

PROJECT 42: REPORT OF THE PACIFIC TUNA TAGGING PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

WCPFC-SC21-2025/RP-PTTP-02

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PTTP STEERING COMMITTEE



- PTTP Steering Committee was held via video conference on 29th July 2025. The report of the Steering Committee was posted on the SC21 website on 1 August 2025. No revision to the report were received.

2024-2025 Highlights

- Expanded tag seeding program to provide a more substantive data set for estimating reporting rates by fleet and to better quantify the recovery points (vessel, transshipment, processor) by fleet.
- Implementation of the 17th Central Pacific Tagging Cruise.
 - Continued strong industry collaboration
 - 50 day cruise, 4446 tuna tagged (65% B, 33% Y, 2% S)
- Refurbishment and Development of Tagging Platforms.

2026 -2028 WORKPLAN

2026	2027	2028
7th Western Pacific Cruise (SKJ/YFT focussed)	Western and Central Pacific Cruise (YFT/BET focussed)	8 th Western Pacific Cruise (SKJ/YFT focussed)
Tag Recovery and Seeding	Tag Recovery and Seeding	Tag Recovery and Seeding
Curation and Preparation of tagging data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 yellowfin and bigeye stock assessments • integration in SEAPODYM • application in DTU Spatial/Temporal External Tag Analyses 	Curation and Preparation of tagging data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integration in SEAPODYM • application in DTU Spatial/Temporal External Tag Analyses 	Curation and Preparation of tagging data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SKJ stock assessment

2026 BUDGET AND OUTLOOK

Budget	2026	2027	2028
WCPFC	950,000	950,000	988,630
Republic of Korea	166,000	166,000	166,000
SSP	359,000	359,000	364,620
Total	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,519,250

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ADVICE



- Note the critical importance of effective tag seeding for informing stock assessment and support the increased deployment and fleet coverage of tag seeding experiments through regional and national observer programmes.
- Note the need for member participation and support in tag reporting as both wild and seeded tags continue to be found throughout the fishery.
- Note the effort for refurbishment of the Soltai 105 for the purposes of continued skipjack-tagging, critical for stock assessment input
- Note and support the ongoing regional fisheries research vessel project
- Support the PTTP work-plan and budget for 2026 and indicative plan for 2027-2028