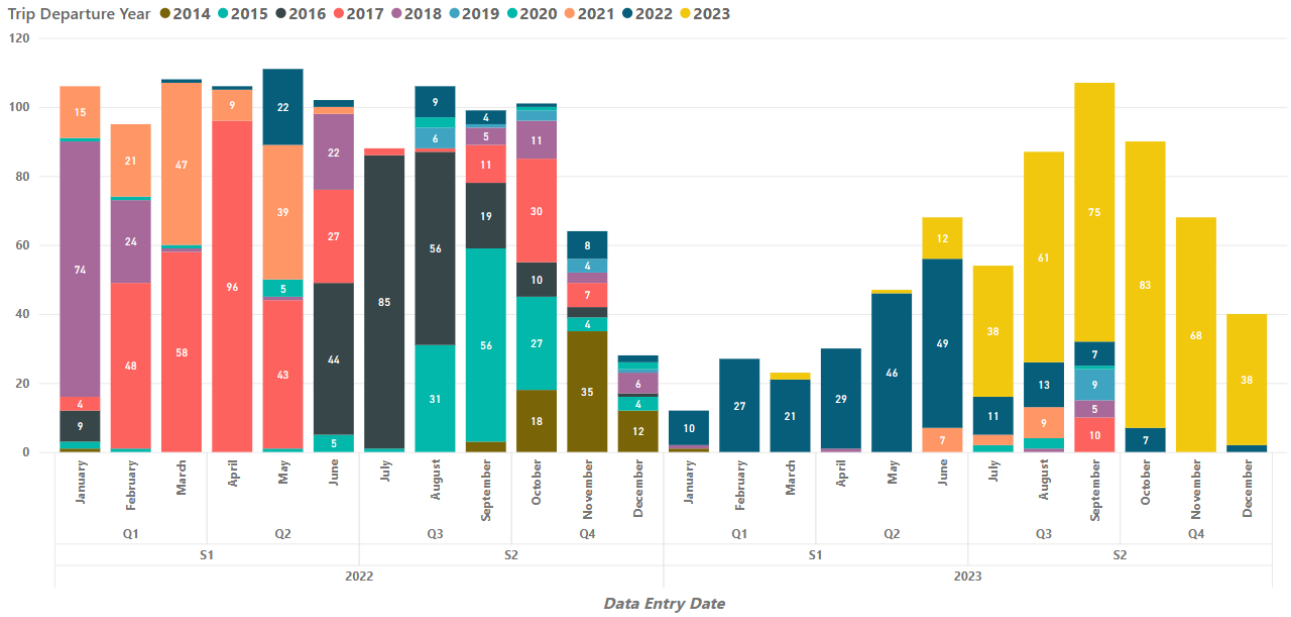

Figure 1. Monthly data entry of purse seine observer data over the past two years. The x-axis represents the year/month when respective observer data were entered into SPC system. The colours represent the departure year for the trips. For example, from January 2023 to December 2023, most of the data entry was from trips conducted in 2022 and 2023.

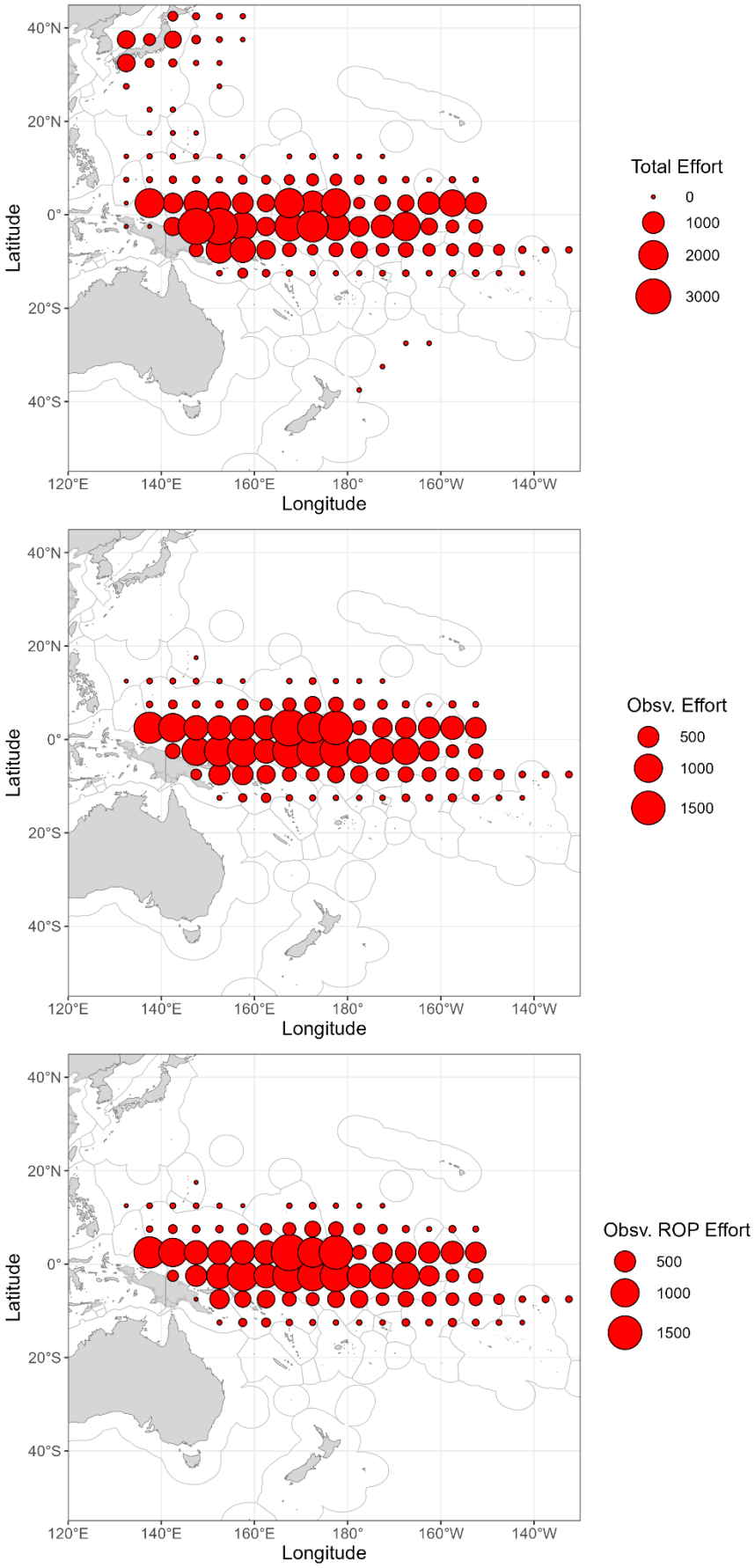

Figure 2. Distribution of purse seine effort (days; top), observed effort (days; middle) and observer ROP effort (days; bottom) in the WCPFC Area for 2023. A day of effort includes fishing and searching. (These data exclude Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam domestic fisheries)

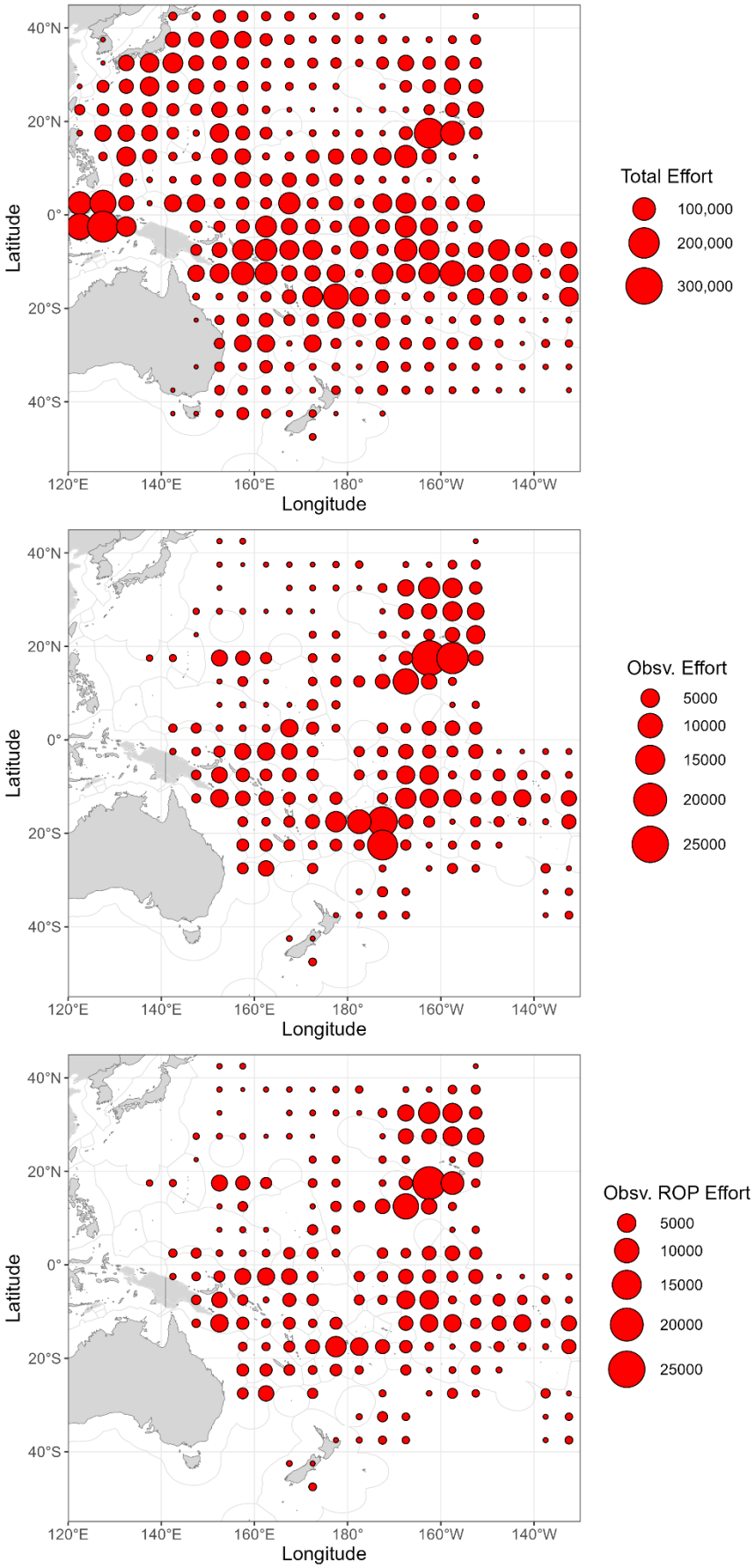

Figure 3. Distribution of longline effort (100 hooks; top), observer effort (100 hooks; middle) and observed ROP effort (100 hooks; bottom) in the WCPFC Area for 2023.

