

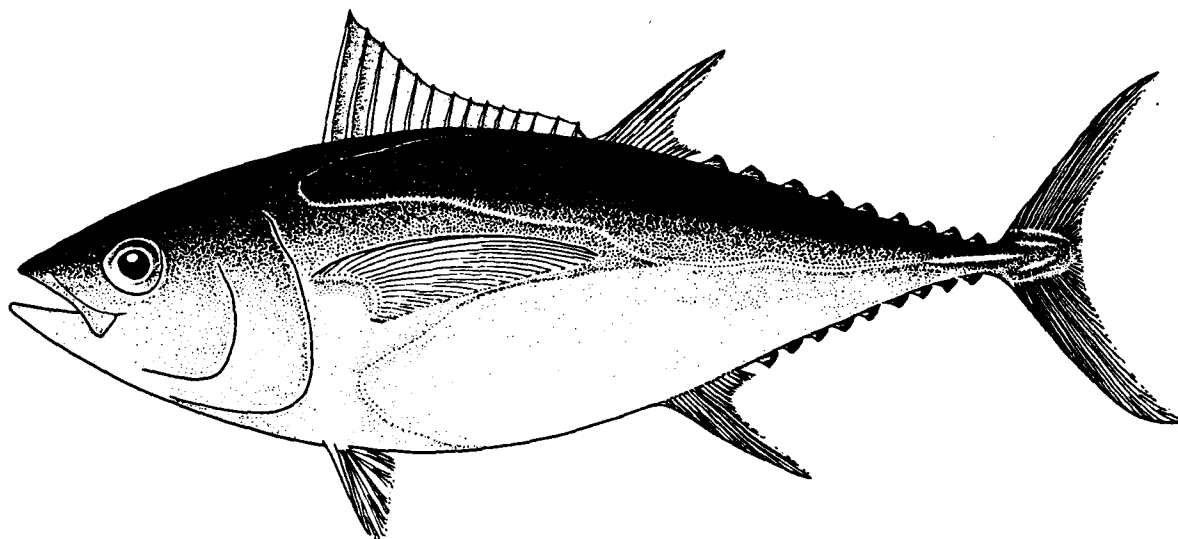
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF
SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL LOGSHEETS**



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1. INTRODUCTION

The first and second meetings of the Tuna Fisheries Data Collection Forms Committee held in December 1995 and December 1996, respectively, were convened to establish and review, *inter alia*, the use of standardised logsheets in domestic and foreign tuna fisheries throughout the region.

This information paper reviews the current status of implementation of the regional logsheets.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF LOGSHEETS

Table 1 describes the implementation status by Pacific island member country or territory, gear and vessel nationality, as at June 1997.

The following were significant developments during the reporting period:

- the American purse-seine fleet have completely converted to the regional purse-seine logsheet;
- the Taiwanese purse-seine fleet have begun to use a translated version of the regional purse-seine logsheet;
- the Korean purse seine fleet have begun to use the regional purse-seine logsheet;
- certain domestic fleets (e.g. Papua New Guinea longline and purse-seine fleets operating under the FSM Arrangement) have introduced the regional logsheets;
- the New Caledonian longline fleet have begun to use a french translation of the longline logsheet.

It is hoped that, for member countries and territories where the regional logsheets have not yet been introduced to domestic and foreign fleets, some effort will be made to ensure that they are introduced under all bilateral fishing arrangements, and in all domestic tuna fisheries, where appropriate.

In this regard, no advice has yet been received to indicate that the regional logsheets have, or will be, introduced to the following major fleets:

- the Taiwanese longline fleet operating out of Levuka, Fiji;
- the Korean and Japanese distant-water longline fleets operating in Kiribati waters;
- the Korean distant-water longline fleet operating in French Polynesian waters;
- the mainland Chinese, Taiwanese and distant-water Japanese longline fleets operating in Marshall Islands waters;
- the mainland Chinese, Taiwanese and Japanese longline fleets operating in the waters of Palau;
- the distant-water Japanese longline fleet operating in Solomon Islands waters.

Table 1. Status of implementation of regional catch logsheets (as at June 1997)

Country / Arrangement	Gear	Flag	Regional Logsheets received	Status of regional standard logsheet implementation
Cook Islands	Longline	Locally-based fleet	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
FSM Arrangement	Purse seine	Vessels operating under the FSM Arrangement	Yes	Introduced during 1996
Fiji	Longline	Fiji (domestic fleet) + Korean vessels	Yes	Attempted introduction of new forms; some forms received, but currently very low coverage
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		US Vessels	No	Attempted introduction of new forms
	Pole-and-line	Fiji (domestic fleet)	No	This fleet use a customised form requiring baiting locations
Federated States of Micronesia	Longline	Mainland China	No	Planned introduction in 1997
		Domestic FSM fleet	No	Planned introduction in 1997
		Guam-based US fleet	No	Planned introduction in 1997
		Japanese longline	No	To be discussed at a technical consultation with Japan during 1997
		Taiwanese longline	No	Planned introduction in 1997
	Pole-and-line	Japanese pole-and-line	No	To be discussed at a technical consultation with Japan

Country / Arrangement	Gear	Flag	Regional Logsheets received	Status of regional standard logsheet implementation during 1997
	Purse seine	Domestic fleet (Yap Fishing Corporation)	Yes	Introduced (see FSM Arrangement)
		Domestic fleet (CFC)	Yes	Introduced (see FSM Arrangement)
		Japanese purse seine	No	To be discussed at a technical consultation with Japan during 1997
		Korean purse seine	No	FSM instructed Korean PS vessels to use forms
		Taiwanese purse seine	Yes	Regional logsheet translated and used by Taiwanese PS fleet
Kiribati	Longline	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Korea	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based US fleet	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Pole-and-line	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Purse seine	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Domestic PS vessel	Yes	Introduced (see FSM Arrangement)
Kiribati	Purse seine	Korea	No	Introduced at regional level
Marshall Islands	Longline	Mainland China	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Domestic fleet		Fleet not active as at November 1996
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based US fleet		No US vessels active as at November 1996
	Pole-and-line	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Purse seine	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
New Caledonia	Longline	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based fleet	No	French translation of regional logsheet provided
Nuie	Longline	Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
French Polynesia	Longline	Locally-based fleet	No	French version required
		Korea	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
Papua New Guinea	Longline	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based fleet	Not yet	Introduced, but poor coverage
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Purse seine	Korea	Some	Regional logsheet introduced
		Phillippines	Not yet	Regional logsheet introduced
		Taiwan	Some	Regional logsheet introduced
Palau	Longline	Mainland China	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Guam-based US fleet	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Pole-and-line	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Purse seine	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
Solomon Islands	Longline	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based fleet	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Pole-and-line	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based fleet + Kiribati	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
	Purse seine	Korea	Some	Introduced at the regional level
		Phillippines	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Locally-based fleet	Yes	Introduced (see FSM Arrangement)
		Taiwan	Some	Introduced at the regional level
Tonga	Longline	Domestic fleet	Yes	Introduced; translated into local language.
Tuvalu	Pole-and-line	Japan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
US Multilateral Treaty	Purse seine	US fleet	Yes	Introduced June, 1996
Vanuatu	Longline	Locally-based fleet	Yes	Regional logsheet received for local boats
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
Western Samoa	Longline	Locally-based fleet	No	No indication of introduction of new forms
		Taiwan	No	No indication of introduction of new forms