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**COUNTRY SPORT/GAME FISHING QUESTIONNAIRE**

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# Country Sport/Game Fishing Questionnaire

for the

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### **Explanation**

An agenda item of the forthcoming Coastal Fisheries Management Workshop is 'Sport/Game Fishing in the Pacific Region'. SPC are keen to try to collate relevant information on this topic, and have devised this questionnaire that we would like each country to complete and bring or send to the meeting.

Although there is quite a lot of information available on commercial catches of billfish, especially longline catches, there is little known on sport and gamefishing catches throughout the Pacific. The intent is to try to obtain an overview of the existing sport/gamefishing activities throughout the Pacific as well as to try and assess the potential for future development. SPC now has a full time position dedicated to billfish issues, which includes sport, game and commercial fishing, specifically in relation to the development of these fisheries in SPC member countries. This will be elaborated upon at the workshop.

The definition of sport and game fishing varies from place to place. For this exercise we have defined sport/game fishing as any 'blue water' fishing activity which is not industrial or subsistence, but rather is carried out to capture pelagic species for either pleasure and/or food. This includes charter operators, private fishermen and sport and gamefishing clubs.

### Questionnaire

Please complete and bring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management Workshop.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Name of representative completing Questionnaire:</b>			
<b>Is there active Sport/Game fishing in your Country?</b>	<b>Target Species? (please tick box if caught)</b>		
	Blue marlin <input type="checkbox"/>	Black marlin <input type="checkbox"/>	Striped marlin <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Type?</b>	Sailfish <input type="checkbox"/>	Swordfish <input type="checkbox"/>	Short bill Spearfish <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organised by club:</b>	Yellowfin <input type="checkbox"/>	Skipjack tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Other tunas <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Charter operations:</b>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Mahi mahi <input type="checkbox"/>	Shark <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Private vessel owners:</b>	Wahoo <input type="checkbox"/>	Other species <input type="checkbox"/>	
Where and when is it carried out? (locations, seasons, are FADs used?)			
How many vessels are involved?			

<b>What support facilities are available e.g. marinas, game fishing clubs and charter operations</b>	
<b>Is any data collected on sport/game fishing e.g. logbooks, tournament records etc.</b>	
<b>If so, who has the data e.g. Government or clubs, individuals etc?</b>	
<b>Name and contact information of main management/research person involved in sport/game fishing:</b>	<b>Name and contact information of main industry person involved in sport/game fishing:</b>
<b>Is your country interested in expanding its sport/game fishing industry – If yes, please describe briefly:</b>	
<b>Would relevant data from SPC on sport/game fish availability (specifically billfish), oceanographic or bathymetric data be useful?</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>	

Thanks for your assistance.

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## Example Country Sport/Game Fishing Questionnaire

### Example Questionnaire

Please complete and bring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management Workshop.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<i>Gilligans Island</i>	<i>Gilligans Island Fisheries Management Authority</i>

<b>Name of representative completing Questionnaire:</b>	<i>John Gilligan</i>		
<b>Is there active Sport/Game fishing in your Country? Yes</b>	<b>Target Species? (please tick box if caught)</b>		
	Blue marlin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black marlin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Striped marlin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Type? Organised by club: Yes Charter operations: Yes Private vessel owners: Yes</b>	Sailfish <input type="checkbox"/>	Swordfish <input type="checkbox"/>	Short bill Spearfish <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yellowfin Tuna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Skipjack tuna <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other tunas <input type="checkbox"/>
	Wahoo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mahi mahi <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Other species <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Where and when is it carried out? (locations, seasons, are FADs used?)**  
*Most sportfishing occurs outside the reef out from Gilligan town during the months of Jan-Apr for Blue marlin and Feb-June for both black and striped marlin. Mahi mahi are caught all year, though catch rates are best when the water warms during Jan-Apr. Most fishing occurs on the southern side of the island with boats targeting current lines and fishing from the 2 FADs which are located there.*

**How many vessels are involved?**  
*There are 4 full time charter vessel with another 2 coming from New Zealand during the main fishing season of Jan-Apr. There are approximately 40 private motor boats which fish most of the time with another 30 or so fishing during the holiday periods of Feb-Mar. Most of the private boats are aluminium around 4m in length with 40hp outboards*

**What support facilities are available e.g. marinas, game fishing clubs and charter operations**  
*The local gamefishing club has around 100 members and is called the Gilligans Island GFC. There are no marinas as such, but there are 3 boat ramps on the southern side of the island. The charter vessels have an association called the Gilligans Island charter boat owners association.*

**Is any data collected on sport/game fishing e.g. logbooks, tournament records etc.**  
*All charter operators fill in a government logbook, which records date, location, time fishing and catch by species.  
 The Gilligan Island GFC collects fishing tournament data. It consists of number of vessels, catch and weights by species.*

**If so, who has the data e.g. Government or clubs, individuals etc?**  
*The charter boat logs are provided to the Gilligans Island Fishing Authority.  
 The Gilligan Island GFC keeps fishing tournament data. The secretary of the club, who is Ginger Gilligan, keeps it. The GI GFC is affiliated with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).*

<p><b>Name and contact information of main management/research person involved in sport/game fishing:</b>  <i>James Gilligan  PO Box 1  Gilligans Island  Fax/phone 007-69142  Email:</i></p>	<p><b>Name and contact information of main industry person involved in sport/game fishing:</b>  <i>Ginger Spice – secretary Charter boat association  PO Box 2, Gilligans Island. Fax/phone 007-69143  Email: <a href="mailto:gspice@never.com">gspice@never.com</a></i></p> <p><i>Mary Lou – President of Gilligan Island GFC  PO Box 3 Gilligans Island. Fax/phone 007-69144  Email: <a href="mailto:mlou@never.com">mlou@never.com</a></i></p>
<p><b>Is your country interested in expanding its sport/game fishing industry – If yes, please describe briefly:</b>  <i>Yes – We are hoping to develop the game fishery to attract more tourists to our country. As such we are building a new marina and starting to advertise our charter vessels via our tourist offices. Presently we do not have any relevant catch data on billfish species, though we suspect that catch rates around our island are equal to the best in the world.</i></p>	
<p><b>Would relevant data from SPC on sport/game fish availability (specifically billfish), oceanographic or bathymetric data be useful?</b>  <i>We require data on billfish abundance within our EZ as well as relevant biological information on black and blue marlin. We also require relevant oceanographic data by month for the waters surrounding our island.</i></p>	
<p><b>Comments:</b>  <i>We know that most of the main game fish species occur in our waters but we don't know in what numbers or their seasonality. Our game fishing facilities at present are underdeveloped but we are hoping to develop them further.</i></p>	

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