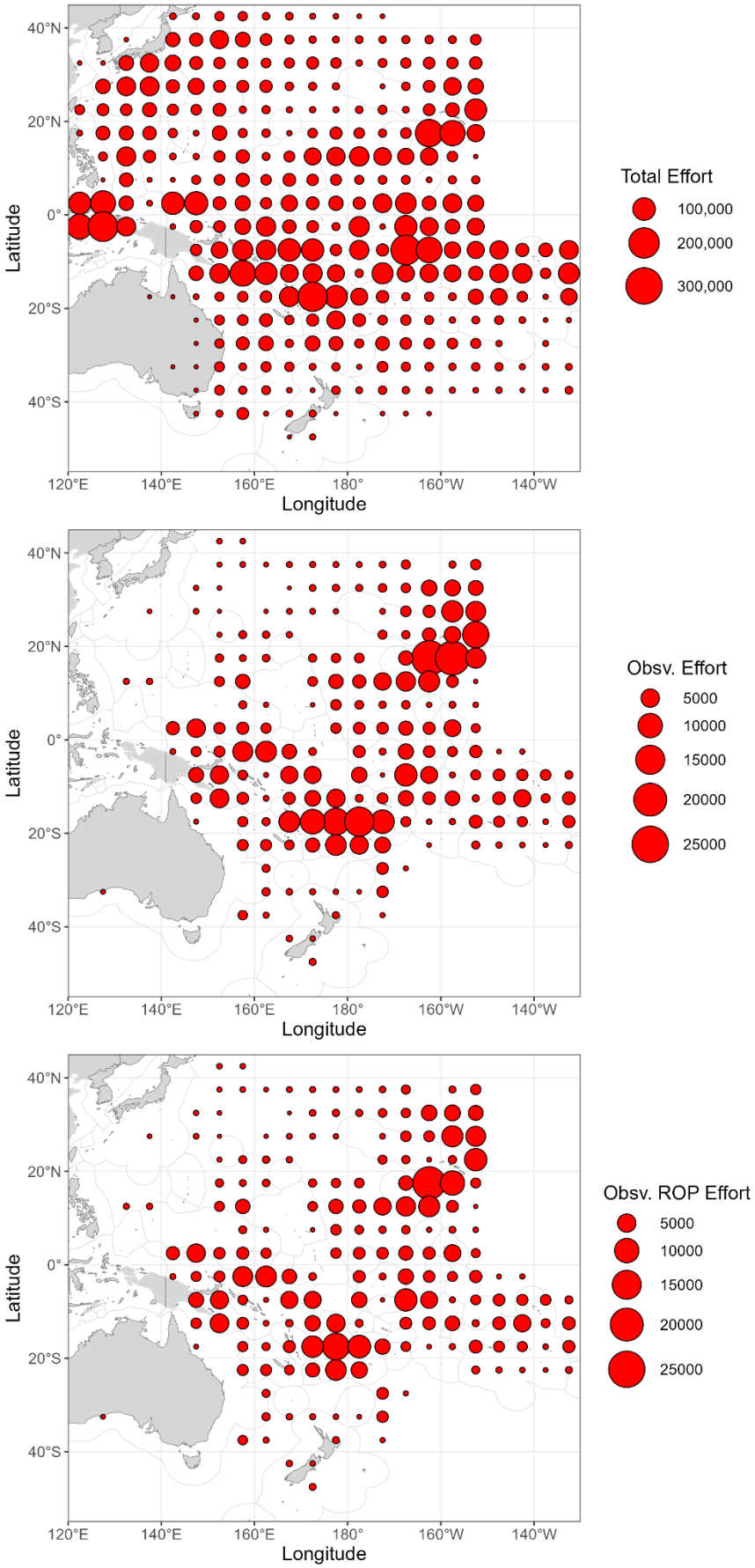

Figure 4. Distribution of longline effort (100 hooks; top), observer effort (100 hooks; middle) and observed ROP effort (100 hooks; bottom) in the WCPFC Area for 2022.

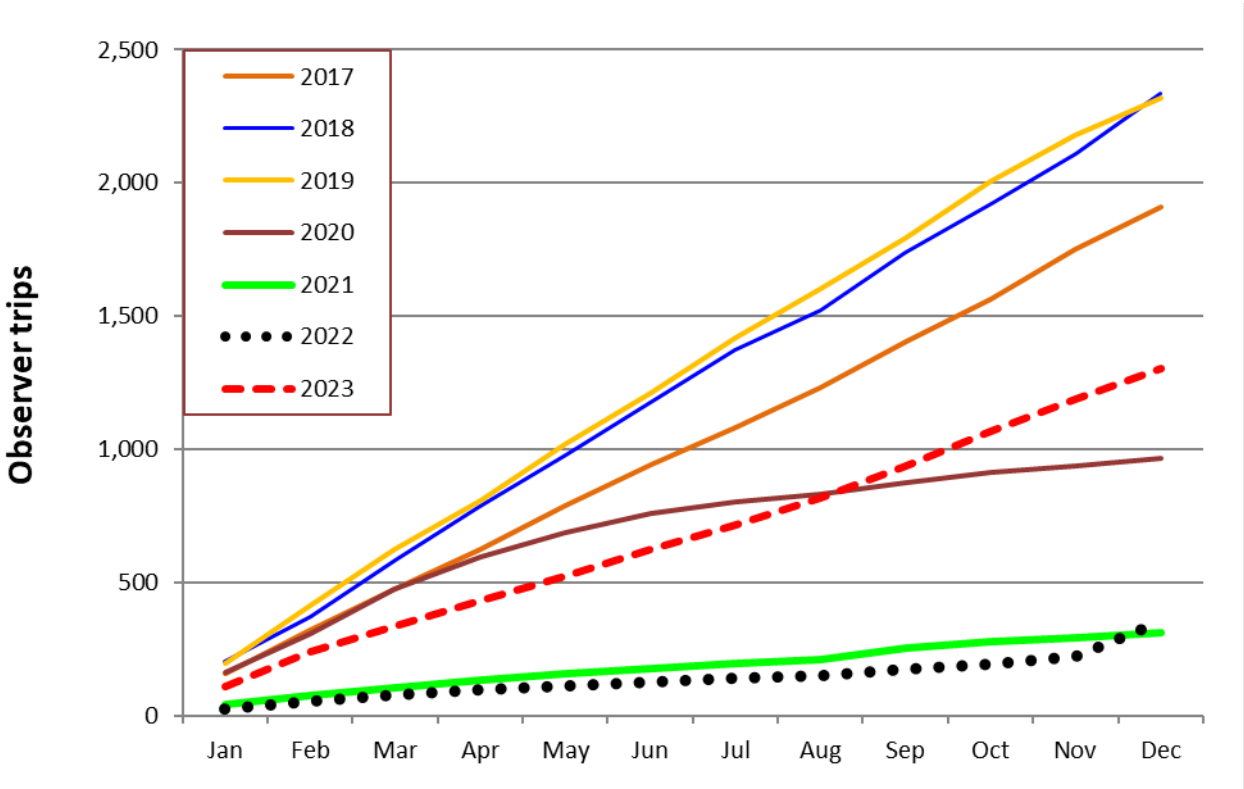

Figure 5. Cumulative monthly purse seine observer trips conducted in the WCPFC Area for 2017–2023 (based on data received and advice on observer placements).

TABLES

Table 1. Summary of the provision and processing of Purse seine Observer data. (Different colours represent categories – see NOTES below)

As at June 2024																	
YEAR	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements		4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed				6. Problems awaiting resolution			7. TRIPS not yet sent by Obsv. Progs.		8. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
			Trips	%	Trips	%	Trips	% of Estimated trips	% of total available trips	% of trips received without problems	Trips	% of total available trips	% of received	Trips	% of total	Trips	% of data processed
2019	2,473	178	2,295	93%	2,135	93%	2,128	86%	100%	100%	6	0%	0%	160	7%	1770	83%
2020	2,077	1,120	957	46%	859	90%	855	41%	100%	100%	3	0%	0%	98	10%	610	71%
2021	2,066	1,757	309	15%	309	100%	309	15%	100%	100%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	106	34%
2022	2,147	1,795	352	16%	316	90%	309	14%	98%	98%	0	0%	0%	36	10%	169	55%
2023	2,120	836	1,284	61%	1,029	80%	816	38%	79%	80%	3	0%	0%	255	20%	737	90%

NOTES

1. **CATEGORY 1** represents estimated trips determined from VMS data. These trips exclude the Philippines and Indonesian domestic fisheries and purse seine trips undertaken completely outside the tropical waters (20°N-20°S). In some instances, trips identified in the VMS data where no fishing actually took place (e.g. returning to home port in Asia for annual maintenance) may have been included in the "Estimated" trips and so the values in this column will be an over-estimate of actual fishing trips.
2. **CATEGORY 2** represents trips of unknown status and is essentially the difference between VMS trips (**CATEGORY 1**) and those trips that SPC has a record of having taken place (**CATEGORY 3**). This category may also include fishing trips without an observer on-board.
3. **CATEGORY 3** covers (i) data received at SPC and (ii) basic trip information provided by observer programmes indicating an observer trip took place, but data have yet to be provided.
4. SPC employs a strategy of processing the most recent observer data as highest priority, mainly to ensure CCMs can satisfy their Part 1 and Part 2 reporting obligations (for which compliance applies to the most recent year). This is reflected in the **"% of trips received without problems**" in **CATEGORY 5** whereby the outstanding data entry for 2022/2021 has higher priority than outstanding trips data entry in 2016/2017, for example. Every effort has been made to resolve the backlog from previous years.
5. **CATEGORY 7** is essentially the difference between **CATEGORY 3** and **CATEGORY 4**.
6. **CATEGORY 8** represents the number of trips included in the WCPFC subset's database.
7. Observer data from the Philippines fleet fishing in the High Seas Pocket #1 are included in this table.

Table 2. Summary of purse seine observer data received at SPC, by year and flag.

2019										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	3		3	3	100%	3	100%	100%	3	100%
China	2	2	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Ecuador	32	13	19	19	100%	18	95%	95%	18	100%
European Union	9	0	9	9	100%	9	100%	100%	9	100%
FSM	215	14	201	181	90%	178	89%	98%	174	98%
Japan	223	21	202	160	79%	160	79%	100%	160	100%
Kiribati	287	8	279	265	95%	265	95%	100%	206	78%
Korea	313	0	313	286	91%	286	91%	100%	255	89%
Marshall Is.	114	0	114	107	94%	107	94%	100%	104	97%
Nauru	41	0	41	39	95%	39	95%	100%	38	97%
New Zealand	7	7	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	480	87	393	385	98%	383	97%	99%	206	54%
Philippines	58	0	58	58	100%	58	100%	100%	58	100%
Solomon Islands	127	0	127	111	87%	111	87%	100%	39	35%
El Salvador	11	6	5	5	100%	5	100%	100%	5	100%
Tuvalu	10	0	10	9	90%	8	80%	89%	8	100%
Chinese Taipei	301	15	286	264	92%	264	92%	100%	254	96%
USA	197	5	192	192	100%	192	100%	100%	192	100%
Vanuatu	43	0	43	42	98%	42	98%	100%	41	98%
	2473	178	2,295	2,135	93%	2,128	93%	100%	1770	83%

2020										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	2	1	1	1	100%	1	100%	100%	1	100%
China	1	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Ecuador	33	24	9	9	100%	9	100%	100%	9	100%
European Union	10	8	2	2	100%	2	100%	100%	2	100%
FSM	238	148	90	76	84%	76	84%	100%	72	95%
Japan	200	158	42	41	98%	41	98%	100%	41	100%
Kiribati	215	130	85	84	99%	82	96%	98%	77	94%
Korea	175	68	107	96	90%	96	90%	100%	93	97%
Marshall Is.	106	76	30	23	77%	23	77%	100%	23	100%
Nauru	111	67	44	39	89%	39	89%	100%	39	100%
New Zealand	8	8	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	398	177	221	214	97%	214	97%	100%	46	21%
Philippines	55	0	55	55	100%	55	100%	100%	49	89%
Solomon Islands	81	13	68	64	94%	63	93%	98%	7	11%
El Salvador	10	4	6	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Tuvalu	11	5	6	6	100%	5	83%	83%	5	100%
Chinese Taipei	237	131	106	65	61%	65	61%	100%	62	95%
USA	139	80	59	59	100%	59	100%	100%	59	100%
Vanuatu	47	21	26	25	96%	25	96%	100%	25	100%
	2077	1,120	957	859	90%	855	89%	100%	610	71%

Table 2. Summary of purse seine observer data received at SPC, by year and flag (continued).

2020 Q1										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	1	0	1	1	100%	1	100%	100%	1	100%
China	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Ecuador	9	4	5	5	100%	5	100%	100%	5	100%
European Union	4	2	2	2	100%	2	100%	100%	2	100%
FSM	48	0	48	40	83%	40	83%	100%	38	95%
Japan	44	16	28	28	100%	28	100%	100%	28	100%
Kiribati	54	2	52	52	100%	50	96%	96%	47	94%
Korea	59	1	58	54	93%	54	93%	100%	51	94%
Marshall Is.	26	0	26	20	77%	20	77%	100%	20	100%
Nauru	25	0	25	25	100%	25	100%	100%	25	100%
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	97	34	63	62	98%	62	98%	100%	17	27%
Philippines	23	0	23	23	100%	23	100%	100%	20	87%
Solomon Islands	23	1	22	22	100%	21	95%	95%	5	24%
El Salvador	3	1	2	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Tuvalu	2	0	2	2	100%	1	50%	50%	1	100%
Chinese Taipei	60	0	60	39	65%	39	65%	100%	38	97%
USA	38	0	38	38	100%	38	100%	100%	38	100%
Vanuatu	10	0	10	10	100%	10	100%	100%	10	100%
	529	64	465	423	91%	419	90%	99%	346	83%

** The purpose of this table is to cover the first quarter of the year 2020 and to report PS observer coverage prior to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.*

2021										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	3	3	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
China	1	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Ecuador	26	26	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
European Union	16	14	2	2	100%	2	100%	100%	2	100%
FSM	227	227	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Japan	203	203	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Kiribati	226	226	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Korea	183	183	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Marshall Is.	110	110	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Nauru	151	151	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
New Zealand	7	7	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	378	183	195	195	100%	195	100%	100%	54	28%
Philippines	50	0	50	50	100%	50	100%	100%	50	100%
Solomon Islands	77	15	62	62	100%	62	100%	100%	0	0%
El Salvador	11	11	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Tuvalu	31	31	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Chinese Taipei	271	271	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
USA	41	41	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Vanuatu	54	54	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
	2066	1,757	309	309	100%	309	100%	100%	106	34%

Table 2. Summary of purse seine observer data received at SPC, by year and flag (continued).

