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Information on Fisheries, Research and Statistics

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1. ABSTRACT

There have been no large or middle scale tuna fishing activity taking place in the EEZ 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 others pelagic species along with bottom species. Game fishing is being carried out by a number of small boats. There are currently 3 nearshore FADs around Wallis Island and one near Futuna. The FAD programme is still ongoing with the reinforcement of device positions and FAD fishing training to foster fishermen shift from reef fishing to tuna fishing.

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. ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION

Table 1. Annual catch and effort estimates

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
LL	Nb of trips	None				
	Nb of hooks	None				
	Catches of key species (altogether)	No record				
Other (small scale fisheries)	Nb of trips	299	241	235	246	178
	Catches of key species (kg)					
	Albacore	310	448	345	149	115
	Yellowfin tuna	3765	2447	2380	2547	2180
	Skipjack	4586	4932	4225	3306	1695
	Bigeye tuna	0	0	17	0	0

Table 2. Domestic fleet – number of vessels flagged and licensed

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
LL	51-200 UMS	1	1	0	0	0
Other (small scale fisheries)		16	13	15	19	20

Small scale nearshore fishing data pertains to commercial fishing only and comes from logsheets submitted for fuel subsidy. Though not easily assessable, coverage rate is not estimated to be significant. Work is underway to extract baseline data from 2014 census. Meanwhile, catches in table 1 aren't raised.

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

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3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Several projects in relation to tuna fishing at a middle scale are currently being discussed but they are still at an early stage, seeking for funding. One of the projects (coordinated by the Chamber of Trade, Industry, Craft and Agriculture) plans to create a tuna industry with two or three less than 12m long longliners supplying a fish processing unit. The second project is led by two local professional fishermen currently fishing in French Polynesia expecting a 16,5m longliner and a private fish processing and sale unit.

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

In regards to WCPFC requirements and implementation of management measures, work still needs to be done in liaison with Secretariat (SPC) and French Government, 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. CMM'S SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

CMM 2012-07 §9 : SEABIRDS INTERACTIONS WITH FISHERIES

Without longlining by domestic fleet since 2011 no 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)
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
2017	0	0	0	-	0	0

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

There's no purse seine activity in the EEZ at the moment. Draft agreement with American purse seiners was setting limits to 3000 mt all species together before discussions stopped.