



Virtual Meeting 1 of HSBI WG

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**Draft HSBI Guide Framework Document – Proposed to Support
Consultation via the WCPFC Intersessional Process**

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Voluntary HSBI Regional Guides

TOOLS FOR HIGH SEAS BOARDING AND INSPECTIONS

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The objective of this overarching guide is to provide a working document that can be revised and improved by all Participants as knowledge is shared. The preparation of this document relies upon the provided written and verbal, advice and documents, by Participants.

The content is divided into sections relevant to the indicative list of HSBI tools. It is envisaged that while these sections are drafted and contained within this one document, they may be separated to individual guides/documents for consideration by TCC21.

WCPFC21 Outcomes | Attachment 25 - terms of reference

14. The HSBI Guides will accommodate, to the extent possible, any existing HSBI guidance shared by CCMs that have established HSBI procedures.
15. The application of the HSBI Guides will be voluntary and apply to HSBI activities within the WCPFC area of competence.
16. The HSBI Guides will set out voluntary procedures for HSBI Inspectors to follow and will include, but are not limited to, data collection and sampling protocols.
17. The development of HSBI Guides will complement the existing HSBI CMM 2008-06 and other related CMMs that impose obligations relevant to HSBI activities (e.g. bycatch mitigation measures). However, under no circumstances shall the development of these guides contravene the provisions of CMM 2006-08 and related CMMs, nor shall it produce a discriminatory effect on members conducting HSBI

DNA testing Guide

Contents:

- Use of DNA sampling during HSBI
- Procedures for DNA sampling and processing to an evidentiary standard

Weight estimation Guide

Contents:

- Estimation of catch on board by HSBI officers
 - Hold inspection
 - Estimation of how much fish in a hold

Logbook interrogation and comparison to catch estimation

- - Electronic and written

Measuring tool calibration Guide

Contents:

- Calibration certificates for measuring tools
 - tape measures
 - scales

Bycatch mitigation measuring Guide

Contents:

- Measurement of tori lines
- Measurement of weighted branch lines

Photo and Video Evidence Guide

Contents:

- Capturing the actions of inspectors during inspections
 - such as while taking measurements and DNA sampling
- Photo and video evidence collection
- Photo and video evidence sharing
 - such as preferred file types, large and numerous files and method of sharing (online, physical)

Standardized Multi-language Questionnaire