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1. ABSTRACT/SUMMARY

The Solomon Islands tuna fishery contributes significantly towards the country's economy. Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFN) are licenced to fish in the Solomon Islands EEZ through bilateral and regional licensing arrangements. The fishery is exploited by domestic and foreign purse seine vessels, foreign locally based (chartered) and flagged (domestic) longliners and domestic pole and line vessels that fish in Solomon Islands Main Group Archipelago (MGA) and the EEZ.

The following access arrangements give access to foreign vessels to fish in Solomon Islands' EEZ: (i) bilateral arrangements between the Solomon Islands Government and Distant Water Fishing Nations; (ii) FSM Arrangement under the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA); (iii) PNA sub-pooling arrangements and (iv) the multilateral treaty arrangement between FFA member countries and the United States of America.

The total number of vessels that operated in Solomon Islands waters in 2019 was 294. The national fleet was 68 vessels (23%) and comprised of 11 domestic purse seiners, 53 longliners under chartered arrangements to Solomon Islands and 4 pole and line vessels. The foreign fleet was 226 vessels (77%) and comprised of 119 purse seiners, 37 longliners, 1 pole and line, 13 bunker vessels and 56 carriers.

The annual catch estimate for the Solomon Islands national fleet for 2019 was 82,981.80 mt an increase of 29 % over the catch made by the national fleet in 2018. The 2019 purse seine catch was 71,307.72 mt, comprising of skipjack with a 52,480.76 mt, yellowfin was 18,612.39 mt, bigeye was 203.77 mt and other species was 10.8 mt. The long line fishery caught 10,553.08 mt comprising of 2,899.51 mt albacore, 1,487.07 mt bigeye, 5587.50 mt yellowfin and 578.97 mt other tuna species. The pole and line fishery fish within and outside the Main Group Archipelago (MGA). The total catch caught by pole and line was 1,121 mt, comprising of 943 mt skipjack and 178 mt yellowfin.

The total sea days was 16,676 days and total fishing days for the whole fishery was 15,903. Purse seine fishing accounted for 2,562 sea days and 1,995 fishing days while longline fishing accounted for 13,556 sea days and 13,385 fishing days. Pole and line accounted for 558 sea days and 523 fishing days.

In 2019 the foreign fleet caught a total of 27,986.89 mt in the Solomon Islands EEZ which was 59% less than tuna caught by that fleet in 2018. The foreign purse seiners caught an estimated catch of 22,390.62 mt which consists of 19,502.30 mt skipjack, 2492.06 mt yellowfin, 316.73 mt bigeye. and 79.52 mt other tuna species. The foreign purse seine vessels registered 815 days at sea with 630 fishing days.

Foreign long line vessels caught a total of 5,596.27 mt in Solomon Island EEZ. The catch comprises of 2,889.71 mt albacore, 390.67 mt bigeye, 1,820.69 mt yellowfin and 495.21 mt of other tuna species. Foreign long line vessels registered 6,072 sea days and 5,083 fishing days.

In 2019 the overall tuna catches in Solomon Islands EEZ and WCPFC Conventional Area was 110,968.69 mt, which comprises of 72,926.06 mt (66%) skipjack, 33,762 mt (26%) yellowfin, 3,737.08 mt (2 %) bigeye, 8,567.71 mt (5 %) albacore and other species. This is very similar

to 2018 (skipjack, 64% yellowfin, 26%; albacore, 6%, bigeye, 3% and other species 1%). The total catch made by the national and foreign fleets in 2019 was only 2% more than 2018.

2. TABULAR ANNUAL FISHERIES INFORMATION (NATIONAL FLEET)

2.1 Annual Catch Estimates

Table 1a: Annual catch and effort estimates for Solomon Islands national fleet (flagged) purse seine vessels by primary species and discards for the WCPFC Convention Area from 2015 -2019.

	National Fleet-Purse Seine-Key species catches in the WCPFC Conventional Area													
		2015 2016 2017 2018							20	19				
Category	Species	Raised Catch(MT)	Retained estimates (MT)	Discards estimates (MT)	Retained estimates (MT)	Discards estimates (MT)	Retained estimates (MT)	Discards estimates (MT)	Retained estimates (MT)	Discards estimates (MT)				
TUN	ALB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.06	0.00				
TUN	BET	36.45	1644.9	7.82	169.36	0.75	99.48	3.55	203.77	7.05				
TUN	PBF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
TUN	SKJ	13362.2	26615.92	249.04	28249.06	0.15	35215.52	615.62	52480.76	494.82				
TUN	YFT	15496.2	15423.86	40.15	17292.71	0.09	15310.74	178.65	18612.39	147.43				
BIL	BLM	0.09	3.3	9.12	3.27	0	0.8	1.94	2.21	0.86				
BIL	BUM	0	4.84	1.32	0.12	0	6.76	4.08	5.46	4.34				
BIL	MLS	0.26	0.99	0	1.69	0.5	0.69	0.2	0.79	0.15				
BIL	SWO	0	1.65	9.9	0.14	0	1.6	0	0.17	0				
SHK	BSH	0	0	1.32	0	0	0	0	0	0.04				
SHK	FAL	0.35	0	128.33	1.49	0.06	0	81.81	0.11	82.83				
SHK	HAM	0	0	0	0	0.45	0	0.16	0	0.04				
SHK	MAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
SHK	OCS	0	0	0.33	0	0.09	0	0.36	0	0.24				
SHK	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
SHK	RHN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
SHK	THR	0	0	0	0	0.48	0	0.08	0	0.27				

(Source: Table 1a. using the ACEs method)

Table 1b. Annual catch and effort estimates for Solomon Islands national fleets –flagged and foreign locally based (chartered)¹ longline vessels by primary species and discards in the WCPFC Convention area from 2015 -2019.

	National Fleet-Longline Key species catches in the WCPFC Conventional Area											
		20	15	2016	2017	20	18	20	19			
Cotogom	Species	Raised	Discards	Retained	Retained	Retained	Discards	Retained	Discards			
Category	species	Catch	estimates									
		(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)			
TUN	ALB	10643.40	0.51	0	0	1914.07	0.70	2899.51	0.98			
TUN	BET	3072.60	0.14	0	0	1368.58	0.34	1487.09	0.75			
TUN	PBF	0.40	0	0	0	0	0	0.20	0			
TUN	SKJ	420.41	0.12	0	0	85.61	0.06	116.27	0.25			
TUN	YFT	11751.82	1.76	0	0	4849.52	2.30	5587.50	5.78			
BIL	BLM	37.07	11.02	0	0	6.40	0	12.56	0			
BIL	BUM	612.08	0	0	0	287.59	0.67	310.81	3.06			
BIL	MLS	13.37	0	0	0	1.36	0.08	5.06	0.12			
BIL	SWO	147.15	0.86	0	0	57.94	0.85	54.02	0.79			
SHK	BSH	104.35	0	0	0	48.27	5.44	54.61	8			
SHK	FAL	0	0.97	0	0	0	1.84	0	1.49			
SHK	HAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
SHK	MAK	0.74	0	0	0	20.98	3.85	25.43	1			
SHK	OCS	0	2.45	0	0	0	0.12	0	0.21			
SHK	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
SHK	RHN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
SHK	THR	0	13	0	0	0	0.56	0	0.28			

(Source: Table b. using the ACEs method)

⁽Note. Longline fleets for 2019 are under chartered arrangement, and since 2016 the arrangement is known as foreign locally based vessels. The terms are used interchangeably in this report)¹

Table 1c. Annual catch and effort estimates for Solomon Islands pole and line national fleets (flagged) in the WCPFC Convention area from 2015 -2019.

N	National Fleet -Pole and Line -Targeted Tuna Species in the WCPFC Conventional Area												
Flag Code	Year	Vessels	Trips	Sea Days	Fish Days	BET catch (MT)	SKJ catch (MT)	YFT catch (MT)	Total Catch (MT)				
SB	2015	1	1	19	19	0	688	222	910				
SB	2016	2	19	270	254	0	462	91	553				
SB	2017	2	17	255	231	0	435	151	586				
SB	2018	3	39	417	389	0	946	134	1080				
SB	2019	4	44	558	523	0	943	178	1121				

(Source: Table c. using the Dorado regional reporting 2019)

2.2 Historical information on national fleet.



Figure 1a: Historical annual catch for the NATIONAL PURSE SEINE FLEET by the primary species for the WCPFC Convention Area from 2000 -2019.



Figure 1b: Historical annual catch for the NATIONAL LONGLINE FLEET by the primary species for the WCPFC Convention Area from 2000 -2019.



Figure 1c: Historical annual catch for the NATIONAL POLE & LINE FLEET by the primary species for the WCPFC Convention Area from 2000 -2019.