2022										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	6	6	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
China	11	11	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Ecuador	29	27	2	2	100%	2	100%	100%	2	100%
European Union	18	18	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
FSM	219	200	19	18	95%	17	89%	94%	16	94%
Japan	182	163	19	19	100%	19	100%	100%	19	100%
Kiribati	263	246	17	17	100%	17	100%	100%	17	100%
Korea	221	209	12	6	50%	6	50%	100%	6	100%
Marshall Is.	107	99	8	8	100%	8	100%	100%	8	100%
Nauru	140	125	15	15	100%	14	93%	93%	14	100%
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	365	236	129	128	99%	128	99%	100%	17	13%
Philippines	44	0	44	43	98%	43	98%	100%	43	100%
Solomon Islands	89	33	56	38	68%	33	59%	87%	6	18%
El Salvador	13	13	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Tuvalu	54	50	4	4	100%	4	100%	100%	3	75%
Chinese Taipei	245	230	15	7	47%	7	47%	100%	7	100%
USA	61	51	10	10	100%	10	100%	100%	10	100%
Vanuatu	79	77	2	1	50%	1	50%	100%	1	100%
	2147	1,795	352	316	90%	309	88%	98%	169	55%

2023										
FLEET	1. Estimated Purse seine TRIPS	2. TRIPS with unknown status	3. TRIPS with known placements	4. TRIP data submitted		5. TRIP data processed			6. TRIP data provided to WCPFC	
				Trips	%	Trips	% of total available trips	% of total trips recvd	Trips	% of data processed
Cook Islands	4	0	4	4	100%	1	25%	25%	1	100%
China	22	21	1	1	100%	1	100%	100%	1	100%
Ecuador	30	25	5	5	100%	4	80%	80%	4	100%
European Union	25	22	3	3	100%	1	33%	33%	1	100%
FSM	215	2	213	209	98%	192	90%	92%	183	95%
Japan	180	146	34	34	100%	34	100%	100%	34	100%
Kiribati	305	122	183	168	92%	107	58%	64%	99	93%
Korea	239	47	192	37	19%	27	14%	73%	24	89%
Marshall Is.	99	0	99	96	97%	87	88%	91%	85	98%
Nauru	122	9	113	109	96%	72	64%	66%	71	99%
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
PNG	328	259	69	66	96%	62	90%	94%	10	16%
Philippines	34	0	34	34	100%	34	100%	100%	34	100%
Solomon Islands	86	38	48	41	85%	22	46%	54%	20	91%
El Salvador	10	10	0	0	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Tuvalu	64	1	63	60	95%	35	56%	58%	34	97%
Chinese Taipei	218	90	128	84	66%	80	63%	95%	80	100%
USA	73	0	73	68	93%	48	66%	71%	48	100%
Vanuatu	66	44	22	10	45%	9	41%	90%	8	89%
	2120	836	1,284	1,029	80%	816	64%	79%	737	90%

Table 3. Provisional 2022 Longline Regional Observer Programme (ROP) coverage by CCM – based on reporting from CCMs and data submissions

The fleet breakdown, metric and reporting by CCMs is based on WCPFC11 Summary Report para 483-486 and Attachment L (Anon., 2010a). Flag CCM reporting is from Annual Report Part 1.

			REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME (ROP) DATA COVERAGE (minimum required for ROP is 5%)						
CCM Fleet	Fishery	Metric selected for Coverage	Total estimated effort	As reported by flag state		Total estimated effort	As per data submission		See NOTES
				Observer	%		Observer	%	
AUSTRALIA	Domestic	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 17
CHINA	Ice/Fresh	Days fished	44,621	2,799	6.3%	44,621	1,452	3.3%	3, 10, 11, 22
	Frozen								
COOK ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	Days at Sea	1,650	6	0.4%	1,650	6	0.4%	8
EUROPEAN UNION	Distant-water	No. of Trips	35	2	5.7%	35	2	5.7%	4, 10, 19
FSM	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	26, 27
FIJI	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	405	117	28.9%	405	117	28.9%	7
FRENCH POLYNESIA	Pacific Islands	Days at Sea	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
INDONESIA	Domestic	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 19, 21
JAPAN	Ice/Fresh, short-trip	Days fished	18,397	0	0.0%	18,397	0	0.0%	10
	Frozen, long-trip	Days fished	5,741	0	0.0%	5,741	0	0.0%	10
KIRIBATI	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
MARSHALL ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 25
NEW CALEDONIA	Pacific Islands	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
NEW ZEALAND	Domestic	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PALAU	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PHILIPPINES	Distant-water	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	1, 16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Distant-water	Days at Sea	32,241	1,592	4.9%	32,241	1,592	4.9%	10, 20, 23
SAMOA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
SOLOMON ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 7, 9
TONGA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
TUVALU	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,
CHINESE TAIPEI	Small longline – STLL	Days at Sea	76,447	5,928	7.8%	76,447	7,275	9.5%	10, 14
	Distant-water – DWLL	Days at Sea	19,540	2,685	13.7%	19,540	2,139	10.9%	10
USA	HAWAII/California-based	No. of Trips	1,224	290	23.7%	1,224	290	23.7%	6
	AMERICAN SAMOA	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 6
VANUATU	Pacific Islands and DW	No. of Trips	135	0	0.0%	135	0	0.0%	7

NOTES

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2. Domestic fleet fishing within their EEZ. There is no fishing in other EEZs but there may be very infrequent activities in adjacent high seas area. The activities of this fleet are therefore not relevant to the requirements for ROP longline coverage.
3. China has advised in their Annual Report Part 1 that their choice of metric is "days-at-sea". Total estimated effort (of days at sea) is determined from available operational logbook data, raised to account for incomplete coverage (of operational logbook data provided).
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5. No information provided by the CCM for this fleet.
6. The information provided for the US fleets EXCLUDES activities in their respective EEZs, that is, the coverage rates provided are for their ROP trips only and estimated effort is for activities outside their EEZ.
7. The information provided for these fleets EXCLUDES activities of the domestic component (i.e. vessels fishing exclusively in the home EEZ and adjacent high seas only); the coverage represents the component that conduct ROP-defined trips only.
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9. Observer trip value represents the trip data provided to SPC in the absence of advice from this CCM on total number of observer trips conducted. This value may not represent the overall trips undertaken (i.e. it may be an under-estimate).
10. All vessel trips (and therefore days-at-sea) would be defined as ROP trips. "Distant-water" vessels have very long trips and since some fleets tranship at sea, the unit of coverage might more suitably be "days-at-sea" for these situations.
11. Covers both 'fleets' as coverage cannot be split by fleet at this stage.
12. Tuvalu advised their choice of metric was "Number of Trips".
13. Observer coverage information (as nominated from flag state) was taken from the CCMs WCPFC Annual Report Part 1 prepared for SC14 (as per WCPFC11 Summary Report paragraphs 483 – 486).
14. Includes observer trips conducted by Coastal state observer programmes on Chinese Taipei-flagged STLL vessels.
15. This CCM did not have flagged longline vessels on the Record of Fishing Vessels in 2022.
16. No longline vessels from Philippines active in 2022.
17. Australia commenced producing data from their E-Monitoring system from 2015. E-Monitoring data are not yet considered to count towards ROP coverage.
18. Japan provided trip-level details for 2022 observer activities including trip monitoring information. Some data submitted recently have yet to be loaded and may not be included in the total effort for submitted data.
19. Observer data provided does not satisfy all of the ROP minimum data field standards.
20. There is evidence that additional observer trips have been conducted by coastal states, but the data have yet to be provided.
21. The number of total trips for the Indonesian domestic longline fleet is not known but has been estimated based on the annual catch estimate and approximate catch per trip.
22. 2022 observer data provided for the China longline fleet included some activity in the Pacific Ocean beyond the WCPFC Area; these data have been excluded in the coverage rates of data submitted in this table.
23. Effort metric for Korean longline fleet in 2022 is DAYS AT SEA. Coverage of data submitted represents only activity in the WCPFC Area.
24. No activity in 20221by this CCM's longline fleet.
25. Represents the chartered vessels in this fleet; no vessels were flagged to RMI in 2022.
26. Excludes trips/activities from chartered vessels and also non-fishing trips.
27. The information provided for these fleets EXCLUDES activities of either domestically-based (in home EEZ) or locally-based components of this fleet; that is, vessels from this fleet that fish exclusively in one Pacific Island EEZ and adjacent high seas only are not included (i.e. considered non-ROP trips); the coverage represents the component that conduct ROP-defined trips only.

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				Observer	%		Observer	%	
AUSTRALIA	Domestic	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 17
CHINA	Ice/Fresh	No. of Hooks	87,071,665	8,967,442	10.3%	87,071,665	10,544,332	12.1%	3, 10, 11, 22
	Frozen								
COOK ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	Days at Sea	450	90	20.0%	450	90	20.0%	8
EUROPEAN UNION	Distant-water	No. of Trips	17	4	23.5%	17	4	23.5%	4, 10, 19
FSM	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	26, 27
FIJI	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	419	83	19.8%	419	83	19.8%	7
FRENCH POLYNESIA	Pacific Islands	Days at Sea	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
INDONESIA	Domestic	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 19, 21
JAPAN	Ice/Fresh, short-trip	Days fished	17,369	1,041	6.0%	17,369	1,041	6.0%	10, 18
	Frozen, long-trip	Days fished	7,474	446	6.0%	7,474	446	6.0%	10, 18
KIRIBATI	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
MARSHALL ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 25
NEW CALEDONIA	Pacific Islands	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
NEW ZEALAND	Domestic	No. of Hooks	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PALAU	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
PHILIPPINES	Distant-water	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	1, 16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Distant-water	Days at Sea	23,044	2,431	10.5%	23,044	2,872	12.5%	10, 20, 23
SAMOA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
SOLOMON ISLANDS	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 7, 9
TONGA	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
TUVALU	Pacific Islands	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,
CHINESE TAIPEI	Small longline – STLL	Days at Sea	67,059	5,928	8.8%	67,059	3,815	5.7%	10, 14
	Distant-water – DWLL	Days at Sea	14,722	2,685	18.2%	14,722	1,835	12.5%	10
USA	HAWAII/California-based	No. of Trips	1,303	277	21.3%	1,303	277	21.3%	6
	AMERICAN SAMOA	No. of Trips	–	–	–	–	–	–	2, 6
VANUATU	Pacific Islands and DW	No. of Trips	161	1	0.6%	161	1	0.6%	7

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Table 5. Coverage of Longline Observer data in the WCPFC Area, for 2022 (all observer data available to the WCPFC Science Service Provider; includes both ROP and non-ROP data.

	Hooks		
CCM Fleet	Total Effort	Observer	
AUSTRALIA	6,820,745	0	
CHINA	124,938,993	3,591,589	
COOK ISLANDS	4,712,465	5,740	
EUROPEAN UNION	1,996,310		
FIJI	30,062,745	4,893,213	
FRENCH POLYNESIA	21,758,992	1,269,255	
FSM	16,312,002	116,959	
INDONESIA	63,420,074		
JAPAN	33,278,554	0	
KIRIBATI	24,721,894	501,961	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	9,958,348	1,925	
NEW CALEDONIA	5,934,652	451,150	
NEW ZEALAND	1,336,519	68,670	
PALAU	87,785	0	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	5,713,212	0	
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	57,075,255	1,370,505	
SAMOA	7,178,295	0	
SOLOMON ISLANDS	27,217,938	0	
TONGA	871,214	153,138	
TUVALU	6,000	0	
CHINESE TAIPEI	160,710,062	10,441,822	
USA	74,602,931	8,546,439	
VANUATU	17,138,876	0	
Total	**695,853,861**	**31,412,366**	**4.5%**

NOTES

1. Total effort (hooks) for Indonesia has been estimated.
2. CCM Fleet includes chartered vessels.
3. Observer data have been provided for activities outside of WCPFC area but are not included here.

