

Summary report for the Ghana site visit – pole & line and purse seine FIPs March 2024

Introduction

This report is a summary of site visit activities conducted between 5th and 8th March 2024 in Tema, Ghana. Representatives from Thai Union (TU) and Key Traceability (KT) travelled to Ghana to meet with the participants of the Ghanaian purse seine and pole and line Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs). During the visit, observer and crew safety workshops were held with the vessel owner companies, captains and officers. A FIP stakeholder meeting was conducted with the Ghana Tuna Association (GTA) President and all vessel owners within the pole and line and purse seine FIPs present.

This report has been produced to summarise the workshop, stakeholder meeting and the meetings held with the Ghana Fisheries Commission (GFC) and vessel owners.

Vessel Observer and Crew Safety Workshop

The observer and crew safety training workshops and FIP participants meeting were conducted on the 5th of March 2024 at the Pioneer Food Cannery (PFC) offices in Tema. The morning workshop session and FIP stakeholder meeting were held with attendance from management representatives of the vessel-owning companies, GFC representatives and the president of the GTA, displayed in Figure 1. The afternoon session was attended by the captains and officers from the vessels within the purse seine and pole and line Ghanaian fleets, as shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

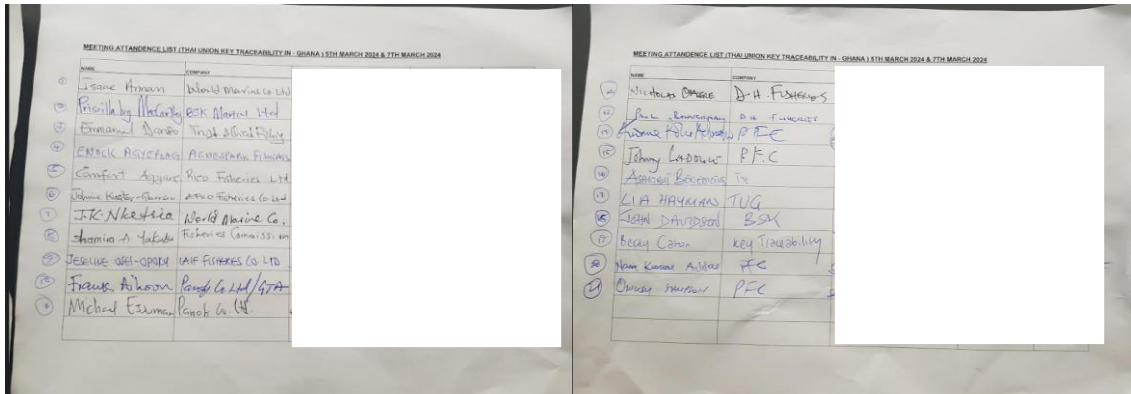


Figure 1: Observer and Crew Safety Workshop morning session and FIP meeting attendance list.

