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COVERING 2012-2016

**WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS**

# WALLIS AND FUTUNA

## 2016 Annual Report –Part 1

### Information on Fisheries, Research and Statistics

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Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with relevant rules	<b>Aggregated data was provided</b> for year 2011 <b>NO</b> for years 2012 to 2016 and 2007 to 2010
There was no provision of data for years 2007 to 2010 and 2012 to 2016 owing to the absence of tuna fishing activity in the EEZ by locally flagged vessels over 10 m long and outside territorial waters.	

## 1. SUMMARY

There's no large or middle scale tuna fishing activity taking place in the EEZ at the moment since 2012.

Last records of activity date back in 2011, with a single 140 UMS domestic based longliner, licensed from 2010 to 2014, which operated a few trips before stopping from 2012 on.

A small number of artisanal fishing boats, less than 20 overall, are catching tuna and other pelagic species aside bottom species. Game fishing is being carried out by a number of small boats. A ongoing project is aiming at setting up 4 anchored nearshore FADs around Wallis Island and as many near Futuna.

Both game fishing and commercial small scale fishing are not being monitored in such a way to allow relevant statistical information. The Fisheries Division is in the process to improve data collection covering small scale activities.

## 2. FISHERIES INFORMATION

**Table 1** : catch and effort

(apart from small scale fisheries)

LL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nb of trips	none				
Nb of hooks	none				
Catches of key species (altogether)	no record				

**Table 2** : domestic fleet - number of vessels flagged and licensed

LL	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
51-200 UMS	1	1	1	0	0

In the absence of fishing operations by domestic fleet in the EEZ and beyond in the convention area and of foreign fleet licensed to fish within the EEZ, there's no other information related to tuna fishing to be submitted to the commission.

## 3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The only ongoing project in relation to tuna resources exploitation is still at a very early stage, and regards three less than 15 m long longliners to supply domestic market.

Talks opened in 2013 towards a fishing agreement with American purse seiners were suspended and as of today, there's no indication of a re-opening process

In regards to WCPFC requirements and implementation of management measures, work needs to be done in link with Secretariat, SPC and French government, who is still having competency over Wallis and Futuna EEZ, in order to update Fisheries staff knowledge and practice and also assess the compliance of legal frame for offshore fishing activities to the commission's measures.

#### 4. SPECIAL INFORMATION AS OF APPLICABLE CMMs

##### CMM 2012-07 §9 : SEABIRDS INTERACTIONS WITH FISHERIES

Without longlining by domestic fleet since 2011 more small scale fleet operating nearshore, there's no interaction of fishing activities with seabirds.

**Table 3** : interactions with seabirds

year	LL fishing effort				Observed seabirds captures	
	Nb vessels	Nb hooks	Nb hooks observed	% hooks observed	Number	Rate ( / 1000 hks)
2006	0	0	0	-	0	0
2007	0	0	0	-	0	0
2008	0	0	0	-	0	0
2009	0	0	0	-	0	0
2010	0	0	0	-	0	0
2011	1	62500	0	0 %	0	0
2012	0	0	0	-	0	0
2013	0	0	0	-	0	0
2014	0	0	0	-	0	0
2015	0	0	0	-	0	0
2016	0	0	0	-	0	0

##### CMM 2015-01 §23 : effort or catch limits on purse seining

No purse seine activity by domestic or foreign fleet. No catch limit set for the time being. Draft agreement with American purse seiners was setting limits to 3000 mt all species together.