Table 6. Coverage of Longline Observer data in the WCPFC Area, for 2023 (all observer data available to the WCPFC Science Service Provider; includes both ROP and non-ROP data).

	Hooks		
CCM Fleet	Total Effort	Observer	
AUSTRALIA	7,579,779	0	
CHINA	148,064,782	7,491,192	
COOK ISLANDS	6,080,085	142,966	
EUROPEAN UNION	1,261,700		
FIJI	36,789,680	2,756,316	
FRENCH POLYNESIA	20,044,688	1,088,099	
FSM	23,576,723	626,568	
INDONESIA	50,695,705		
JAPAN	36,164,389	3,249,049	
KIRIBATI	10,496,325	1,640,234	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	7,311,432	349,567	
NEW CALEDONIA	6,203,119	511,087	
NEW ZEALAND	1,554,430	50,883	
PALAU		0	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA		70,569	
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	55,423,231	2,505,212	
SAMOA	6,834,667	70,569	
SOLOMON ISLANDS	20,981,697	455,248	
TONGA	676,231	52,932	
TUVALU	306,946	0	
CHINESE TAIPEI	143,184,059	6,282,706	
USA	73,102,025	8,504,601	
VANUATU	27,756,407	143,219	
Total	**684,088,100**	**35,991,017**	**5.3%**

Notes

1. Total effort (hooks) for Indonesia has been estimated.
2. CCM Fleet includes chartered vessels.
3. Observer data have been provided for activities outside of WCPFC area but are not included here.

Table 7. Contribution of Pacific Islands' observer programmes to observer coverage, by gear, for 2022 (top) and 2023 (bottom).

2022				
Observer Provider/Programme	PURSE SEINE		LONGLINE	
	Trips	Cov% [1]	Trips	Cov% [2]
COOK ISLANDS	0	0.0%	1	0.00%
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	1	0.0%	0	0.00%
FIJI	0	0.0%	108	0.76%
FRENCH POLYNESIA	0	0.0%	62	0.16%
KIRIBATI	14	0.5%	0	0.00%
MARSHALL ISLANDS	5	0.3%	0	0.00%
NAURU	1	0.0%	0	0.00%
NEW CALEDONIA	0	0.0%	25	0.12%
PALAU	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	146	5.6%	4	0.00%
PHILIPPINES	44	1.4%	0	0.00%
PNA Observer Programme	77	3.1%	0	0.00%
SAMOA	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
SOLOMON ISLANDS	53	1.4%	3	0.00%
TONGA, KINGDOM OF	0	0.0%	44	0.44%
TUVALU	10	0.5%	0	0.00%
US MLT Observer Programme	1	0.1%	0	0.00%
VANUATU	0	0.0%	18	0.23%
Total	352	11.4%	265	1.70%

2023				
Observer Provider/Programme	PURSE SEINE		LONGLINE	
	Trips	Cov% [1]	Trips	Cov% [2]
COOK ISLANDS	7	0.5%	4	0.02%
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	6	0.0%	0	0.00%
FIJI	0	0.0%	65	0.22%
FRENCH POLYNESIA	0	0.0%	56	0.19%
KIRIBATI	55	2.4%	0	0.00%
MARSHALL ISLANDS	72	3.5%	24	0.06%
NAURU	2	0.0%	0	0.00%
NEW CALEDONIA	0	0.0%	27	0.11%
PALAU	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	138	5.9%	2	0.01%
PHILIPPINES	34	1.7%	0	0.00%
PNA Observer Programme	728	35.1%	0	0.00%
SAMOA	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
SOLOMON ISLANDS	28	0.8%	6	0.06%
TONGA, KINGDOM OF	0	0.0%	52	0.85%
TUVALU	214	13.8%	1	0.00%
US MLT Observer Programme	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
VANUATU	0	0.0%	9	0.21%
Total	1284	62.0%	246	1.72%

NOTES

1. Cov% represents coverage in the tropical WCPFC purse seine fishery using total target tuna catch estimate as the metric.
2. Cov% represents coverage in the WCPFC longline fishery using total target tuna catch estimate as the metric.
3. Trips represent observer trips conducted by the observer programme. This metric is not used in the estimate of coverage (see notes 1. and 2. above).
4. Represents data received at SPC, including some data not yet to be processed.

Table 8. Annual longline E-Monitoring (EM) data reviews (sets), by national EM programme, 2015–2023.

	E-MONITORING DATA (Sets reviewed)								
	2015	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Australia	56	420	528	489	525	418	403	344	294
Fiji	222	621	2170	1510	484		93	114	
French Polynesia								171	1
FSM		311	314	21	30	210	10		63
Marshall Islands			810	629	310				
Palau		102	159	56					
Solomon Islands			74	25					
Vanuatu			41	43	23				

NOTES

1. According to data submitted to SPC.
2. 2023 values are provisional.

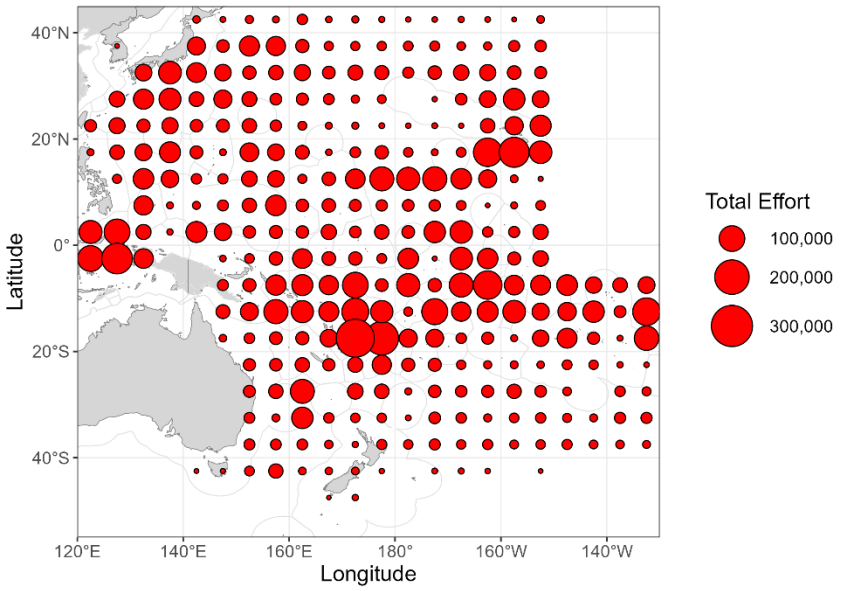
Table 9. Number of transshipments from the observer forms, for the period 2017-2023.

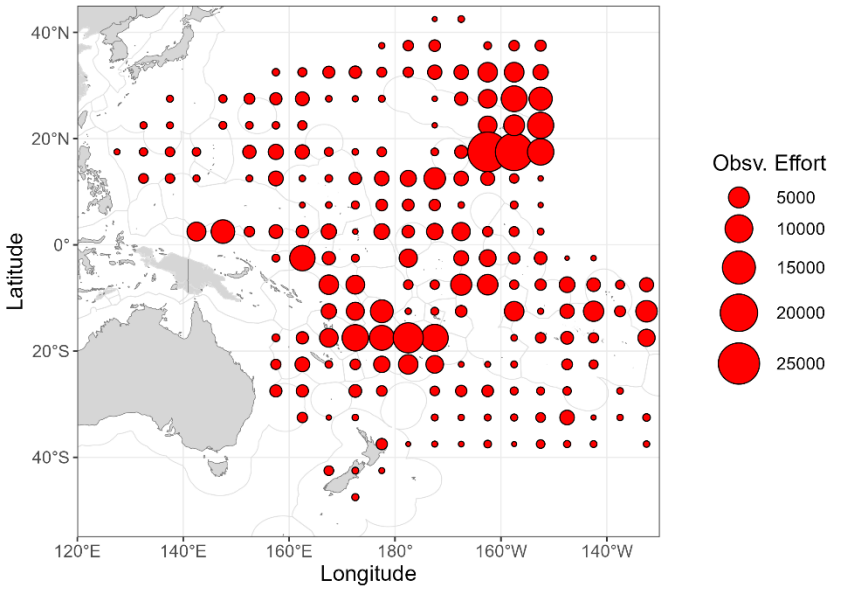
				Offloading Vessel Flag - Total Transshipments									
Year	Obsv Prog	Carrier Flag	Obsv Trips	CN	FJ	JP	KR	PA	TW	VU	LR	PG	KI
2023	FAOB	KR	1	9			3		2	1			3
2023	CNOB	CN	9	126									103
2023	TVOB	KR	2	20			15						
2023	VUOB	TW	4						6				
2023	VUOB	PA	3	5				5	98	9			
2022	TVOB	KR	4	2			62	1	9	6			6
2022	VUOB	TW	3						36				
2022	FAOB	KR	1				9		1	2			3
2022	FAOB	PA	1	3		1	2		21	9			2
2019	KIOB	KR	3				30		28	11		2	
2019	KIOB	VU	2				16						
2018	KIOB	KR	6	4			35		12	16		12	
2017	KIOB	KR	5	23	1	5	30	3	22	6			
2017	KIOB	LR	2	9					10	10	1		

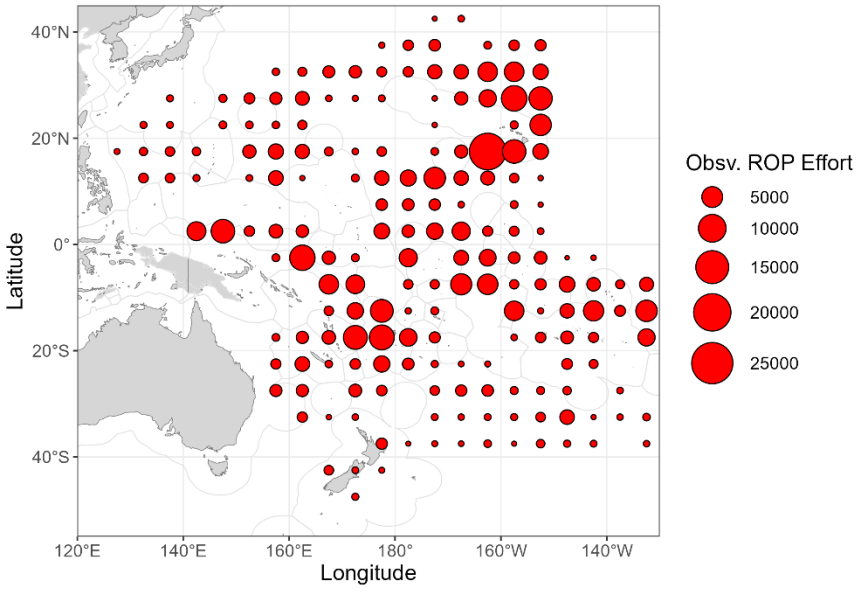
NOTES

1. Only includes processed data
2. "Obsv Trips" represents the total number of individual observer trips for the corresponding observer programme and carrier flag.

