



COMMISSION
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LIST OF OBSERVERS

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1. This paper provides for the information of the Commission the updated list of accredited observers to the Commission meeting as approved in accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedures. It also provides information on the implementation of the amendments made to Rule 36 at WCPFC15.
2. The observers may be organized into the following categories:
 - a) *State observers*¹
 - Belize
 - Brunei Darussalam
 - Mexico
 - Russian Federation
 - Senegal
 - St. Kitts and Nevis
 - b) *Inter-Governmental Organisations:*
 - African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
 - Agreement for the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels (ACAP)
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

¹ Curacao applied intersessionally to become a cooperating non-member (WCPFC Circular 2019/64). Curacao's application for observer status will also be considered at WCPFC16.

- Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources (CCAMLR)
- Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)
- Convention of Migratory Species (CMS)
- Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
- Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
- International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC)
- North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC)
- Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- University of the South Pacific
- The World Bank

c) Non-Governmental Organisations

- American Albacore Fishing Association (AAFA)
- American Fishermen's Research Foundation
- American Tunaboat Association (ATA)
- Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)
- Birdlife International
- Blue Ocean Institute
- Center for the Blue Economy (CEB)
- Conservation International (CI)
- Constitution of the Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights Inc.
- David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Earth Island Institute
- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
- Environment Hawaii
- Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI)
- Global Tuna Alliance*
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Greenpeace
- Hawaii Longline Association
- International Environmental Law Project
- International Game Fishing Association

- International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF)
- International Sustainability Unit of the UK (ISU)
- International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- Korea Institute of Ocean Science Technology
- Marine Stewardship Council
- Masyarakat dan Perikanan Indonesia (MDPI)
- Mobile Satellite Users Association
- Neighbor Organization Nepal (NEO-Nepal)
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group
- Ocean Friends Against Driftnets (OFAD)
- Ocean Outcomes (O2)
- Oceania
- Organisation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries
- Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies (ORIS)
- Pacific International Maritime Law Association
- Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association
- Pacific Albacore Trollers Association International (PATAI)*
- Pew Charitable Trust
- Seafood Legacy
- Sea Turtle Restoration Project
- Shark Advocates International
- Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
- Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) Foundation
- Tautai-O-Samoa Longline & Fishing Association
- The Humane Society
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- The Ocean Foundation*
- US-Japan Research Institute (USJI)
- World Tuna Purse Seine Organisation (WTPO)
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

**approved observers added since WCPFC15*

3. Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure was amended by WCPFC15 to enable the automatic revocation of observer status for those observers who have not attended at least one meeting of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies in the last three years. If the revised Rule 36, had been implemented with immediate effect, the following observers would cease to be accredited observers to the meetings of the Commission:

a) *State observers*

- Belize
- Russian Federation
- Senegal
- St. Kitts and Nevis

c) *Inter-Governmental Organisations*

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources (CCAMLR)
- Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)
- Convention of Migratory Species (CMS)
- Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
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b) *Non-Governmental Organisations*

- American Fishermen's Research Foundation
- Blue Ocean Institute
- Constitution of the Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights Inc.
- David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Hawaii Longline Association
- International Game Fishing Association
- International Sustainability Unit of the UK (ISU)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- Korea Institute of Ocean Science Technology
- Mobile Satellite Users Association
- Neighbor Organization Nepal (NEO-Nepal)
- New Zealand High Seas Fisheries Group
- Pacific International Maritime Law Association
- Sea Turtle Restoration Project
- Shark Advocates International
- Tautai-O-Samoa Longline & Fishing Association
- The Humane Society
- US-Japan Research Institute (USJI)

4. It is noted, however, that the operation of the revised Rule 36 in relation to the above IGOs may not be consistent with the provision of Article 22 of the WCPFC Convention and inconsistent with some of the MOUs of Cooperation between the WCPFC and some of those IGOs. In addition, NGO observers from some of the organisations listed in paragraph 3 have attended meetings of WCPFC or its subsidiary bodies as members of CCM delegations.

Recommendation

5. WCPFC16 is invited to note this paper and provide any guidance on the implementation of Rule 36.