2.3 Historical annual vessel numbers

Figure 2. Historical annual vessel numbers for the national purse seine, longline and pole &line fleets for the WCPFC Convention Area from 2000 -2019.

2.4 Size category

Table 2: Number of national longline (Flag/Charter), purse seine and pole & line vessels by size category, active in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019.

SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL FLEETS -SIZE CATEGORY (GRT)												
Gear		PURSE SEINE										
Size Category(GRT)	2015	2015 2016 2017 2018										
0-500	1	0	0	0	0							
501 - 1000	20	5	5	5	5							
1001 - 1500	67	3	4	4	5							
1500+	12	0	1	1	1							
Gear	LONGLINER											
Size Category(GRT)	2015	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019										
0 - 50	0	0 0 0 0		0	0							
51-200	86	0	0	34	41							
201 - 500	61	0	0	7	12							
500+	0	0	0	0	0							
Gear		PC	DLE AND LI	NE								
Size Category(GRT)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019							
0 - 50	0	0	0	0	0							
51-200	2	2	2	3	4							
201 - 500	4	0	0	0	0							
500+	1	0	0	0	0							

(Source: MFMR License section and Dorado reporting, 2019)

2.4 Catch and Effort distributions

Figure 3: Annual distribution of target species catch and effort by national purse seine, longline and pole & line fleets active in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019.



Figure 3.1 Purse Seine Catch and Effort pattern



Figure 3.2 Longline Catch and Effort pattern



Figure 3.3 Pole and Line Catch and Effort pattern

2.5 Species of special interest

Table 3: Observed annual estimated catches of species of special interest by the national purse seine & longline fleet in the WCPFC Convention area for 2015 – 2019.

0	Category	face days		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019					
Gear	Category	Species	Number	No. Alive	No. Dead												
		BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	32	32	0	11	11	0	10	3	2						
		BEAKED WHALE BLAINVILLES	2	2	0												
		BLUE WHALE	1	1	0												
		BRYDE'S WHALE	3	3	0	3	3	0	4	4	0				9	9	0
		BRIDES WHALE	21	21	0	21	21	0	5	5	0						
		CUVIER'S BEAKED WHALE													16	16	0
		COMMON DOLPHIN				1817	1808	0									
		DOLPHINS NEI										1	0	1			
		DOLPHINS FRASERS	5	4	1												
		DOLPHIN/PORPOISES (Undentified)	2	2	0												
		FALSE KILLER WHALE	82	82	0	20	18	2	24	24	0	7	7	0	6	6	0
		FIN WHALE										6	6	0			
	MARINE MAMMALS	FRASER'S DOLPHIN	5	3	2												
		HUMBACK WHALE				3	3										
		INDO-PACIF. BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	1	1	0	4	4	0									
		KILLER WHALE				1	1										
		MINKE WHALE	8	8	0	8	8	0	5	5		1	1	0			
NATIONAL PURSE SEINE		MARINE MAMMAL (Unidentified)	6	6	0	6	6	0									
		PYGMY KILLER WHALE													12	12	0
		RISSSOS DOLHPIN	18	9	0												
		ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN	12	12	0	13	12	0				28	4	24	1	0	1
		SEI WHALE				6	6	0							5	5	0
		SHORT-FINNED PILOT WHALE	10	10	0	2	2	0				7	1	6			
		SPERM WHALE	1	1	0												
		SPINNER DOLPHIN	12	12	0	25	19	6	17	0	0						
		WHALE (UNIDENTIFIED)							1	1	0						
		WHALE SHARK	1	1	0	4	4	0	7	7	0	8	8	0	10	10	0
		FLATBACK TURTLE	2	2	0	2	2	0									
		GREEN TURTLE	4	4	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	5	5	0			
		HAWKSBILL TURTLE	2	2	0	4	4	0	2	1	1				4	4	0
	MARINE REPTILES	LEATHERBACK TURTLE	2	1	1							1	0	0			
		LOGGERHEAD TURTLE	11	8	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	1			
		OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLE	3	3	0	2	2	0	5	5	0	5	1	4	2	2	0
		MARINE TURTLE (Undentified)	2	2		2	2	0				1	0	1			
	MARINE MAMMALS	FALSE KILLER WHALE										3	3	0			
		GREEN TURTLE										1	1	0	2	1	1
NATIONAL LONGUME		HAWKSBILL TURTLE	5	4	1							1	1	0	2	0	2
INCOME LONGLINE	MARINE REPTILES	LEATHERBACK TURTLE	3	2	0												
		LOGGERHEAD TURTLE										1	0	1			
		OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLE	14	6	8	1	0	1				6	1	4			

(Source: Tufman 2-Tubs report 2019)

2.6 Non-target, associated and dependent species

	WCPFC Convention Area	for 2015-20	19			
Category	Specis	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	•	Specles mt	Species mt	Species mt	Species mt	Species mt
BIL		0.050	0.388	0.408	0.4	0.02
INV		0.003			0.002	0.015
	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	1.554	0.176	1.297		
	BRYDE'S WHALE	1.814	1.815	2.42		36.9
	COMMON DOLPHIN		20.189			
	CUVIER'S BEAKED WHALE					1.6
		16 881	4.5	8.003	0.1	E 75
		10.001	4.5	8.095	5.9	3.23
	FRASER'S DOLPHIN	0.55			0.1	
MAM	INDO-PACIF. BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	0.08	0.068			
	MINKEWHALE				80	
	PYGMY KILLER WHALE					4.14
	ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN	0.885	6.5		1.4	0.04
	SHORT-FINNED PILOT WHALE	2.78	0.556		11.329	18.05
	SPINNER DOLPHIN	1.04	2.083	1.5		
	WHALE (UNIDENTIFIED)			0.1		
	AMBERJACKS NEI					0.017
	BARRACUDAS NEI			1		
	BATFISHES		0.015	0.005	0.005	0.016
	BIGEYE TREVALLY	0.073	0.015	0.247	0.005	0.138
	BLACK TRIGGERFISH	0.005	0.000		0.001	0.003
	BLACKFIN BARRACUDA			0.01		
	BLUE SEA CHUB / SNUBNOSE CHUB / TOPSAIL DRUMMER	0.147	1.165	20.268	0.115	0.207
	BRILLIANT POMFRET				0.03	
		47.700		0.015	5 684	
		42.309	13.413	6.275	5.684	8.523
	FILEFISHES NEI	0.02	0.034	0.001		0.001
	GOLDEN TREVALLY	0.056	0.01	0.002	0.049	0.04
OTHER FISH	GREAT BARRACUDA	2.372	2.574	5.626	1.901	1.476
	GREATER AMBERJACK	0.041		0.001		0.01
	LATCHET(-SHARPBEAK GURNARD)				0.1	
		0.01	0.048	0.003	0.052	0.041
	OCEAN SUNFISH	0.5	0.18	20.551	0.08	0.102
	OCEAN TRIGGERFISH (SPOTTED)	6.953	15.001	18.624	4.864	5.766
	OCEANIC PUFFER				0.001	
	PILOTFISH		0.016			
	RAINBOW RUNNER	123.959	213.251	690.762	79.363	67.976
		0.09	0.15	0.001		
	SLENDER SUNFISH	0.03			0.19	
	SNAKE MACKEREL			0.001		
	TRIGGERFISHES DURGONS NEI	0.07	1.133	0.304	0.334	0.005
	TRIPLETAIL	0.35	0.441	0.069	0.03	0.12
		0.145	0.132	0.01	0.002	0.016
	UNSPECIFIED	0.072	0.017	0.005	0.095	0.025
	WAHOO	0	2.293	1.381	0.986	0.69
	YELLOWTAILAMBERJACK		0.01		0.25	
	GIANTMANTA	2.94	3.733	7.8	5.387	8.135
RAY	MANTAS DEVIL RAYS NEI	0.2	0.63			0.03
		2.17	2.668	5.483	0.86	2.442
	BIGEYE THRESHER SHARK	0.16	0.17	0.105	0.1	0.18
	BIGNOSE SHARK			2.615		
	BLACKTIP REEF SHARK					1.4
	BLACKTIP SHARK	7.476		0.187	0.2	0.2
	BRONZE WHALER SHARK	0.06		0.365	2.66	
		l	0.09	0.1	0.1	
знк	GREY REEF SHARK	l		0.5	0.1	
	OCELLATED ANGELSHARK					0.04
	PELAGIC THRESHER SHARK	0.038	0.03		0.04	0.06
	SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD	0.05	0.04		0.1	0.035
		0.2	0.04	0.03		
			0.11	0.03	0.2	
	GREEN TURTLE	0,026	0.012	0.029	0.039	
	HAWKSBILLTURTLE	0.012				0.025
TTX	LEATHERBACK TURTLE				0.4	
	LOGGERHEAD TURTLE	0.01	0.017	0.005	0.017	
	OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLE	0.06	0.02	0.076		0.03

 Table 4a: Annual estimated catches of non-target, associated and dependent species including sharks by NATIONAL PURSE SEINE FLEET in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019.