ANNEX 1 – Maps showing the distribution of Longline and Purse seine Observer effort







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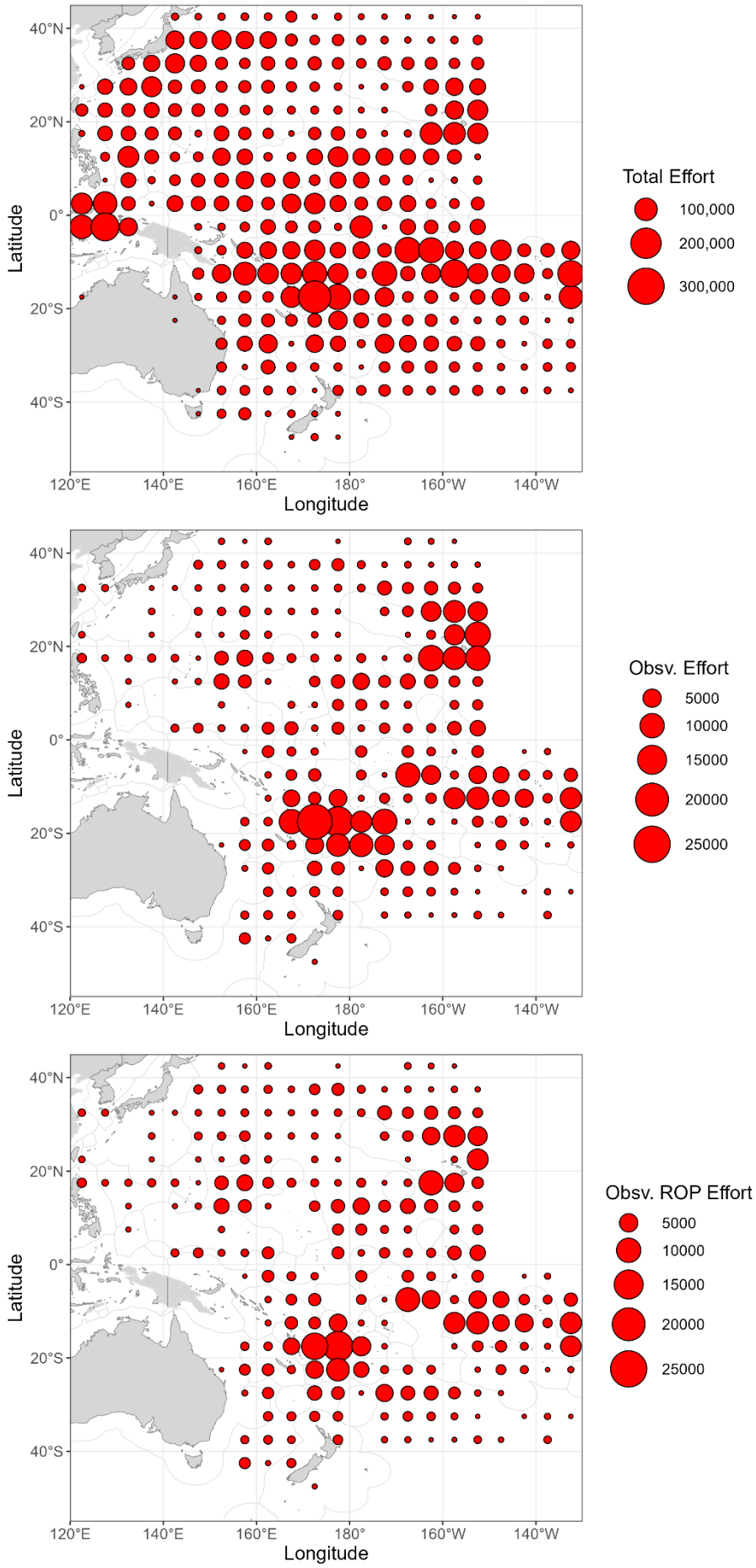

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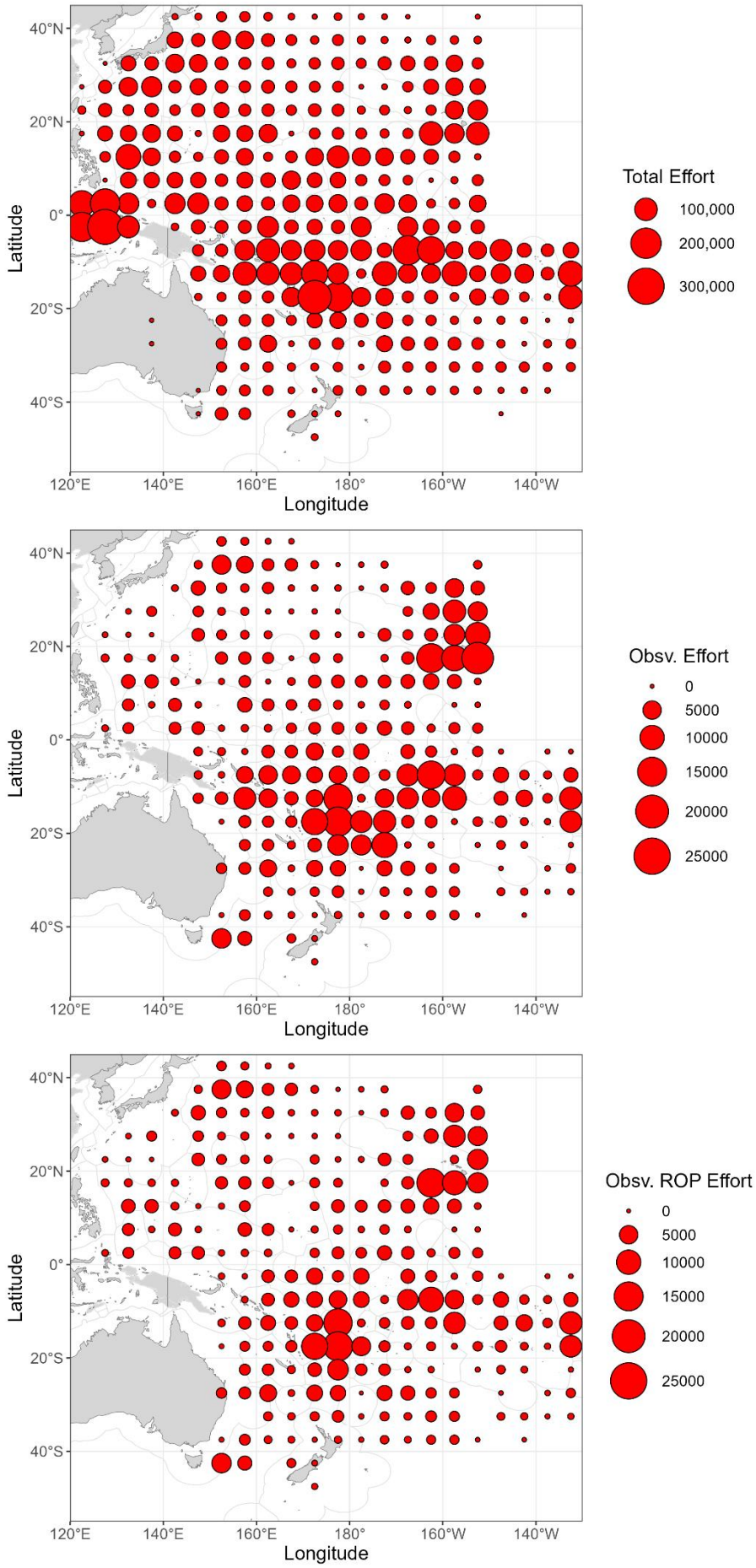

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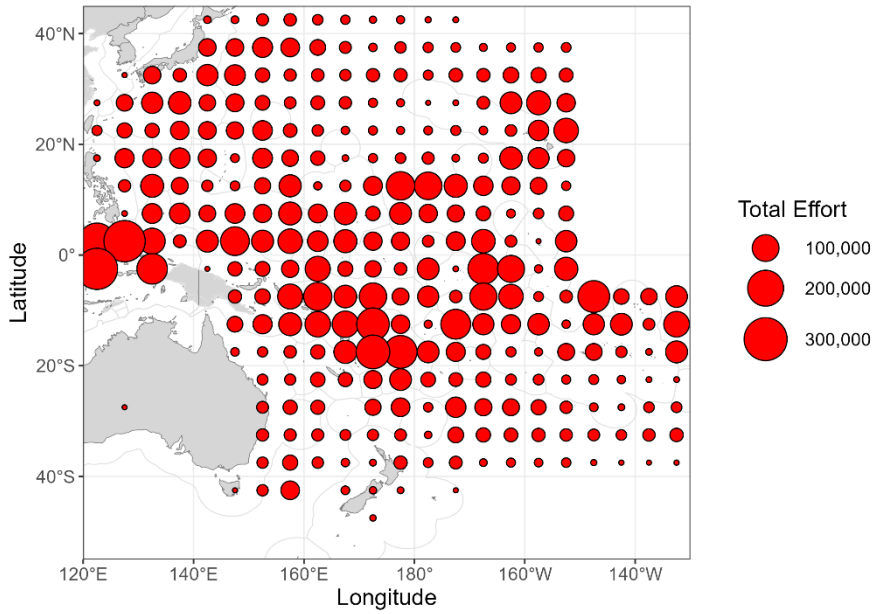