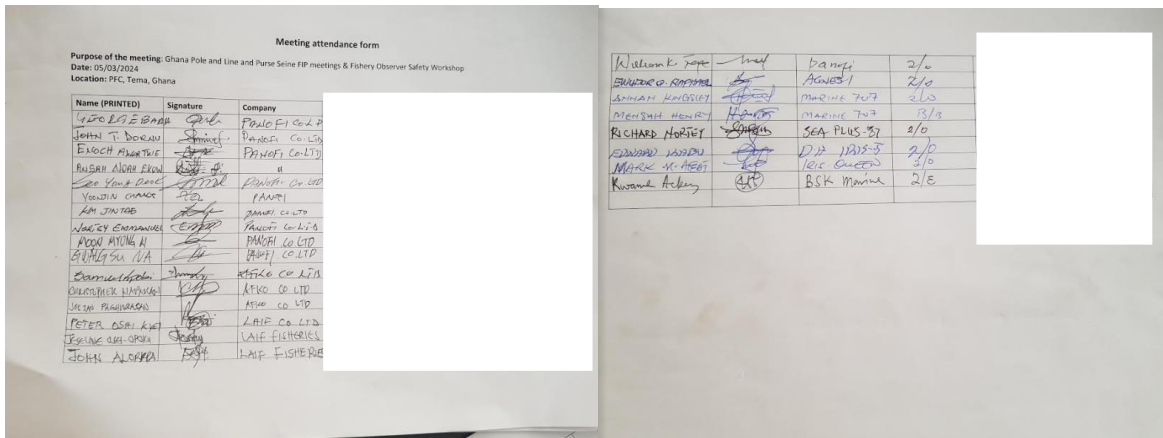


Figure 2: Observer and crew Safety Workshop afternoon session - captains and engineers.

NAME	COMPANY
Jack	Laird Fisheries
Gao	Laird Fisheries
Way	Laird Fisheries
Ayesh N. John	BSK MARINE
Prince Obo Anlyah	ISSF MARINE
Comfiat Agye	Pico Fisheries

Figure 3: Observer and crew Safety Workshop afternoon session - captains and engineers.

During the morning session, the FIP was able to hold a stakeholder meeting with the President of the Ghana Tuna Association (GTA) and all vessel owner companies in attendance.

Topics discussed during this included:

- Completion of the FAD management policy in line with ISSF CMMs.
- Waste management updates.
- Updating vessel owners to ensure all vessels are listed on the ISSF PVR and fully compliant with ISSF CMs.
- GTA provided an update on the ISSF Skipper Best Practices workshop, scheduled for July 2023.

Additionally, the FIP thanked the participants for their efforts in gathering information for the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in Ghana.

Ghana Fisheries Commission

A meeting was held with the MCS Division of the GFC, GFC management representatives, Thai Union and the FIP coordinator on the 7th March 2024 at the GFC offices in Accra (Figure 4).

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	TIME
1.	Becky Oton	KEY TRACEABILITY Business Development	[Signature]	10:10
2.	LIA HAYMAN			
3.	Wesley Peter Agomako	THAI UNION Head of Fish Proc - GFC	[Signature]	10:10
4.	BEN APOSTOLAKIS	CONSULTANT	[Signature]	10:10
5.	Janet Gyaghu Anclumasi	Head of FISH ID	[Signature]	10:12
6.	Richard Tebock	Head of FISH ID	[Signature]	10:13

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE	TIME
1.	Alexander Odu - Odu			
2.	Grace Oduwaa			
3.	Sylvia Adu			
4.	Edwige Akab			
5.				
6.				

Figure 4: Ghana Fisheries Commission meeting attendance.

The meeting covered a number of topics including:

- An update on the MCS centre in Ghana, which following the previous visit during August 2023, is now fully operational.
- Submission of the fleet VMS data.
- Update on any further protocols being put in place regarding crew and observer safety including the health and safety & first aid training being conducted by the Maritime Authority for all crew and observers onboard the Ghanaian fleet which will be completed by September 2024.

Panofi

The meeting with Panofi, Thai Union and the FIP coordinator was held on 7th March 2024 at the Panofi offices in Tema. Attendees at the meeting can be found in Table 1. The meeting was conducted to ensure the processes in place are clear and can be completed by Panofi.

Items on the agenda were as follows:

- FAD Management policy update
- Recruitment mapping
- Social improvements
- Review of the safety risk assessment checklist, to be completed before the vessels leave port.

Table 1: Panofi meeting attendance

Date: 15/08/2023	
Name:	Company:
Lia Hayman	Thai Union
Benedictus Ashigbui	Thai Union consultant
Kwame Adomako	PFC
Michael Essumaw	Panofi Co. Ltd
Becky Caton	Key Traceability

Final points

The site visit provided opportunities for engagement, data collection and training otherwise not possible remotely. The FIP coordinator is grateful for the continued engagement and effort of the FIP stakeholders. Summaries of the required information and the training materials were provided to the GTA, GTA participants and the GFC upon the conclusion of the meetings to progress on the tasks discussed during the site visit.