

## How fisheries observers can contribute to the tagging project

*The assistance of fisheries observers is essential to the success of the tagging project. They are often the first ones to see recaptured tagged fish during hauling operations at sea or during unloading and transshipment operations in port.*

Training in tag recovery procedures has been an integral part of observer training since 2006 to ensure that as many observers as possible are made familiar with the project.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all observers who have been assisting in the recovery of tags, either when they find a tag or when they assist crew members to fill in the recovery form and claim their reward.

Observers are strongly encouraged to continue this process. They have access to fishery information for accurately determining the date and position where tagged tuna are recaptured. They also use their callipers or deck tapes to accurately measure the size of recaptured fish. Observers who have not been formally trained should ask their coordinators to be put in contact with the local Tag Recovery Officer. He or she will be able to brief them on tag recovery procedures and provide them with tag recovery materials (guide, recovery forms, publicity posters and envelopes).

Observers can also contact Caroline Sanchez directly if they wish. Again, to all observers, thank you for your valued assistance to the tagging project. Go well!

The tag recovery guide for observers can be downloaded from SPC's Oceanic Fisheries Programme website at: [http://www.spc.int/OceanFish/en/observer-forms/cat\\_view/116-ofp-publications-a-documents/309-fisheries-monitoring/173-observers](http://www.spc.int/OceanFish/en/observer-forms/cat_view/116-ofp-publications-a-documents/309-fisheries-monitoring/173-observers).



# Got Tags?

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