(Source: Tufman 2-Tubs report 2019)

	in the WCPFC Con	vention Area	for 2015 - 20	19	-	
Species Category	Species Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Species Category	Species Name	Species mt	Species mt	Species mt	Species mt	Species mt
DU	INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH	3.8435	0.2836		6.2186	3.481
BIL	SHORTBILL SPEARFISH	0.0214	0.0032		0.8193	0.4207
INV	OMMASTREPHIDAE SQUIDS NEI	0.01				0.004
MAM	FALSE KILLER WHALE				0.3	
	ATLANTIC POMFRET	0.0029			0.0012	0.0012
	BARRACOUTA				0.0364	0.0034
	BARRACUDAS NEI				0.1237	
	BLACKFIN BARRACUDA					0.0403
	BLACK GEMFISH	0.0015			0.021	0.0075
	BRILLIANT POMFRET				0.1018	0.0679
	CHINA ANCHOVY	0.001				
	COMMON DOLPHINFISH	0.7239	0.0398		0.4324	0.3776
	CRESTED OARFISH	0.0109			0.0109	
	DEALFISHES				0.009	
	DRIFTFISH	0.005				
	ESCOLAR	1.8645	0.0183		5.3612	16.5934
	FRECKLED DRIFTFISH	0				
	GOLDENSTRIPED SOAPFISH				0.0054	0.0003
	GREAT BARRACUDA	0.6501	0.0439		2.2924	1.5905
	LONG SNOUTED LANCETFISH	0.0022			0.0715	0.0628
	OARFISHES NEI				0.008	
	OCEAN SUNFISH	0.5915				
OTHER FISH	OCEAN TRIGGERFISH (SPOTTED)	0.001				
	OILFISH	0.3665	0.0085		1.5236	0.4925
	OMOSUDID				0.016	0.024
	ОРАН	1.6927			3.2716	9.5138
	POMFRETS OCEAN BREAMS NEI				0.0712	
	RAINBOW RUNNER	0.0071	0.014		0.029	0.0337
	RAZORBACK SCABBARDFISH	0.4756			0.0232	0.0058
	RED SEA CATFISH	0.0586	0.0286			
	ROUDI ESCOLAR				0.034	0.042
	SHORT SNOUTED LANCETFISH				0.0052	0.1668
	SERGEANT-MAJOR	0.1566				
	SICKLE POMFRET	0.1914	0.016		0.2498	0.2249
	SILVER GEMFISH				0.0177	
	SLENDER SILVER-BIDDY					
	SNAKE MACKEREL	0.4495	0.056		0.2574	0.5848
	SNAKE MACKERELS ESCOLARS NEI				0.0069	
	UNICORNFISH	0.002				0.002
	UNSPECIFIED	0.0274			0.0548	0.0548
	WAHOO	1.1697	0.0423		2.3408	1.682
	GIANT MANTA	2.869				0.5738
RAY	MOBULA	0.4374			0.6561	3.9076
	PELAGIC STINGRAY	2.0047	0.1663		8.7212	0.1982
	BIGEYE THRESHER SHARK	0.2973			0.3964	
	BLACKTIP REEF SHARK	0.0256				
	BLACKTIP SHARK	0.4466				
	GALAPAGOS SHARK	0.1662				
	GREY REEF SHARK	0.1244	0.1621			
знк	LONGFIN MAKO	0.7221	0.1024		0.4536	
	PELAGIC THRESHER SHARK	0.0244				-
	SANDBAR SHARK	0.3113				
	SHORTFIN MAKO	0.6275	0.1156		0.8519	1.5253
	SILVERTIP SHARK	0.0291				
	THRESHER SHARK (VULPINUS)	0.0405			0.0391	0.7500
		ļ			1.8492	0.7638
	GREEN TURTLE	<u> </u>			0.01	0.02
		0.05			0.01	0.02
ттх	LEATHERBACK TURTLE	0				
	LOGGERHEAD TURTLE	ļ			0.01	
	OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLE	1.12	0.08		0.48	
TUN	DOGTOOTH TUNA					0.0438
1011	PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA	<u> </u>				0.1565

Table 4b: Annual estimated catches of non-target, associated and dependent species including sharks by NATIONAL LONGLINE FLEET in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019. [NATIONAL LONGLINE-Annual estimated catches of non-target, associated and dependent species, including sharks]

(Source: Tufman 2-Tubs report, 2019)

2.7 Estimated annual coverage

Table 5: Estimated Annual coverage of operational catch/effort, port sampling and observer data for NATIONAL PURSE SEINE, POLE &LINE AND LONGLINE FLEET in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019.

GEAR	YEAR	CATCH/EFFORT DATA COVERAGE	PORT SAMPLING COVERAGE	OBSERVER DATA COVERAGE		
	2015	HIGH	LOW	HIGH		
Purse Seine	2016	HIGH	LOW	HIGH		
Purse Seine	2017	HIGH	NIL	HIGH		
	2018	HIGH	NIL	81.30%		
	2019	HIGH (99.54%)	NIL	HIGH (89.0%)		
	2015	HIGH	NIL	LOW		
Pole and Line	2016	HIGH	NIL	LOW		
	2017	HIGH	NIL	MEDIUM		
	2018	MEDIUM	NIL	28%		
	2019	MEDIUM (79.89%)	NIL	LOW (20%)		
	2015	LOW	NIL	LOW		
	2016	LOW	NIL	LOW		
Longliner	2017	NIL	NIL	NIL		
	2018	MEDIUM	NIL	3.80%		
	2019	HIGH (82.16%)	NIL	LOW (4.1%)		

(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado reports and Tubs report, 2019)

3. BACKGROUND

The Solomon Islands tuna fishery comprises purse seine, longline and pole and line fleets. Since early 1970 the fleets have contributed to the economy of the country through license fees, levies from transhipment of tuna, port entries (including fines) and exports of frozen tuna to overseas markets. With the establishment of a tuna cannery in Noro in the 1980s in Western Province, domestic fleets have landed raw tuna for processing into canned fish, fishmeal, tuna loins and fish oil. These high-quality tuna products are exported to overseas markets, although a high percentage of canned tuna is also sold domestically. More than 2500 Solomon Islands nationals were employed in the fishing and processing sector. In the fishing sector 10% were females and in the processing sector 61% were females.²

The artisanal tuna fishery is small scale compared to the commercial tuna fishery. The artisanal fishery utilizes outboard motors and trolling to harvest tuna that are sold daily in local and urban markets. The artisanal fishery brings income and fresh fish, a source of nutrition to the more than 80 % of people who live in the coastal communities and also to urban centres.

The coastal communities are also involved in harvesting marine products such as reef fish and shell fish mostly for local consumption while trochus, sea cucumber, shark fin, deep bottom fish, crayfish, coconut crab and coral are sold to registered marine products exporters who are licensed to export these products to overseas market.

² MFMR Domestic Tuna Economics Annual Report Card (2019).

In 2015 a new Fisheries Management Act (FMA 2015) was passed by parliament of Solomon Islands. The FMA 2015 is supported by national fisheries regulations (2017 and 2018 and subsequent amendments). For example, the Fisheries Management (Amendment) Regulations of 16th October 2019 revised license fees. The Tuna Fisheries Management and Development Plan, (TMDP) is currently in review and the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) Corporate Plan and Strategy 2019 – 2023 and the Solomon Islands National Fisheries Policy 2019-2029 are complete. These policy documents aim to ensure the long-term management, conservation, development and sustainable use of Solomon Islands fisheries resources.

The reviewed TMDP will be consistent with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources' Corporate Plan which aims to properly develop and manage Solomon Islands' Fisheries and to ensure Solomon Islands receives benefit from its sustainably managed marine resources. The TMDP is provided for in the FMA 2015 and is consistent with Solomon Islands National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2035. The NDS supports fisheries management initiatives, investment opportunity, improved food security, access to social services and basic needs, improve infrastructure and economic growth.

Solomon Islands is a member of Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) and benefits from the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS). In 2019 under the PNA, Solomon Islands was allocated 3,649 fishing days for purse seine vessels that could be sold to fishing companies to allow fishing in Solomon Islands EEZ. Solomon Islands take compatible measures by applying 1,000 vessels days in its archipelagic waters consistent with the VDS requirements.

