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Hangton WCPO tuna longline FIP

TNC MEETING 13/04/2021

RECAP OF FIP, DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS



Hangton WCPO longline tuna fishery



Hangton WCPO LL FIP

Stocks	Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>), WCPO yellowfin (<i>T. albacares</i>), north and south Pacific Ocean albacore (<i>T. alalunga</i>) tuna
Geographic Area	Vanuatu and Solomon Islands EEZ and WCPO high seas
Gear	Pelagic longline
Management Agencies	WCPFC, Bureau of Fisheries (China) (and potentially Taiwan Fisheries Agency (TFA) and Ministry of Fisheries (Fiji). Coastal states: Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and Vanuatu Fisheries Department
Fishers	Hangton Pacific Company Ltd vessels



Overall, we aim to meet an unconditional pass of the MSC Standard by October 2025.

Hangton WCPO longline FIP Objectives



HS is responsive to the state of the stocks and ensure the implementation of robust HCRs by working with institutions and other overlapping tuna fisheries



Collate information on bycatch and ETP species interactions, ensuring minimal impacts and strengthen management strategies where necessary



Strengthen governance in flag and coastal states relating to the fishery



To achieve an MSC certifiable status by 2025.

Western and Central Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (Hangton)

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Overview

FIP Description

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FIP Objective(s)

Sustainable Fish Stocks – To ensure tuna and other primary species catches across the Pacific Ocean do not exceed sustainable levels by 2025.

Minimising Environmental Impacts – To promote the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management by 2025.

Effective Management – To strengthen governance systems in Flag States, RFMO and the fishery by 2025.

Be in a place to enter MSC full assessment in late 2025 that will achieve an unconditional pass to the Standard

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FIP at a Glance

FISHERY STATUS FIP is addressing 28 of 28 indicators

Current Status:



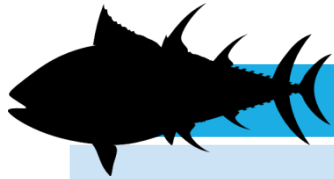
Starting Evaluation: October 01, 2020



FIP PROGRESS

Progress Rating	Actions Complete	Next Update Due
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Fishery Assessment results



Principle 1

Stocks status is good for all target stocks

Lack of well-defined HCR and responsive harvest strategies are issues



Principle 2

Lack of information on the ETP species interactions

Need for ETP species management for some species



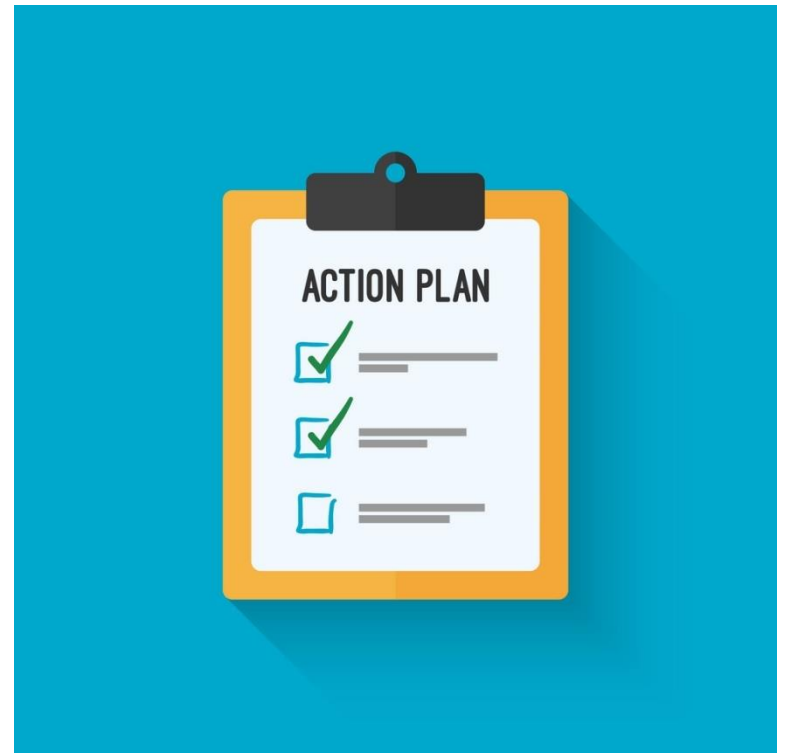
Principle 3

Lack of information and possibly poorly managed flag states on the high seas

Hangton FIP Action Plan

These shortcomings have been used to build the action plan; these actions we must complete to be able to pass MSC assessment.

These are split by Principle.



Principle 1: Sustainability of Target Stocks

For all stocks, the harvest strategy should allow maximum sustainable catch and well-defined HCRs.

These associated actions are targeted at WCPFC. The FIP shall have an advocacy role in conjunction with the coastal and flag States.

The FIP can engage with flag states and coastal states to:

- Propose practical ways to support the process, i.e. via liaison with other fisheries, NGOs and flag and coastal states;
- Request that delegates to support harvest strategy development process at RFMO meetings.

The FIP can also prepare position papers and statements on harvest strategies and send to WCPFC.

Principle 2: Minimising environmental impacts

The pre-assessment was based purely on catch data, but volumes of 'other' species were not provided.

This meant that it was not possible to accurately assess 'secondary species and 'ETP species' PIs

This led to precautionary scoring in the pre-assessment and associated actions in the workplan.



Principle 3 – Effective Management

More information regarding flag and coastal state management is needed, including:

- Identify all relevant stakeholders for the fishery;
- Fishery-specific roles and responsibilities and decision-making processes;
- Fishery-specific MCS in place

Positive: There are MSC certified tuna fisheries with China as a flag state and for the Solomon Islands (coastal state), which provides confidence that management is sufficient to pass MSC certification for those countries.

Discussion point: Does the FIP have any contacts within the flag state ministries?

Discussion

EM SYSTEM ALREADY ON MANY BOATS

SUPPORT TO START EM ANALYSIS; BEST PRACTICE