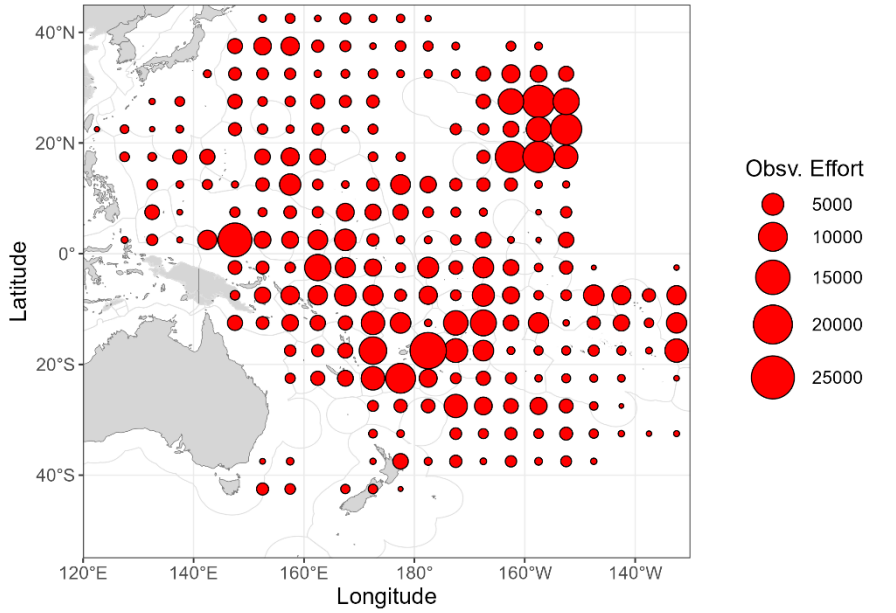

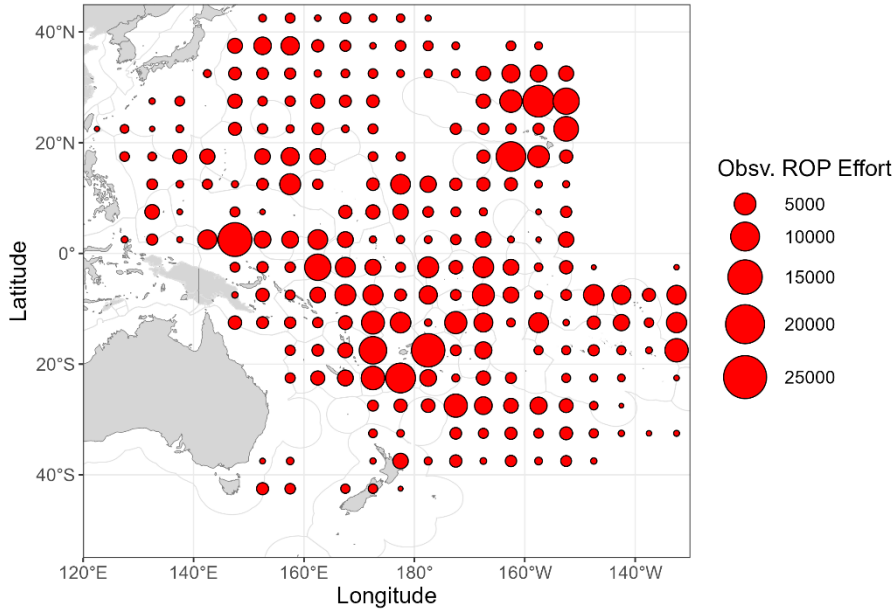

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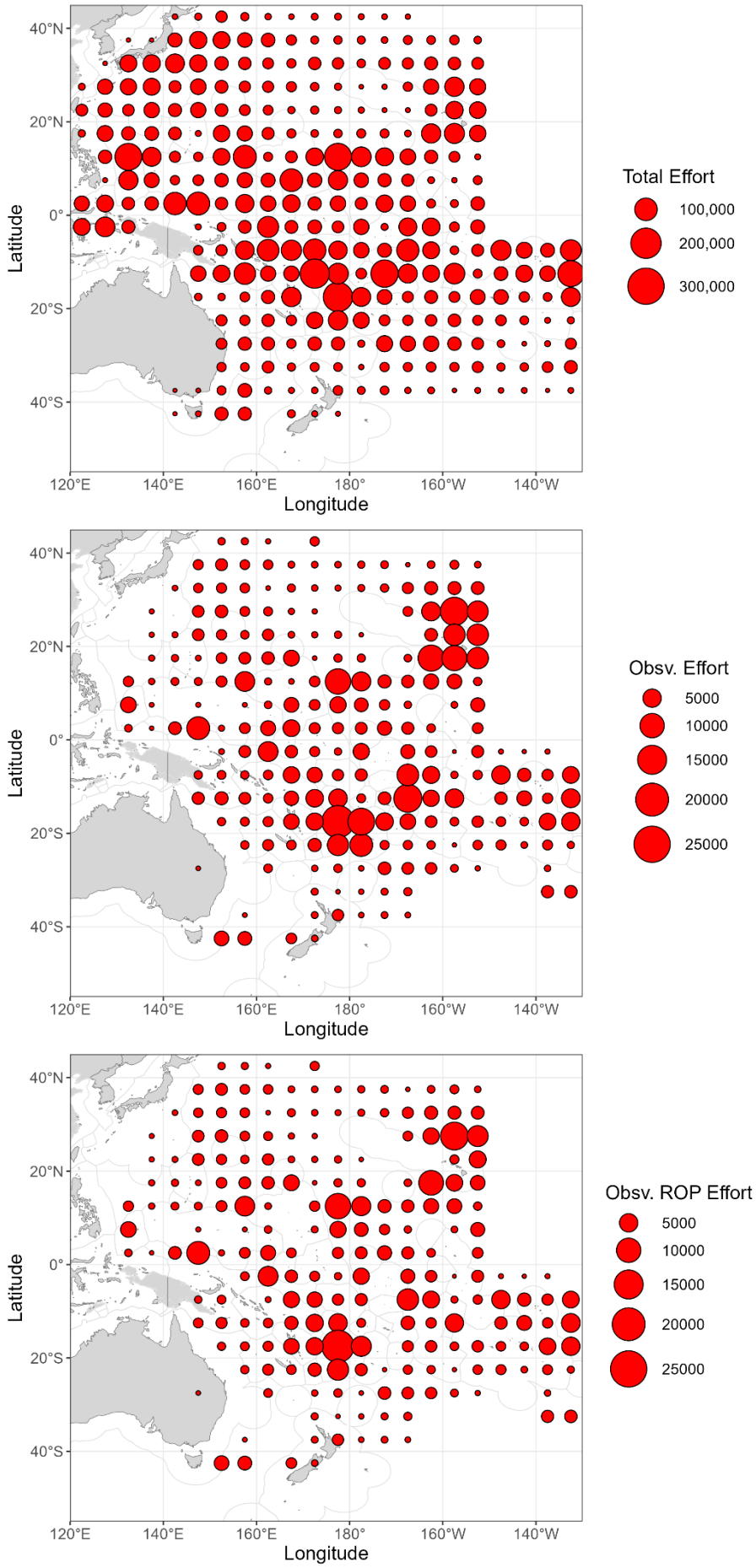

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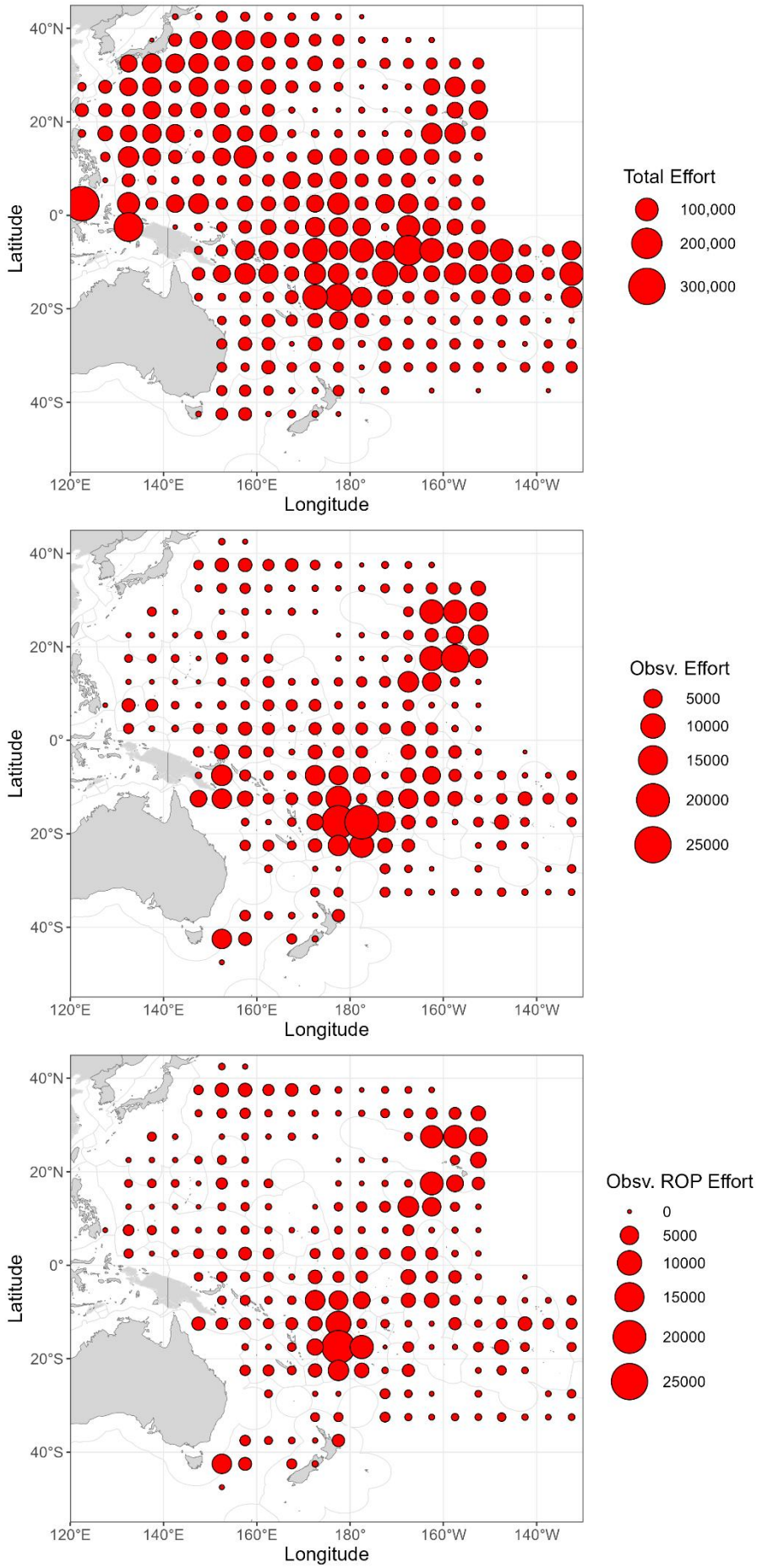

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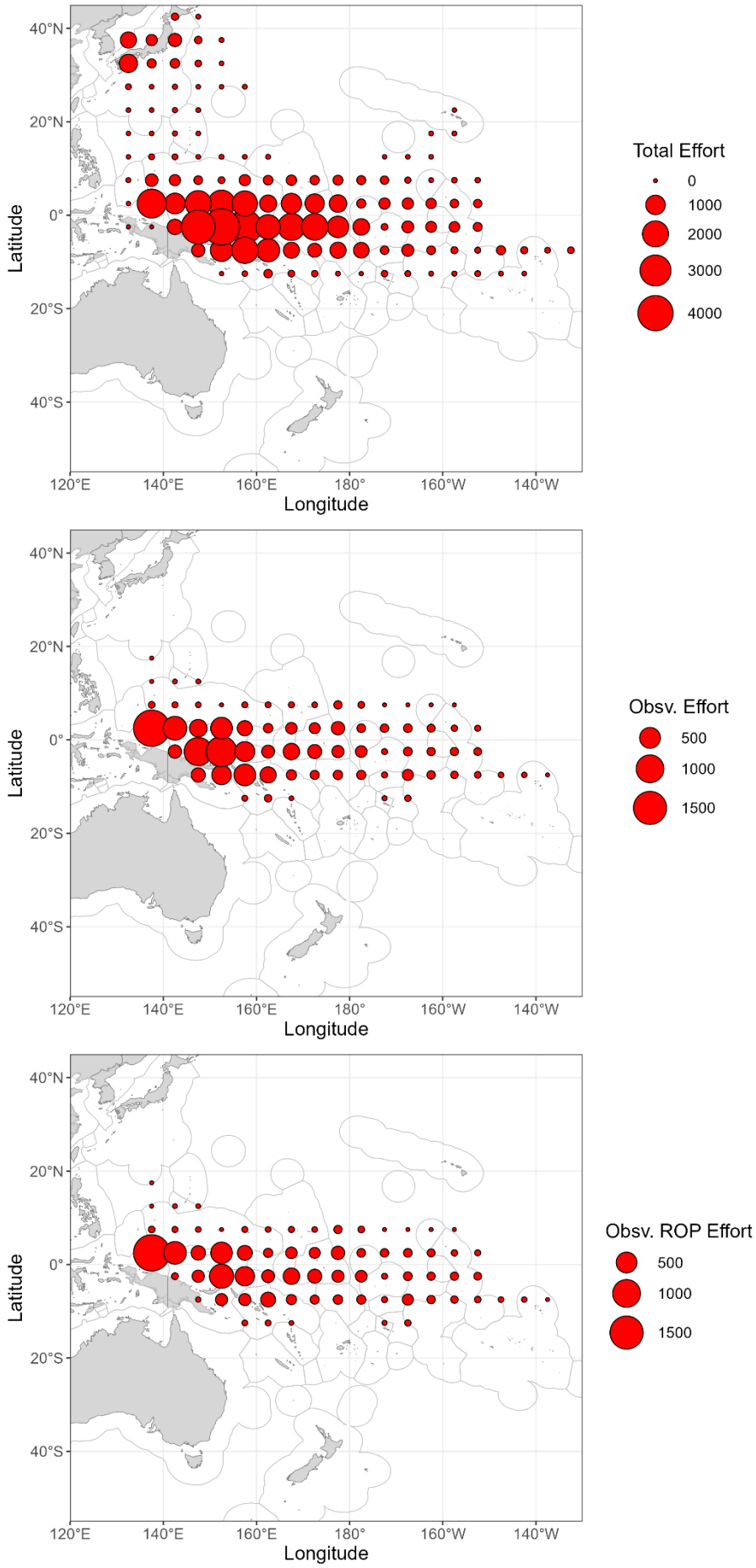

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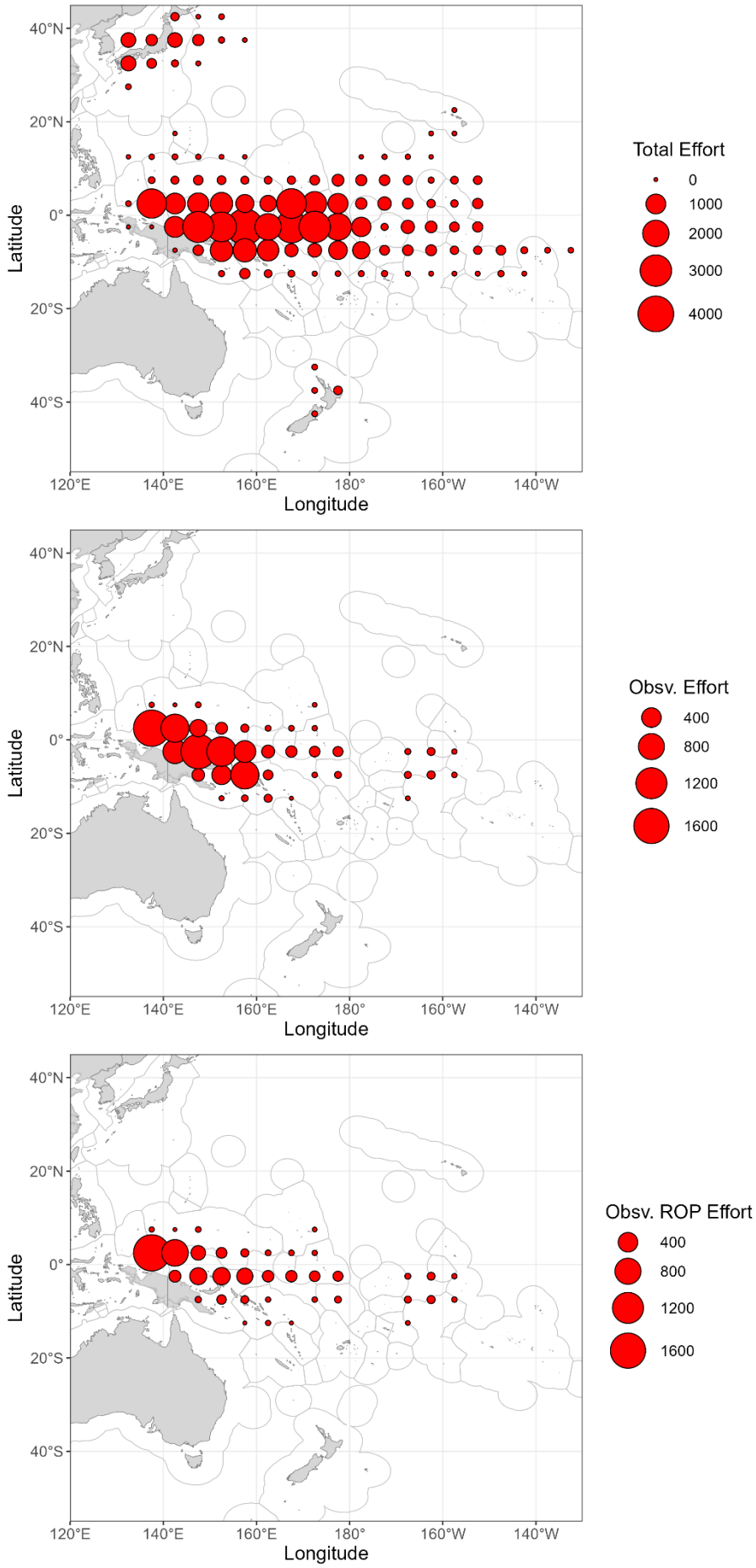