The chartering of foreign long line vessels continued in 2019. Each fishing company pays for a number of fishing days under the longline VDS PAE and allocates it to its vessels. The licensing of chartered tuna longliners is conditional on landing their catch in the designated ports of Noro or Honiara. Any landing of tuna outside Solomon Islands attracts some cost on the vessel as per metric tonne, which must be paid to the Solomon Islands Government. Foreign tuna longline vessels not under charter arrangements can unload their catches in foreign ports.

The pole and line fishery was an important fishery from 1980 - 1999. Solomon Taiyo limited and National Fisheries Developments Ltd. (NFD) had a fleet of over 30 pole and line vessels to fish both in the EEZ and within the archipelagic water for skipjack and yellowfin utilizing live baitfish caught with nets from reefs (bait grounds). In the late 1990s the number of pole and line vessels declined due to high cost in maintaining the vessel and the ethnic tension (1999-2003) caused Solomon Taiyo to reduce its pole and line fleet drastically. After the ethnic tension, NFD attempted to salvage the pole and line fleet but this proved difficult due to high operational and maintenance costs along with the drop in tuna prices overseas. However, NFD maintained four pole and line vessels, reducing to two from 2015 – 2017, three in 2018 and four vessels in 2019.

4. FLAG STATE REPORTING

The national fleet is comprised of purse seine, longline and pole and line vessels. They are locally flagged vessels and are operated by local registered companies that fish in the WCPFC Convention Area that covers Solomon Islands Economic Zone.

4.1 Locally Flagged (Domestic) Vessels

The records indicate that for the 2019 reporting year there were a total of 11 national purse seiners, 53 national longliners (flagged & chartered) and 4 national pole & line flagged vessels (Table 6). The flag state is responsible to report on all gear types that are licenced by locally registered companies and operated in WCPFC Convention Area.

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National Gear Types by Year from 2015 -2019										
GEAR 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019										
Purse Seine	8	8	10	10	11					
Longliner	1	0	0	41	53					
Pole & Line	2	2	2	3	4					
Total	11	10	12	54	68					

Table 6. Summary of the National Gear types/ fleets operating in the WCPFCConvention Area for 2015 -2019.

Source: MFMR License report 2019.

In 2019, the purse seine fleet comprised 7 vessels operated under National Fisheries Development (NFD), 3 operated under Southern Seas Logistic (SSL) and 1 operated under Shoreline Venture.

The 5 purse seiners that are less than 50 metres with a gross tonnage of 500 mt (see Table 2) are dominated by local crews and are permitted to fish in the MGA utilising anchored FADs to catch tuna for the Noro cannery.

The following registered companies are engaged in licensing of the longline vessels. NFD with 20 chartered vessels, Global Fishery with 13 chartered vessels, Willfish Investment with 11 chartered vessels, Solong Seafood Development Ltd with 4 chartered vessels, Southern Seas Investment with 2 chartered vessels and Premium Seafood Ltd operated 3 flagged (domestic) vessels.

The longline vessels fished outside 30 nautical miles from the baseline. These vessels employed over 98 % foreign crews and 80% of tuna caught are exported frozen to overseas market.

The domestic pole and line fleet of 4 vessels has 100 % Solomon Island crews and fish purposely to supply tuna to the cannery and to supply frozen tuna export products to European markets.

The graph in Fig. 4, shows a sharp increase in the number of flagged longline vessels in 2018 and 2019, while the pole and line and purse seine numbers have remained relatively steady. The increase in longliners in the national fleet is due to a change in status of charter vessels-now treated as foreign locally based and part of the national fleet.



⁽Source: MFMR License report 2019)

Figure 4: Historical summary of national (flagged) gear types/ fleets operating in the WCPFC Convention Area for 2015 -2019.

4.2 Catch Estimates and Distribution

NATIONAL PURSE SEINE FLEET

The national purse seine fleets actively operated in 2019 caught a total estimated catch of 71,307.72 mt (Figure 4a). The fishing activities were heavily concentrated within the MGA which accounted for 90% of the total effort (Figure 4a). Fishing operation occurs on anchored FADs and other associated fishing activities. The reserved MGA is strictly allocated for the prescribed domestic vessels 500 GRT and less than 50 metres in length. The processed data and required information are extracted from the database TUFMAN 2-Dorado reports. The total estimated catches are verified with fishing company's records and it indicates an increasing trend since 2017 for national purse seine catches (Figure 4b).



Figure 4a: Catch and Effort distribution for National Purse Seine Fleet for current year 2019.



(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado reports, 2019.)

Figure 4b: Total Catches for the National Purse Seine Fleet from 2015 -2019 in the WCPFC Convention Area.

NATIONAL LONGLINE FLEET

Figure 4c represents the total catches by key tuna species caught in the Solomon Islands EEZ by the flagged and chartered longline fleet. The longline fleet are operated by the locally based companies and information is provided through the submission of data from log sheets and other dissemination of information in eLog data into database system.



(Source: Tuyman 2-Dorado reports, 2019.) Figure 4c. Catches for National Longline (flagged & chartered) 2019

NATIONAL POLE & LINE FLEET

The national pole and line fleet is one of the fishing activities that continues to contribute some of its catches to produce the quality brand product for Soltuna Ltd. 2019 catches were low with 1,121mt compared to effort (Figure 4d). The operator of this fleet explains that pole and line vessels are sometimes used to do prospecting or scout fishing to support its purse Seine fleet and used for deploying anchored FADs in areas around the MGA.



(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado reports, 2019.)

Figure 4d. Catches for National Pole & Line Fleet from 2015 -2019.

5. COASTAL STATE REPORTING

Coastal state reporting refers to foreign fleets that operate in the national waters of Solomon Islands EEZ. The report includes different vessels but for the purposes of this reporting, activities are based on the foreign purse seine and foreign longline bilateral arrangements between other DWFNs (respective flag states) and Solomon Islands. All the activities reported in this section comprise catch and effort information from inside the Solomon Islands EEZ only.

5.1 Fleet structure for the Foreign Fishing Vessels

In 2019, Solomon Islands had bilateral arrangements with the Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFNs) of Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines to have access to fish in the Solomon Islands EEZ utilizing purse seine, longline and pole and line gears. Other arrangements allow other DWFNs purse seiners and longliners to have fishing access to the Solomon Islands EEZ are the FSMA, PNA (sub-pooling arrangement)³ and FFA-Multi lateral treaty arrangements. These arrangements allow access outside 30 nautical miles from the baseline excluding the MGA.

Table 7 below summarises the foreign licensed vessels by their flag state that operated in the Solomon Islands EEZ in 2019. These foreign vessels comprised 13 bunker vessels, 56 carrier vessels, 37 longliners, 119 purse seiners and 1 Japanese pole & line flag which are actively operating within the jurisdiction of the WCPFC area including Solomon Islands EEZ.

Number of Foreign licensed vessels by flag and gear in 2019											
Flag	Bunkers	Carriers	Longline	Pole & Line	Purse Seine	Total by Flag					
Cook Islands	4	0	0	0	0	4					
China	0	0	30	0	7	37					
Fiji	0	0	4	0	0	4					
Japan	0	0	0	1	28	29					
Kiribati	1	0	0	0	7	8					
Korea	4	21	0	0	26	51					
Marshall Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1					
Nauru	1	0	0	0	0	1					
Panama	2	27	0	0	0	29					
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	6	6					
Phillipines	0	5	0	0	15	20					
Taiwan	0	2	1	0	27	30					
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	1	1					
Vanuatu	0	1	2	0	2	5					
Total by Gear	13	56	37	1	119	226					

Table 7. Summary of the Foreign fishing vessels licensed to operate in the SolomonIslands EEZ in 2019.

(Source: MFMR License report and Dorado report, 2019.)

³ MFMR License record 2019 –Bilateral arrangement and Sub-pooling arrangement.

5.2. Foreign Purse Seine Vessels

Table 8 below shows the foreign purse seiner's fleets reported catch and effort in the Solomon Islands EEZ for 2019. The total estimated catches in 2019 was approximately 22390.62 mt of key tuna species (skipjack, bigeye, yellowfin and others). Fishing patterns change due to the migration of tuna stocks.

