



**Regional Observer Programme
Third Intersessional Working Group
Guam
17^h -21st March 2009**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**WCPFC/ROP-IWG3/2009-03
14th February 2009**

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 4. CHAIR'S OVERVIEW OF ROP-IWG2, TCC4 AND WCPFC5 DECISIONS**
- 5. STATUS REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT ON WORK UNDERTAKEN SINCE ROP-IWG2**
- 6. STATUS REPORTS FROM CCMS ON THEIR PREPARATION TO ENGAGE IN THE ROP AND ISSUES ARISING**
- 7. ROP-IWG2, TCC4 & WCPFC5 PRIORITIES**
 - 7.1 ROP implications:**
 - a. FAD closure**
 - b. Catch retention**
 - c. High Seas pocket closures**
 - 7.2 Vessel Safety Checklist (VSC)**
 - 7.3 Cost Issues**
 - a. ROP observer data management**
 - b. ROP observer placements**
 - 7.4 Vessel Size Limitation**
 - 7.5 Definitions**
 - a. Principally**
 - b. Occasional**
 - c. Adjacent**
 - d. Independent & Impartial**
 - e. Observer Trip**
- 8. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF ROP**
 - 8.1 Fisheries to be monitored**
 - 8.2 Coverage levels**
 - 8.3 Source of observers**
 - 8.4 Cadre of observers**

- 8.5 Observer and observer trainer qualifications**
- 8.6 Standardized procedures for deployment of ROP observers**
- 8.7 Authorisation of debriefers and requirements of debriefing**
- 8.8 Liability and insurance**
- 8.9 ROP Workbook (Forms & Harmonisation)**
- 8.10 Consider other means for obtaining data collected by observers and explore developing technologies for monitoring vessel operations and sampling catch.**
- 8.11 At sea transshipment**
- 8.12 Special requirements of developing states**
- 8.13 Website**
- 9. OTHER MATTERS**
- 10. FUTURE OF THE ROP-IWG**
- 11. ADOPTION OF SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SC5, TCC5 AND WCPFC6**
- 12. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**