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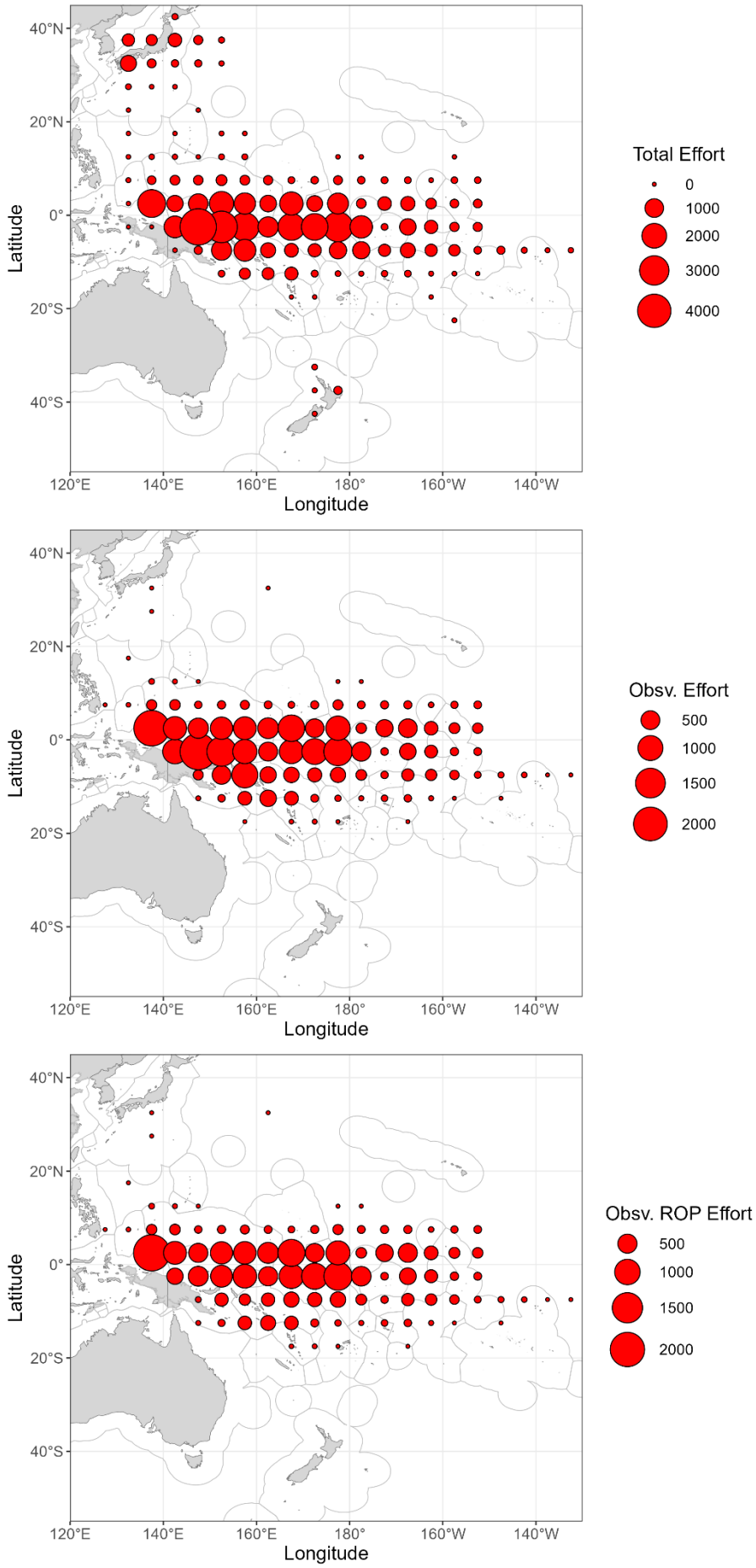

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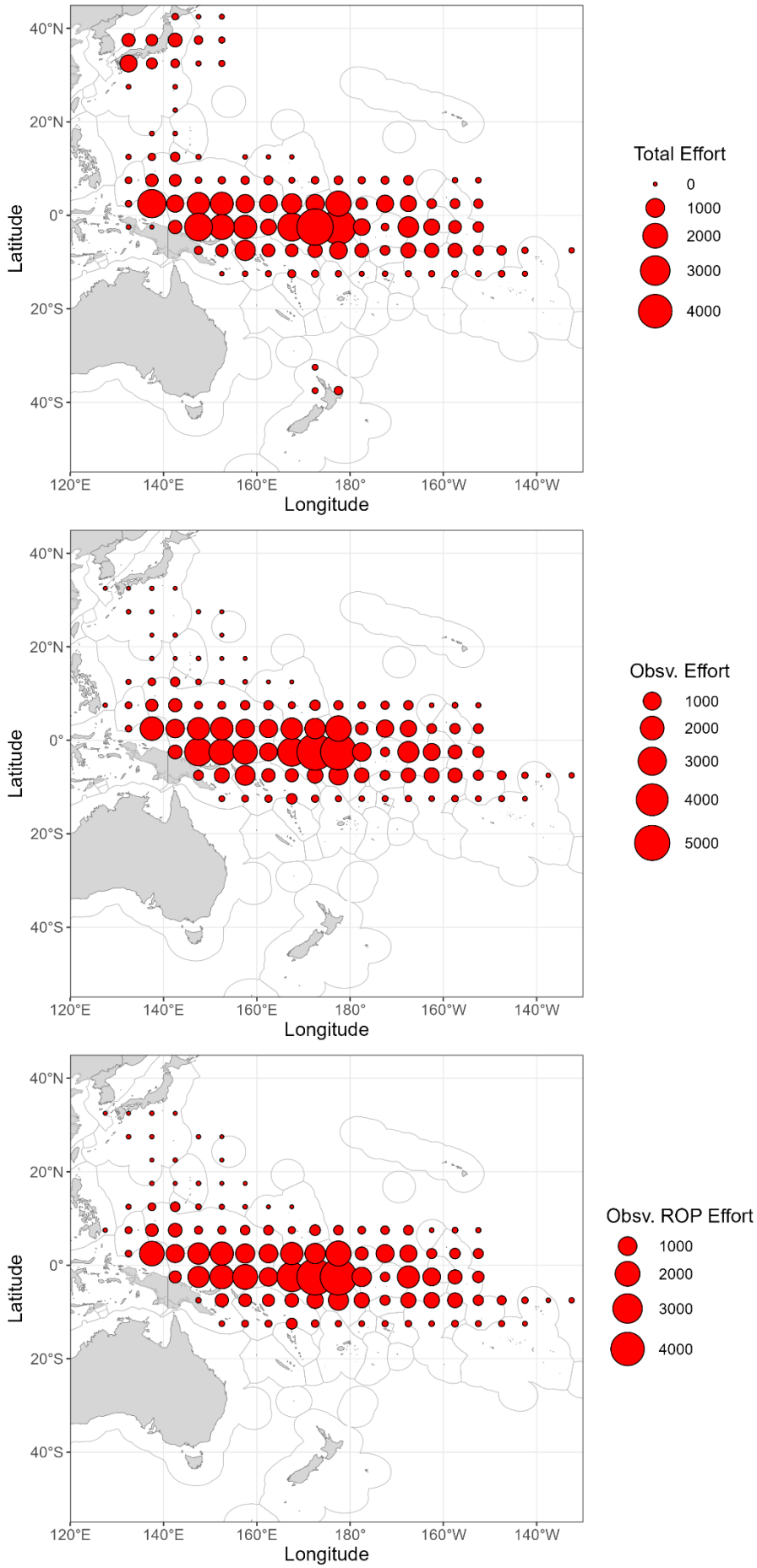

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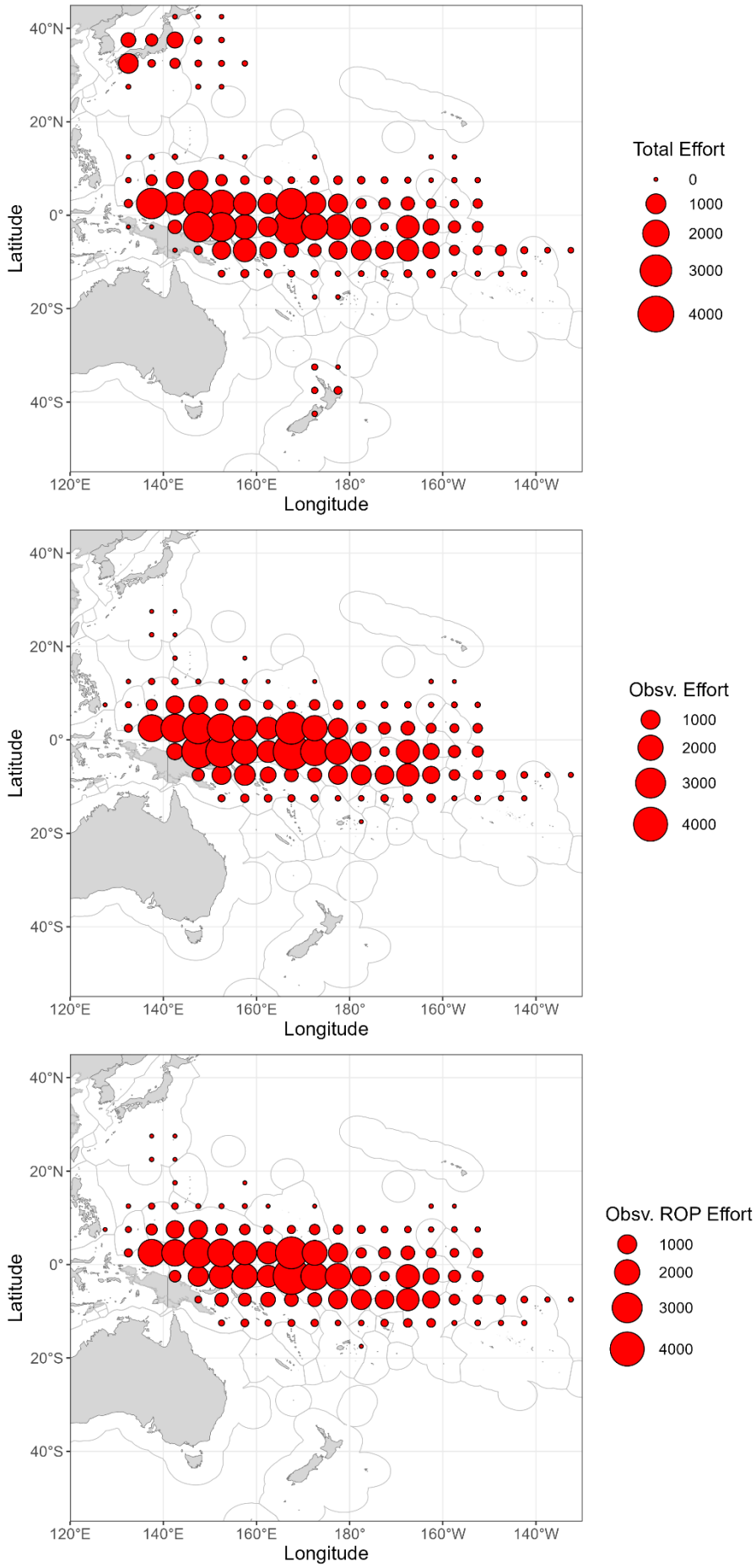