I	OREIGN P	URSE SEIN	E FLEET - To	otal catch e	stimates a	nd efforts for pr	imary tuna speci	es in the Solomo	on Islands EZ	2 for 2019		
Flag Code	Voor		Eff	orts			Catches					
riag Coue	rear	Vessels	Trips	Sea Days	Fish Days	SKJ Catch (MT)	BET Catch (MT)	YFT Catch (MT)	Other (MT)	TOTAL Catch (MT)		
FM	2019	13	18	112	81	1431.14	26	250	12.80	1719.95		
KI	2019	8	9	67	57	1689.70	14	286.5	1.56	1991.76		
KR	2019	19	42	272	217	9560.28	124.02	857.03	7.28	10548.61		
MH	2019	2	2	4	3	0	0	0	0			
NR	2019	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0			
PG	2019	14	20	105	76	2784.92	2.5	432.25	10.58	3230.25		
TW	2019	17	31	167	124	2623.05	96.51	444.02	44.22	3207.8		
US	2019	11	12	74	66	1298.21	53.7	202.26	3.08	1557.25		
VU	2019	2	3	11	4	115	0	20	0	135		
Tot	als	87	138	815	630	19502.3	316.73	2492.06	79.52	22390.62		

 Table 8. Coastal reports on the Foreign Purse Seine Fleet with the total catch estimates and efforts for primary tuna species in the Solomon Islands EEZ for 2019.

(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado reports, 2019.)

5.2.1 Foreign Purse Seine Catch and Effort Distribution

The total catch and effort by different flag states or DWFNs in 2019 is shown in Figure 5a. Effort and Catch were clearly dominated by Korea.



⁽Source: Tufman 2-Dorado reports, 2019.)

Figure 5a. Total Catch and Effort for Foreign Purse Seine Fleets in 2019.

5.3 Foreign Longliner Vessels

Table 9 below shows the details of foreign longline vessels that operated in the Solomon Islands EEZ in 2019 under the bilateral arrangement. Note this does not include chartered longliners that are licenced under locally based companies. The foreign longline fleets comprised total of 55 active vessels; 37 Chinese flagged, 5 Fiji flagged, 2 Federated States of Micronesia flagged, 1 Korean flagged, 8 Taiwanese flagged and 2 Vanuatu flagged vessels. Their total estimated catch was 5596.27 mt.

	FOREIGN LONGLINE FLEET-Total catch estimate and effort for primary tuna species in Solomon Islands EEZ for 2019												
FLAG	Year	Vessels	Trips	Sea Days	Fishing Days	100s of Hooks	ALB Catch (MT)	BET Catch (MT)	YFT Catch (MT)	OTHER Catch (MT)	TOTAL Catch (MT)		
CN	2019	37	138	5641	4775	162490	2790.36	358.86	1635.14	469.49	5253.85		
FJ	2019	5	8	216	165	5800	65.4	15.7	69.11	12.56	162.76		
FM	2019	2	2	132	112	3879	28.84	12.34	89.29	9.69	140.16		
KR	2019	1	1	1	1	32	0	0.73	2.17	0.09	2.98		
TW	2019	8	9	74	30	900	5.11	3.04	24.98	3.38	36.52		
VU	2019	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
To	tals	55	160	6072	5083	173101	2889.71	390.67	1820.69	495.21	5596.27		

Table 9. Coastal Report for the Foreign Longline Fleet with the total catch estimates and
efforts for primary tuna species in the Solomon Islands EEZ for 2019.

(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado Reports, 2019.

5.3.1 Foreign Longline Catch and Effort Distribution

The catch and effort distribution for the foreign longline fleets scattered throughout the Solomon Islands EEZ as presented in Figure 5. Most of the albacore are caught at the southeastern par, while yellowfin and bigeye are caught at the northern area of the EEZ (Left hand plot) and the effort (right hand plot) reflects the catch data.



Figure 5. Catch and effort distribution for Foreign Longline Fleets in 2019.

6. SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

The Solomon Islands tuna fishery is a major productive sector that contributes greatly to the economy and to the development and social benefits of the country. The resource is a very important commodity which is not only a source of income but also a means of food security.

Social services provided by the fisheries sectors both in the industries and the public sphere include employment services, access to infrastructure, education and health. All of these are means of empowering the society.

Economic value contributed towards the society and the government include through exports, revenue collection, access fees, taxes and duties that are provided in the value chain of the operation. MFMR conducts an annual economics survey and prepares a report card on the contribution of the domestic tuna industry to the nation's economy. The Government of Solomon Islands through the MFMR continues to strengthen its mandatory task of developing and implementing policy and legislation to safeguard the operation and development of this tuna fisheries. The FMA 2015 and Fisheries Management Regulations 2017 are the primary legislative mechanisms to protect and guide the operation, exploitation and sustainable management of the resource. The Tuna Fisheries Management Development Plan (TMDP) will also direct the future pathway for enhancing and sustaining the resource.

7. DISPOSAL OF CATCH

The catches offloaded by the national fleets through onshore companies are disposed of in the form of exports and for processing in the cannery. The locally registered companies involved in this activity are NFD Ltd, Willfish Investment Ltd, Global Fishery Ltd, Solong Seafood Development with two onshore processing companies namely Soltuna Company Ltd and Solfish Company Ltd. Table 9 shows details of the market destination for the national fleet.

	Disposal o	of Catches from	m the NATIO		GLINE. POLE	&LINE and P	URSE SEINE	FLEET for 2019
			Loc	ally Regis	tered Companie	es		Market Destination
Gear	Species Description	National Fisheries Development	Willfish Investment Ltd	Global Fishery Ltd	Solong Seafood Development	Southern Sea Investment	Foreign Longline - Local Agent	Overseas
		90.89	28.05	79.86				American Samoa
					244.27		253.74	China
					10.39		21.47	European
							1928.67	Fiji
		948.82	346.64	31.53				Japan
		3497.52						Japan(Shashimi Grade)
	Frozen				66.94		66.28	New Zealand
			4.24					Panama
		356.01	407.80	1192.29				Taiwan
Longline		80.11	21.43				98.49	Thailand
_							19.76	United States
		11.65	50.94				301.42	Vietnam
		10.31	15.70		50.66		1845.41	Other Countries
	Total MT	4995.31	874.80	1303.67	372.26		4535.23	Domestic
		278.82	57.25	2.08	19.85		393.04	Local Market(Solomon Islands)
	Erozon	155.22						Undersize/Bycatch
	FIOZEII	428.98						Soltuna Loining
							158.77	Repacking to order Solfish Ltd
	Total MT	863.02	57.25	2.08	19.85		551.81	
		258.918						Europe(Spain & Italy)
	-	22.086						NFD-Cold Storage (Noro)
Pole & Line	Frozen	865.27						Soltuna Processing(Cannery)-Noro
		30.7						Local Sale/Bycatch
	Total MT	1176.974						
						2557		Thailand
						600		To order from oversea buyers
	Frozen	956.31						Local Sale/Bycatch
Purse Seine	1	1873.62						NFD-Cold Storage
-		24768.66						Soltuna Processing (Cannery)-Noro
	Total MT	27598.5851				3157		

 Table 9: Disposal of Catches from the National Longline, Pole & Line and Purse Seine fleet for 2019.

(Source: Tufman 2-Dorado report and MFMR MCS-Fish accountancy reports, 2019)

8. ONSHORE DEVELOPMENT

Soltuna Ltd operates the Noro tuna cannery, situated in Western Province. A maximum capacity of 150 mt raw tuna can be processed daily. The tuna products include canned tuna of various brands to meet local and overseas markets, while tuna loins are exported to European markets and fishmeal is exported to Pacific countries and Asian markets.

A second tuna processing plant for Solomon Islands is planned to be situated at Bina Harbour in Malaita Province. The Solomon Island Government through the MFMR with support from donor partners are working tirelessly and are fully committed to ensure that this important industry becomes operational in the next few years.

The development of this project is proceeding well; the land site has been secured, all landowning groups including Malaita Provincial Government and other stakeholders are in support of the initiative. The development is in line with government plans for decentralization. This will bring new jobs, improve national economy, infrastructure, standard of living and food security.

9. FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE FISHERY

The vision of the MFMR is for a sustainable fisheries sector that contributes to the socioeconomic needs of all Solomon Islanders. The mission of the MFMR is to provide effective services to facilitate sustainable management and development of our fisheries and aquatic resources for the benefit of the nation.

Policy and legislative tools are in place to support this vision and mission. The current policy focus is on finalising and launching the TMDP in 2020 and regular reviews of regulations will be undertaken (for example the Fisheries Management (Amendment) Regulations of 16th October 2019 revised license fees).

In line with the National Fisheries Policy Strategic Policy Objective 2 the MFMR aims to increase, improve and diversify the benefits that the nation receives from its offshore fisheries resources. Nevertheless, the MFMR also sees that the tuna fishery is an integral part of the nation's overall fisheries resources and encourages coastal fishermen to become involved in small fisheries projects, including aquaculture (seaweed, tilapia). Foreign investors are welcomed to venture into commercial fishing.

10. STATUS OF THE FISHERY DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS

10.1 Data collection and verification

The MFMR through the Offshore Fisheries Division, Statistics Section are mandated to analyze and enter data into the available database systems, namely Tufman 2 and FIMs. These two systems have different data set components but play the same support role by providing data and generating reports.

