



**THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND
CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

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**GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF FISHERY REPORTS (FRs)
FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, NOUMEA,
08th-19th AUGUST 2005**

Each member and observer participating in the upcoming SC 1 meeting is requested to prepare a Fishery Report (FR). For those members and observers wishing to submit a Fishery Report to the Scientific Committee, a detailed background paper is required. Details on the suggested content and format for a Fishery Report are given below.

At the SC 1 meeting, members and observers will be given the opportunity to make a brief verbal presentation on their Fishery Report and each verbal presentation will be limited to ten minutes. Each Fishery Report presenter will be asked to summarise his/her presentation in written form for inclusion in the report of the meeting.

The title of the Fishery Report should be submitted to the SPC (contact Peter Williams: PeterW@spc.int) by 05 July. All fishery reports must be submitted to SPC in electronic form by 25 July.

Details of Fishery Report Preparation

The Fishery Report should present catch statistics for the 2004 calendar year and the four previous calendar years. Recent developments in fisheries for tropical tunas (skipjack, yellowfin, bigeye and albacore) should be highlighted, and where there are important fisheries for small tunas and billfish, these should also be described. Each member or observer should provide information on the vessels active in the WCPFC Convention Area that fly its flag. Information on foreign vessels active in the EEZ of the member or observer can also be provided.

The catch statistics should consist of annual catches (tonnes), by species, for the 2004 calendar year (by gear - longline, pole-and-line, purse seine, multi-gear domestic fisheries of Indonesia and Philippines) or the 2003/2004 season (troll fishery for albacore). If possible, preliminary statistics for the 2004/2005 albacore season would be of interest. The number of vessels by gear type should also be included. In addition to information on catches of the main tuna species, information on catches of billfish and other major non-target species, and species of special interest (sharks, marine reptiles, marine mammals and birds) should be included, where possible.

Possible headings to assist in the preparation and presentation of the Fishery Reports are as follows:

- **Brief introduction**
This section should include a brief description of the member or observer's role in tuna fisheries in the Convention Area.
- **Fleet structure**
This section should include (a) the number of vessels active in the WCPFC Convention Area, by gear type, that are flagged by the member or observer and (b) the number of foreign vessels, by gear type and flag, that are active in the EEZ of the member or observer.
- **Annual catches in the WCPFC Convention Area, 2000–2004**
This section should include summaries and descriptions for each gear type that is flagged by the member or observer. Note that the catch estimates should be for the WCPFC Convention Area, which includes the member or observer EEZ. The estimates of the catches by species should include the main tuna species, billfish and other major non-target species (e.g. billfish), and species of special interest (sharks, marine reptiles, marine mammals and birds), where possible.
- **Annual catches in the member or observer's EEZ, 2000–2004**
This section can include summaries and descriptions for each gear type and flag (including both domestic and foreign flags) operating in the EEZ of the member or observer, with a grand total of annual catches, by species, for all gears and fleets combined. The breakdown by species should be the same as for the section on catches in the Convention Area.
- **Final market destinations of catches**
This section can include summaries of catches by species broken down by destination market (i.e. country and category of market). Market categories might include cannery, fresh sashimi market, frozen sashimi market, loining plant and local markets.
- **Onshore developments**
This section can include a description of transshipment activities, harbour infrastructure, processing plants, etc.
- **Developments concerning tuna fisheries research and statistics, such as port sampling and observer programmes**
- **Future prospects for fisheries, marketing, onshore developments, and research and statistics**
