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**REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR EVALUATION OF MONITORING  
AND REPORTING GAPS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE  
FISHERY**

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**17 September 2018**

**Paper submitted by the Chair of the SPA-VIWG**

WCPFC14 agreed to the formation of a virtual intersessional process to develop a Roadmap to implement the elements needed for the effective conservation and management for south Pacific albacore.

*The terms of reference for the workgroup are to consider management issues including:*

1. Elements necessary for implementation of the Harvest Strategy
2. An allocation process
3. Monitoring and reporting priorities, and addressing of gaps for all fisheries taking south Pacific albacore in the WCPO

In support of the development of the Roadmap the Commission agreed to task TCC:

**TCC14 advice to WCPFC15 on monitoring and reporting gaps in the south Pacific albacore fishery, as well as SIDS and Territories implementation considerations.**

To aid in TCC14 discussions this paper provides a list and links to reports which cover some of the monitoring and reporting gaps in the south Pacific albacore fishery and the longline fishery more generally.

These reports together describe several issues in both scientific and MCS reporting and monitoring gaps including low observer coverage, timeliness of data, species composition of non-target catch, and other issues.

Finally, annual SC and TCC review is required in the current measure (2015-02) and discussions from both SC and TCC are well captured in the annual reports of each subsidiary bodies.

Also of note, at SC14 FFA members proposed a review of the Commission's data needs and collection programs to help inform the development of an Electronic Monitoring program. This report is currently scheduled for discussion in 2019 and could aid in further discussion on monitoring and reporting relative to the south Pacific albacore fishery.

Reports on monitoring and reporting issues

- 2008 Causes of Data Gaps report - [WCPFC5-2008/IP05](#)
- 2016 MRAG study on quantification of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the Pacific Islands Region [MRAG 2016](#)
- 2013 Potential for ER and EM in WCPFC tuna fisheries [WCPFC-EmandErW-2014-03](#)
- Proposal for clearer guidelines for ROP longline coverage [TCC9-2013-09](#)

Annual Commission and Scientific Committee reports on the CMM and data gaps

Annual reference document for review of CMM 2015-02

- 2017 – WCPFC14 report [WCPFC14-2017-13](#)
- 2016 – WCPFC13 report [WCPFC13-2016-17](#)
- 2015- WCPFC12 report [WCPFC12-2015-15](#)

Scientific Committee - summary of 2018 data received and data gap reports

- 2018- Summary of reporting received [SC14-WCPFC14-06](#)
- SC14 2018 – Scientific Data Available [ST-WP-01](#)
- SC13 2017 – Scientific Data Available [ST-WP-01](#)
- SC12 2016 – Scientific Data Available [ST-WP-01](#)
- SC11 2015 – Scientific Data Available [ST-WP-01](#)