The SPC TUFMAN 2 database system normally provides daily support for manual registration, entering and verification of catches from log sheets. These catch data used the system to

produce important reports. Along with Dorado reporting and Tubs reporting these generate the information required for international, regional and national reporting obligations.

The PNA FIMS database system uses data that has been submitted through the e-log system and that can be integrated automatically into the TUFMAN 2 database. The data components in FIMS captures different areas of the fishery operation such as license applications, VDS, e-Logs, observer listings, CDS and MCS.

The other newly introduced fishery data collection systems are electronic monitoring (EM) and electronic reporting (ER). These are now in operation on longline vessels in the Solomon Islands fishery. This operation captures the footage of the fishing activities and can be analyzed for combating IUU.

10.2 Port sampling programme

The port sampling programme operated from 2012 to 2015 but is no longer operational.

10.3 Transhipment

In 2019, transhipment was monitored by the compliance and enforcement officers who generate information reports (Fish accountancy and Carriers Transhipment file). Additional transhipment data is summarised from other sources generated through the TUFMAN 2 database system. Transhipment activities occurs in the two designated ports of Honiara and Noro.

(Refer to the Attachment 1, CMM 09-06 para 11 for 2019 transhipment to be reported as requirement, for Solomon Islands designated ports of Honiara and Noro, with other overseas ports tranship by flag vessels (SB)).

11. RESEARCH

Research is the backbone of fishery sector to support innovative technical skills and scientific development. At the national level, we identify the need for a research focus on target and non-target species and the impact of fishing behaviour on the stock. The scientific focus area needs for Solomon Islands are in tuna stock assessment, biological studies, oceanography, biomass surveys and ecological assessments.

Currently Solomon Islands MFMR relies heavily on regional organisations like SPC and FFA for research on the tuna fishery. MFMR aspires to build its own internal research capacity.

ATTACHMENT I

2019 - Transhipment report for Honiara and Noro designated ports within Solomon Islands national jurisdiction and overseas ports within the WCPFC Convention Area.

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Α	Total Ouantity	Total catch	les by spec	cies offloaded	by purse sein	ne and	longlin	e natic	nal fle	ets tran	shipping a	t Honiara
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		Offloaded and	Transhipped	Transhipped inside	Caught inside			species			Product Form	Fishing Gear
		received	Port	Convention Area	Convention Area	SKJ(MT)	YFT(MT)	BET(MT)	ALB(MT)	Total(MT)	rioudeeronn	rioning ocui
			Maiuro	Yes	Yes	7894.03	1082	102	0	9078.03		
			Tarawa	Yes	Yes	5027.08	589	14	0	5630.08	Ť	
			Pohnpei	Yes	Yes	2288.2	232	0	0	2520.2	1	
		Overseas	Funafuti	Yes	Yes	2408.12	145	7	0	2560.12	Frozen Whole	Purse Seine
			Rabaul	Yes	Yes	2043	325	2	0	2370	İ	
			Bangkok	Yes	Yes	929	0	1	0	930	Ī	
			Noro	Yes	Yes	16867.77	11244.09	56.5	0	28168.36	5 . W.L.	a a :
		Domestic	Honiara	Yes	Yes	3030.16	443	9	0	3482.16	Frozen whole	Purse Seine
		0	Suva	Yes	Yes	0.9017	29.3654	4.5618	45.2921	80.12		Langling
		Overseas									Frozen whole	Longline
		Domostic	Noro	Yes	Yes	5.06	837.683	262.005	523.5915	1628.34	Frozon Whole	Longling
		Domesuc	Honiara	Yes	Yes	24.551	131.7115	50.5393	223.1194	429.92	Prozent Whole	Longine
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	port,	port of oth	er regiona	al jurisdiction	i (see Table	in sec	cuon 1	A)				
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	national											
	jurisdiction,											
	and											
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	of national											
	jurisdiction;											
С	Transhipped	Transhipme	nts were c	onducted in H	loniara, Noro	and o	ther reg	gional j	ports w	ithin th	e convent	ion area
	inside the	(see Table i	n section 1	l A).								
	Convention											
	Area and											
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	outside the											
	Convention											
	Area;											
D	Caught inside	All catch tra	anshipped	in Honiara, N	oro and other	r overs	eas por	ts were	e caugh	nt withi	n the conv	ention
	the Convention	area. Accore	ding to all	transhipping v	vessels catch	log sh	eet's no	o catch	es wer	e noted	to have be	een caught
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	cought outside	in positions	0000100 01									
	the Commention											
	the Convention											
	Area;											
E	Species;	The species purse seine.	transhipp	ed are, ALB, I	3ET, SKJ an	d YFI	from	the gea	ar type	longlin	er (Charte	ered) & li
F	Product form; and	All of the sp	becies tran	shipped are al	l in frozen ar	nd who	le prod	uct.				
G	Fishing gear used	Fishing gear	r used are	purse seine an	d longline tr	anship	ped int	o carrie	er vesse	els		
0		l										
2												

A	Total Number	Total number of Transhipments by SB National fishing vessels transhipping at Honiara Port, Noro port and also at other designated ports of other regional jurisdiction in 2019.												
		Offloaded and received	Transhipped Port	Transhipped inside Convention Area	Caught inside Convention Area	Number of Vessels	Number of Tranship pment	Fishing Gear						
			Majuro	Yes	Yes	4	11							
			Tarawa	Yes	Yes	7	3	-						
		Overseas	Pohnpei	Yes	Yes	3	2	Purse Seine						
			Funafuti	Yes	Yes	3	3	-						
			Rabaul	Yes	Yes	5	2							
			Bangkok	Yes	Yes	1	1							
		Domestic	Noro	Yes	Yes	/	83	Purse Seine						
			Honiara	Yes	Yes	4	8							
		Overseas	Suva	Yes	Yes	2	3	Longline						
			Noro	Voc	Voc	10	50	Longine						
		Domestic	Honiara	Ves	Ves	19	20	Longline						
	and transhipped beyond areas of national													
0	jurisdiction;		·			-1 -1		:41-: 41						
C	Transhipped inside the Convention	convention area (WCPO) (see]	Table in section 2A)	and other region:	al designa	ited ports	within the						
	Area and transhipped													
	Convention													
	Area;													
D	Caught inside the Convention	All catch were ca	ught inside the	e convention area (V	VCPO) and were	frozen and	d whole fo	orm.						
	Area and caught outside the Convention													
	Area: and													
E	Fishing gear	Purse seiner. Lon	igliner and car	rier vessels.										
-	rishing gear.													

ATTACHMENT II. 2019 - ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT PART 1



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Specific information to be provided in Part 1 as required by CMMs

13 March 2020

CMM 2019-03	All CCMs shall report annually to the	o the															
[North Pacific	WCPFC Commission all catches of			CMM2	019-03	lorth Pa	acific All	oacore	catches	forLL	Vationa	Fleets	from 20	015-201	9		
Albacore], Para	albacore north of the equator and all				2002.04	A	20	15	20	16	20	17	20	10	-	2010	
3	fishing effort north of the equator in				2002-04	Average	: 20	12	20	010	20	1/	20	18		2019	
	fisheries directed at albacore. The reports	CCM	Area	Fisherv	No. of	VI	No. of	Verel	No. of	vI	No of	v1	No 6	Verel	No. of	VI	Catches
	for both catch and fishing effort shall be	com		Thinking	NO. OT	vessei	NO. OF	vessei	INO. OT	vessei	NO. 01	vessei	INO. OT	vessei	INO. OT	vessei	(MT)
	made by gear type. Catches shall be				Vessels	days	Vessels	days	Vessels	days	Vessels	days	Vessels	days	Vessels	days	Raised
	reported in terms of weight. Fishing									-							
	enort shall be reported in terms of the	Calaman	WCPFC														
	tune including at a minimum for all goar	301011101	Convention	Longline	0	0	15	455	2	93	0	0	4	128	9	561	50.53
	type, including at a minimum for an gear types, the number of vessel-days fished	Islands	Area														
	using the template provided in Anney 1																
	Anney 1:																
	Annex I: Average annual fishing effort for 2002-2004 and annual fishing effort for subsequent years for fisheries dire																
	North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean																
	CCM Area Fishery Average Year Year Year Year Year Year																
	vessels days vesse																
CMN 2007 04	In accordance with percent 1 CCM																
CMM 2006-04	in accordance with paragraph 1, CCMs	-										-		a .			
[South West	Commission by 1 July 2007 on the	This	repor	ted (MN	1 200	06-04	4 is :	not	app	licat	ole a	s no	Sol	omo	n	
striped Marlin],	number of their vessels that have fished	Islan	nds fla	gged	vess	els fi	ish f	or s	trip	ed n	narli	i n, s e	outh	l of 1	15°S	in t	the
Para 4	for striped marlin in the Convention area	Conv	ventio	n are	a.												
	south of 15° S, during the period 2000 –																
	2004, and in doing so, nominate the																
	maximum number of vessels that shall																
	continue to be permitted to fish for																
	striped marlin in the area south of 15°S.																
	CCMs shall report annually to the																
	Commission the catch levels of their																
	fishing vessels that have taken striped																
	marlin as a bycatch as well as the number																
	and catch levels of vessels fishing for																
	striped marlin in the Convention Area																
	south of 15°S.																
CMM 2009-03	CCMs shall report to the Commission																
[Swordfish],	the total number of vessels that fished for	The	report	t CM	M 20)09-	03 d	oes	not a	app	lied	for S	Solo	mor	ı Isla	ands	5
Para 8	swordfish and the total catch of	flagg	ged ves	ssels i	fishiı	ng fo	or sv	vord	lfish	ast	ther	e are	e no	cate	ch re	cor	ds
	swordtish for the following:	sout	h of 20	D° <i>S</i> ir	the	con	vent	ion	area	ı.							
	a. vessels flying their flag anywhere in																
	the Convention Area south of 20°S other																
	lange or other similar mechanism of series																
	af the domestic fishery of each ar COM																
	of the domestic fishery of another CCM;																