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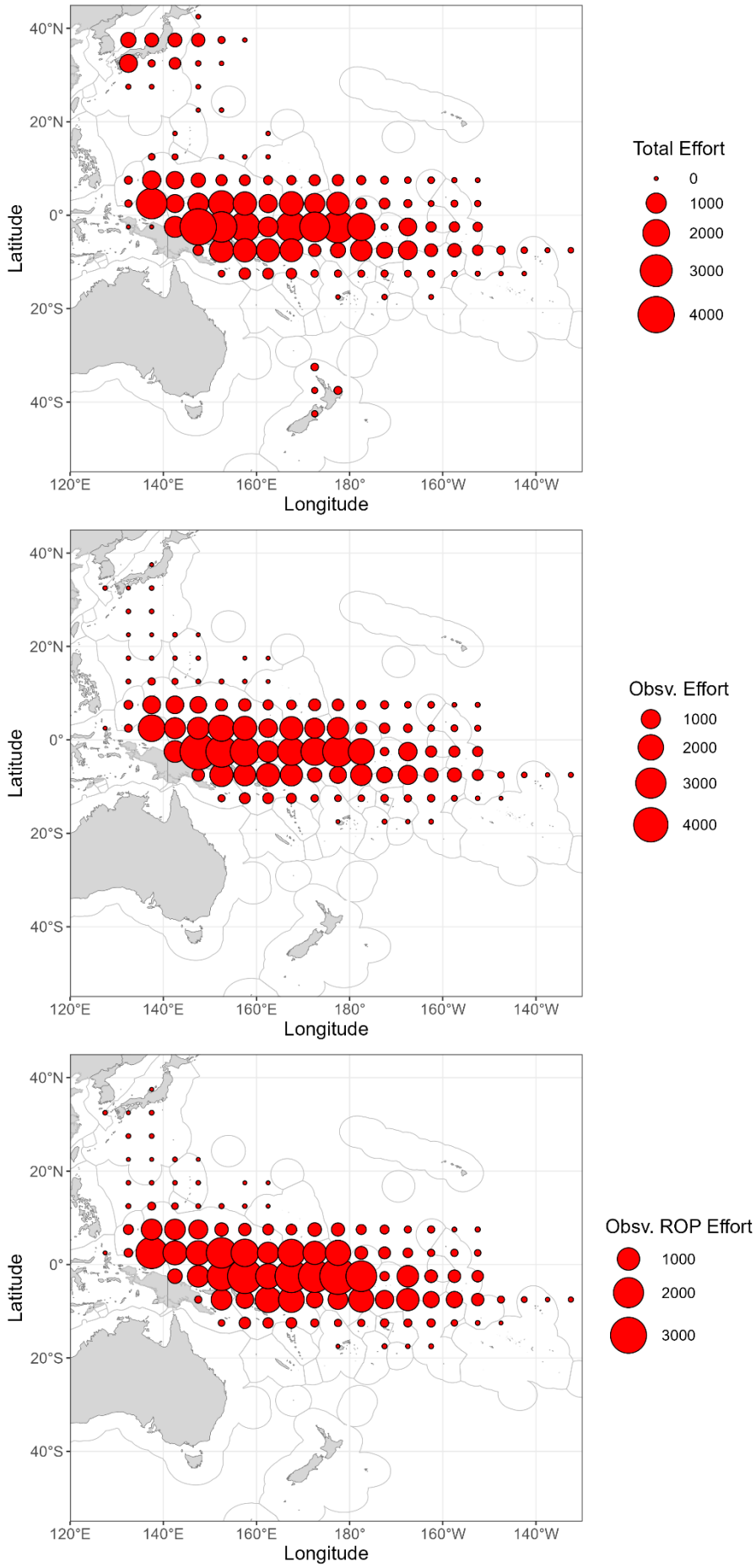

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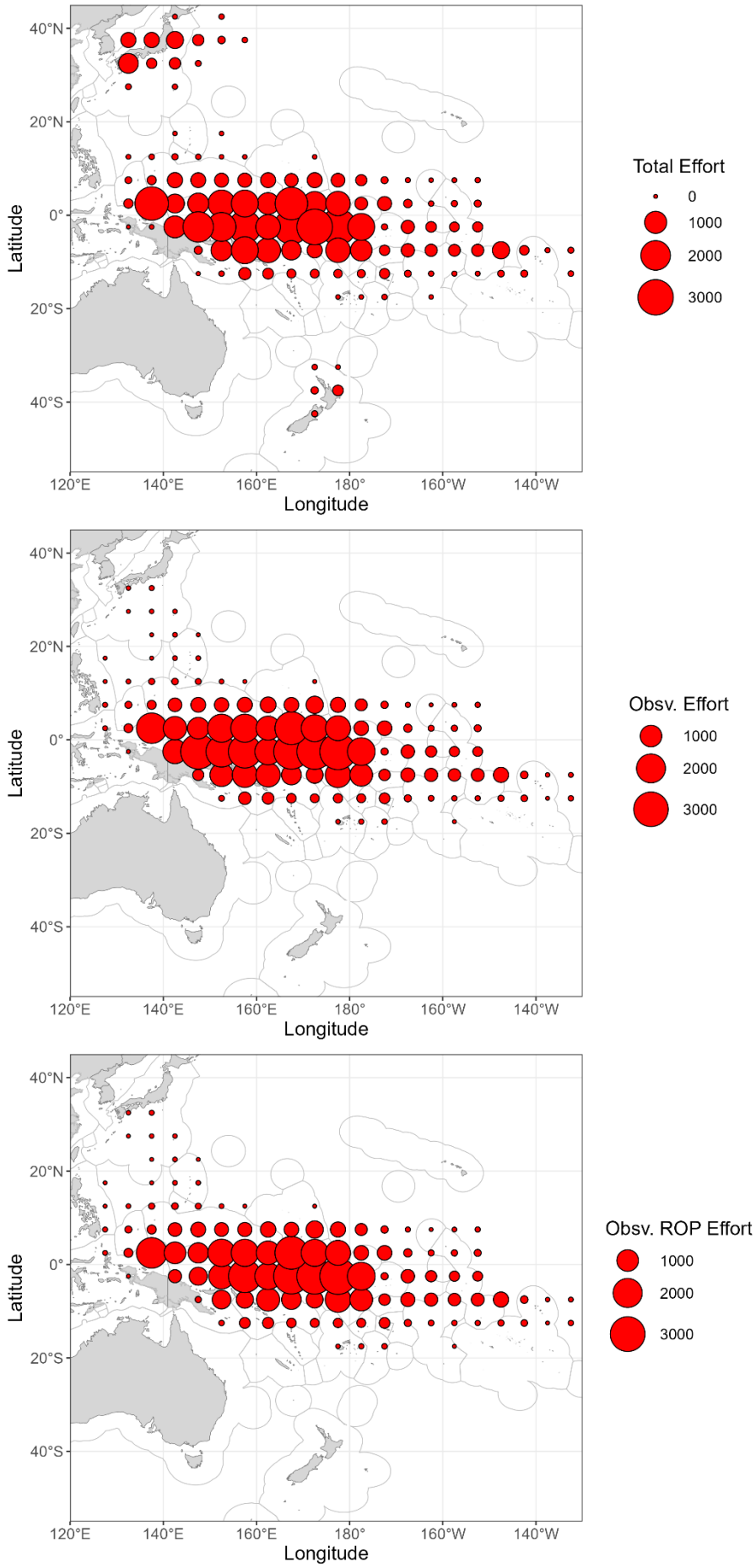

2016 – Purse seine effort

ANNEX 2 – Tables showing Longline and Purse seine Observer coverage

LL Effort 2023

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,050,407	45,131	45,131
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	3,307,082	140,751	133,619
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,332,795	105,885	66,629
4. Longline 25S to 30S	218,906	7,389	7,389
5. Longline south of 30S	454,116	3,407	3,407
Total	**7,363,306**	**302,563**	**256,175**

LL Effort 2022

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	961,064	50,793	50,793
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	3,295,117	172,930	172,930
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,712,235	119,315	92,131
4. Longline 25S to 30S	194,863	1,725	1,725
5. Longline south of 30S	390,445	3,946	3,946
Total	**7,553,724**	**348,709**	**321,525**

LL Effort 2021

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,112,339	64,766	64,766
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	2,986,447	156,861	153,049
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,685,931	93,577	63,647
4. Longline 25S to 30S	194,923	7,405	7,405
5. Longline south of 30S	544,310	6,640	6,640
Total	**7,523,950**	**329,249**	**295,507**

LL Effort 2020

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,213,932	60,448	60,448
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	3,097,875	120,602	117,245
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,982,913	154,966	110,745
4. Longline 25S to 30S	265,873	16,920	16,920
5. Longline south of 30S	723,258	10,759	10,759
Total	**8,283,851**	**363,695**	**316,117**

LL Effort 2019

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,202,299	80,179	80,179
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	4,197,183	185,416	161,166
3. Longline 10S to 25S	3,400,047	167,452	122,823
4. Longline 25S to 30S	251,998	21,327	21,327
5. Longline south of 30S	553,042	20,478	20,478
Total	**9,604,569**	**474,852**	**405,973**

LL Effort 2018

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,084,417	89,673	89,673
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	4,820,606	191,130	173,541
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,697,047	150,735	136,581
4. Longline 25S to 30S	238,405	18,149	18,149
5. Longline south of 30S	629,056	12,216	12,216
Total	**9,469,531**	**461,903**	**430,160**

LL Effort 2017

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,118,115	72,526	72,526
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	3,371,938	179,349	168,209
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,912,619	141,970	115,353
4. Longline 25S to 30S	307,695	6,549	6,479
5. Longline south of 30S	578,371	12,863	12,863
Total	**8,288,738**	**413,257**	**375,430**

LL Effort 2016

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. LL subtropical north of 20N	1,276,157	58,363	58,363
2. Longline tropical 20N - 10S	4,715,275	127,644	105,573
3. Longline 10S to 25S	2,813,019	135,604	94,543
4. Longline 25S to 30S	219,051	2,363	2,363
5. Longline south of 30S	444,419	15,685	15,685
Total	**9,467,921**	**339,659**	**276,527**

***Total effort - Source: LONGLINE aggregated and raised Catch/Effort database**

PS - Effort 2023

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1104.81	0	0
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	44930.91	22551	21214
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	6	0	0
Total	**46041.72**	**22551**	**21214**

PS - Effort 2022

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	961.82	0	0
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	45131.57	10402	7987
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	0	0	0
Total	**46093.39**	**10402**	**7987**

PS - Effort 2021

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1180.03	0	0
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	46121.19	10003	6041
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	129.14	0	0
Total	**47430.36**	**10003**	**6041**

PS - Effort 2020

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1058	3	3
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	48507.95	23615	18906
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	120.16	0	0
Total	**49686.11**	**23618**	**18909**

PS - Effort 2019

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1211.6	12	12
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	49210.05	48477	43078
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	127.72	0	0
Total	**50549.37**	**48489**	**43090**

PS - Effort 2018

Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1155.8	5	5
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	47657.7	47533	40994
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	112.2	0	0
Total	**48925.7**	**47538**	**40999**

PS - Effort 2017			
Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1449	14	14
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	50280.4	49100	41141
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	152	0	0
Total	**51881.4**	**49114**	**41155**

PS - Effort 2016			
Location	Total effort days	Total observed effort (SPC data)	Total ROP observed effort (WCPFC data)
1. Purse Seine N of 20N	1438.2	13	13
2. Purse Seine 20N - 20S	46767.4	47433	41187
3. Purse Seine S of 20S	197	0	0
Total	**48402.6**	**47446**	**41200**

***Total effort - Source: PURSE SEINE aggregated and raised Catch/Effort database**