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**SC14 – DATA AND STATISTICS THEME DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**3.1 Data gaps**

**3.1.1 Data gaps of the Commission**

SC14 recommended that the Scientific Services Provider include a table listing the observer data collected by small island developing state (SIDS) observer providers in future versions of the ST Information Paper “Status of ROP Data Management” [ADOPTED]

**3.1.2 Species composition of purse seine catches (Project 60)**

SC14 recommended that the future work proposed by the Scientific Service Provider under Project 60 (Improving purse seine species composition) continue over the coming two years. [ADOPTED]

**3.1.3 Potential use of cannery receipt data for the work of the WCPFC**

**3.1.4 Bycatch estimates of longline and purse seine**

SC14 recommended that the Scientific Services Provider continue the work on purse seine and longline bycatch estimates, and provide updates every 2-3 years. [ADOPTED]

SC14 encouraged CCMs to provide catch estimates of all species at the species level (in addition to the binding provision of estimates for the WCPFC key species) as part of their annual data submission. [ADOPTED]

SC14 recommended that the bycatch estimates (from SC14 ST WP-03) also include the estimates of uncertainty (e.g. CVs) in the next iteration of this work, and consider alternative better estimates where appropriate. [ADOPTED]

SC14 recommended that the Scientific Service Provider reconcile the names and codes of some species of sharks included in their databases. [ADOPTED]

SC14 recommended that the differences in coverage of longline observer data presented in some SC14 papers be investigated by Scientific Service Provider and reported to SC15. [ADOPTED]

**3.1.5 Project 90 (Better size data (length and weight) for scientific analyses)**

SC14 recommends that the Scientific Services Provider be tasked with a project to design and coordinate the systematic collection of data for conversion factors on relevant species to better inform catch estimation, and agrees its inclusion in the SC future work programme and budget under Project 90. [ADOPTED]

**3.2. FAD Data Management**

**3.3 Regional Observer Programme**

**3.3.1 ROP longline coverage**

**3.3.2 Review of ROP minimum standards data fields**

**3.4 Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring**

SC14 recommends that FFA, PNA Office, the Scientific Services Provider and WCPFC Secretariat jointly work on a project to review the Commission’s data needs and collection programmes (Project 93). [ADOPTED]

**3.5 Economic Data**

SC14 recommended that future reports on economic conditions in WCPO fisheries (ST-WP-04) be delivered in the SC general reports under Agenda item 2.1. [ADOPTED]