	b. vessels operating under charter, lease	
	their domestic fishery south of 20°S; and	
	c. any other vessels fishing within their	
	waters south of 20°S.	
	This information shall be provided in Part 1 of each CCM's appual report	
	Initially, this information will be	
	provided in the template provided at	
	Annex 2 for the period 2000-2009 and	
	then updated annually.	
	understanding that "total catch" in this	
	reporting requirement refers to both	
	targeted and bycatch catches of	
CMM 2009-06	sworajisn. ANNEX II	Transshipment information for CMM 09-06 Para II (ANNEX II)
[Transshipment],	TRANSHIPMENT INFORMATION	is provided as attachment 1 to the Annual Report Part 1.
Para 11	TO BE REPORTED ANNUALLY BY	
(ANNEX II)	CCMs	
	Each CCM shall include in Part 1 of its	
	Annual Report to the Commission:	
	(1) the total quantities, by weight, of	
	highly migratory fish stocks	
	covered by this measure that were	
	CCM is responsible for reporting	
	against, with those quantities	
	broken down by:	
	a. offloaded and received; b. transhipped in port	
	transhipped at sea in areas of	
	national jurisdiction, and	
	transhipped beyond areas of	
	c. transhipped inside the	
	Convention Area and	
	transshipped outside the	
	Convention Area;	
	Area and caught outside the	
	Convention Area;	
	e. species;	
	fishing gear used	
	g. menning gour used	
	(2) the number of transshipments	
	stocks covered by this measure by	
	fishing vessels that is responsible	
	for reporting against, broken	
	down by: a offloaded and received:	
	b. transhipped in port,	
	transhipped at sea in areas of	
	national jurisdiction, and transhipped beyond areas of	
	national jurisdiction:	
	c. transhipped inside the	
	Convention Area and	
	transnipped outside the Convention Area:	
	d. caught inside the Convention	
	Area and caught outside the	

	Convention Area; and fishing gear										
CMM 2010-07	Each CCM shall include key shark										
[Sharks]. Para 4	species*, as identified by the Scientific			:	2015	2016	2017	2	018	2	019
[~],	Committee, in their annual reporting to	Category	Species	Raised Catch	Discard	ls Retained	l Retained	Retained	Discards	Retained estimates	Discards
	the Commission of annual catch and			(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)	(MT)
	fishing effort statistics by gear type,	SHK	FAL		0 0.	97	0	0	0 1.8	34 (1.49
	accordance with the WCPF Convention	SHK	HAM	0.7	0	0	0	0 20.9	0 39	0 (
	and agreed reporting procedures. CCMs	SHK	OCS	0.1	0 2.	45	0	0 20.5	0 0.1	23.42	0 0.21
	shall also report annual retained and	SHK	POR		0	0	0	0	0	0 () 0
	discarded catches in Part 2 of their	SHK	RHN		0	0	0	0	0	0 (0 0
	annual report. CCMs shall as	Dofor t	Oovtroo	 t Tabl	<u> </u>	15 at provid	U la tha re	visod cor	u u.: tehes fo	o (r chorke	
	development of strategies for the	as per i	eport i	t Tabi	e 10 uia bove.)	at provid	ie the la	liseu ca	iches 10	1 51141 K5	species
	avoidance of unwanted shark captures	us per -	oport								
	(e.g. chemical, magnetic and rare earth										
	metal shark deterrents).										
	*Tootnote 2: The key shark species are										
	shark, mako sharks, and thresher sharks.										
	porbeagle shark (south of 20°S, until										
	biological data shows this or another										
	geographic limit to be appropriate) and										
	scalloped great and smooth)										
	*Note; Whale Sharks (Rhincodon typus)										
	was included as a key shark species by										
	WCPFC9 (2012)										
CMM 2011-03	CCMs shall include in their Part 1 Appual Papert any instances in which	Flag	Date	<u> </u>	Lat	Lon	EEZ	Spe	cies	Catch (n)	FATE
[Impact of PS	cetaceans have been encircled by the	SB	15/09/2	019 031	4.0305 17	7942.936E	GL	BRYDE'S	WHALE	3	Released
lisning on cotocoons] Doro	purse seine nets of their flagged vessels,	SB	6/10/2	2019 024	0.3305 17	7509.663E	GL	BRYDE'S	WHALE	1	Released
5	reported under paragraph 2(b).	SB	5/10/2	019 024	0.5528 17	7509.336E	GL	BRYDE'S	WHALE	1	Released
5		SB	23/01/2	2019 005	57.123S 15	5058.252E	PG	FIN WH	ALE	0	Released
		SB	29/01/2	2019 045	52.397S 10	5055.725E	SB	FIN WHA		0	Released
		(Note: Inf	ormation a	re collec	ted from	Dorado rep	ort for CM	M 2011-0	3)		
CMM 2011-04	CCMs shall estimate, through data										
[Oceanic	collected from observer programs and			Το	tal	Pe	ercent		Percent		Percent
whitetip sharks],	other means, the number of releases of	Gear	Specie	s Nurr	ber C	Dead re	lease	Alive	release	Unknown	release
Para 3	oceanic whitetip shark, including the status upon release (dead or alive) and	- CCU	opene	rais	ed ra	aised	lead	raised	alive	raised	unknown
	report this information to the WCPFC in	PS	200	5	2	16	10%	36	60%	٥	0
	Part 1 of their Annual Reports.		000		<u>2</u>	6)5%	25	50%	6	25%
		(Note: D	ata collec	ted from	• n Doradi	o reports :	and Tubs	reports a	JU/0 re.verifie	d and can	2J/0 tured in
		the abov	e table fo	r the rej	ported Cl	MM 2011	-04)	reports a		u anu cap	turea m
		Refer	to table	e abov	e is the	e total e	stimate	d cate	h of oce	eanic w	hitetip
		sharks	by SB	fleet	Purse S	Seine is	52 with	1 60%	being r	eleased	alive
		and al	so the S	SB flee	et Long	gline is :	38 with	25% 1	eleased	d alive	
		respec	tively.								
CMM 2012 04	CCMs shall advise in their Part 1 Appual										
Whale charks	Report of any instances in which whale										
Para 06	sharks have been encircled by the purse										
1 41 4 00	seine nets of their flagged vessels,										
	including details required under										
	paragraph 4(b).										

		Gear	Flag	Species	Date	Latitude	Longitude	EEZ	FATE	Туре	# of Individ uals	Alive healthy	Alive injured	Alive unknow n
					29/09/2019	0123.4245	17930.1126	GL	DPA	INTERACTIC	N 1	0	0	1
					15/11/2010	0227.0010	17000 4500		DDA	INTERACTIO	. 1	0	0	-
					15/11/2019	0227.9013	1/332.4320	UL	DPA	INTERACTIC		U	0	1
					27/09/2019	0000.7895	17613.3848	GL	DPA	INTERACTIC	N 1	1	0	0
					2/07/2019	0228.9125	16805.3888	GL	DPA	INTERACTIC	N 1	1	0	0
		PS	SB	RHN	10/08/2019	0336.407N	16544.684V	V 15	DPA	INTERACTIO	N 2	2	0	0
					28/02/2010	0102 6975	1/1020 0/20	DC	DDA		1	0	0	1
					5/02/2015	0102.0873	14030.0420		UFA		1	0	0	1
					5/03/2019	0037.7735	14326.9578	PG	000	INTERACTIC	N 1	0	0	1
					26/03/2019	0134.9955	15152.874	PG	DPA	INTERACTIC	N 3	0	3	0
					18/12/2019	0703.5385	15619.678	SB	DPA	INTERACTIC	N 1	0	1	0
		(Not	e: C	ollecte	d data are	extracted	l from D	orado	repo	ort for th	e CMM	2012-	04)	
CMM 2013-08	CCMs shall estimate, through data													
[Silky sharks].	collected from observer programs and					Total	معدمامR		F	المعدمام		Rolos	cod	
Para 3	other means, the number of releases of						Neleaseu	Perce	nt '	ieleaseu	Percent	i Nelea	". F	Percent
I ulu U	silky shark caught in the Convention	Gea	' FI	lag	species	Number	raised	Dea	4	raised	Δίνο	rais	ed II	nknown
	Area, including the status upon release					Raised	Dead	DCu	1	Alive		Unkn	own	
	(dead or alive), and report this	PS	(SB SIL	KY SHARK	5578	4012	72%		1205	22%	36	1	6%
	information to the WCPFC in Part 1 of	10				2057	257	170/		1014	700/	00		40/
	their Annual Reports.	LL		DR DIT	KY SHARK	2057	357	1/%		1614	/8%	80		4%
		(Note	: Da	ata coll	ected from	n tubs rep	ports for	the O	oser	ver prog	ram in 2	2019 re	cords)	
		The	toi	al est	imated	catch	of silky	sha	rks	by SE	fleet	purse	e sem	ie is
		5,57	8 W	vith 2	2% bei	ng rele	ased al	ive a	nd	SB Io	ngline	fleet	is 2,0	057
		with	ı 78	3% b	eing rel	eased a	live.							
Observer	CCMs are to compile and include in	Gaa		Vassa	No. of	No. of	Pagista	. 11	Propos	c Prov	0000	No. of	No	of
coverage	Annual Report Part 1 to be submitted	Uea		Flag	Trips	Observ	Trip		d	d Tr	ip S	Sea Days-	Obs	server
(WCPFC 11	from 2015 onwards, observer coverage					er Trip	coverag	e (Dbserv Trins	e cove	erage e	estimated	Sea	Days
decision – para	for their longline fleet activity in the	LL		SB	359	15	4.2		7	1.9	1	14817	11	17
484(b)	revisions can be provided at the annual	(Note	e: Co	overage	by Solor	non islan	ds observ	vers' i	n Na	ational l	ongline	fleets i	s extra	acted in
	TCC meeting	abov	e tal	ble wit	h 1.9% p	processed	data co	verag	e an	d 4.2%	coverag	ge regi	stered	for 15
	A sample report format is provided as	obsei	ver	trips.)										
	guidance to assist CCMs with reporting													
	(WCPFC11 Summary Report													
	Attachment L Table 4)													
	V. Mude Bur Edud Bur of a V.													
	CCM/Fleet Fishery Table Observe % Table Observ													
	REPUBLIC OF Detrait-water Construction 21,632 1,573 6.5													
	LOREA "													
CMM 2015-02	CCMs shall report annually to the													
[South Pacific	Commission the annual catch levels	Add	lres	s thr	ough th	e regul	ar pro	visio	n o	f oper	ationa	al cate	ch/ef	fort
Albacorel Para 4	taken by each of their fishing vessels that	log	she	et dat	ta to SP	C. who	auton	natic	ally	v inclu	de the	se da	ta in	the
insucciej i uru i	has taken South Pacific albacore, as well	WC	'PF	C dat	a to Di	as ner	our 911	thor	izai	tion	ue int	be uu		une
	as the number of vessels actively fishing		T T	C uu	abases	as per	our au	unor	12a					
	for South Pacific albacore, in the													
	Convention area south of 20°S. Catch by													
	vessel shall be reported according to the													
	following species groups: albacore tuna,													
	bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, swordfish,													
	other billfish, and sharks. Initially this													
	information will be provided for the													
	period 2006-2014 and then updated													
	annually UUMs are encouraged to	1												
	movida data france and data to													
	provide data from periods prior to these													
СММ 2010 02	provide data from periods prior to these dates.	TL		MNT	nonort -	lonord	a on th	0.07	,;]~	hili4	ofdat	0.001	ootod	l hv
CMM 2018-03	provide data from periods prior to these dates. CCMs shall annually provide to the Commission in Part 1 of their annual	Thi	s C	MM	report o	lepend	s on th	e ava	aila	bility	of dat	a coll	ected	l by
CMM 2018-03 [Seabirds] Para	provide data from periods prior to these dates. CCMs shall annually provide to the Commission, in Part 1 of their annual reports all available information on	This	s Cl erve	MM i ers or	report o · as rep	lepends orted b	s on the	e ava el caj	aila ptai	bility ins. (Se	of dat ee nex	a coll t pag	ected e).	l by
CMM 2018-03 [Seabirds] Para 13	and any control are choosen and the provide data from periods prior to these dates. CCMs shall annually provide to the Commission, in Part 1 of their annual reports, all available information on interactions with seabirds reported or	Thi: obse	s Cl erve	MM a	report o · as rep	lepends orted b	s on the	e ava el caj	aila ptai	bility ins. (Se	of dat ee nex	a coll t pag	ected e).	l by
CMM 2018-03 [Seabirds] Para 13	commission, in Part 1 of their annual reports, all available information on interactions with seabirds reported or collected by observers to enable the	Thi: obse	s C] erve	MM a	report o • as rep	lepend orted b	s on the y vesse	e ava el caj	aila ptai	bility ins. (Se	of dat ee nex	a coll t pag	ected e).	l by

fisheries to which the Convention
applies. (see Annex 2 for Part 1 reporting
template guideline). These reports shall
include information on:
1. the proportion of observed effort with
specific mitigation measures used; and
2. observed and reported species specific
seabird bycatch rates and numbers or
statistically rigorous estimates of
species- specific seabird interaction rates
(for longline, interactions per 1,000
hooks) and total numbers.

CMM 2018-03: [Seabirds] Annex 2. Guidelines for reporting templates for Part 1 report

The following tables should be included in the annual Part 1 country reports, summarising the most recent five years.

Table x: Effort, observed and estimated seabird captures by fishing year for [*CCM*] [South of 30° S; 25° S- 30° S; North of 23° N; or 23° N – 25° S¹]. For each year, the table gives the total number of hooks; the number of observed hooks; observer coverage (the percentage of hooks that were observed); the number of observed captures (both dead and alive); and the capture rate (captures per thousand hooks).

Year	No. of Vessels	Total Hooks	Hooks Observed	% Hooks Observed	No. of Birds	Capture Rate	South of 30S	North of 23S	Between 255 - 305	Between 255 - 23N
2015	0	0	326221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016										
2017										
2018	41	24870540	861474	3.46	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	51	34088597	831506	2.44	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Insert 'North of 23° N', 'South of 30° S', ' 25° S- 30° S' or ' 23° N – 250° S'. For CCMs fishing in all areas, provide separate tables for each area.

² Provide data as captures per one thousand hooks.

Table y: Proportion of mitigation types¹ used by the fleet in [2019].

	Combination of	Proportion of observed effort using mitigation measures (area: 25°S-23°N)									
	Mitigation Measures	2015	2016	2017	2018	20 No. sets)19 %				
	No mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	59	13.85				
	TL + NS	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	TL + WB	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	NS + WB+ MOD	0	0	0	0	11	2.58				
	TL + WB + NS	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	SS/BC/WB/DSLS	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	WB+ MOD	0	0	0	0	36	8.45				
	TL	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Provide other	MOD	0	0	0	0	225	52.82				
combination of	NS	0	0	0	0	18	4.23				
mitigation measures here	NS +MOD	0	0	0	0	77	18.08				

Totals (must equal			126	100%
100%)			420	100%

¹TL = tori line, NS = night setting, WB = weighted branch lines, SS = side setting, BC = bird curtain, BDB = blue dyed bait, DSLS = deep setting line shooter, MOD = management of offal discharge, HS = hook-shielding device.

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Species	South of 30°S	North of 23°N	$23^{\circ}N - 30^{\circ}S$	Total
E.g. Antipodean albatross	0	0	0	0
E.g. Gibson's albatross	0	0	0	0
E.g. Unidentified albatross	0	0	0	0
E.g. Flesh footed shearwater	0	0	0	0
E.g. Great winged petrel	0	0	0	0
E.g. White chinned petrel	0	0	0	0
E.g. Unidentified	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0