

Report on the Observer Training for the Capsen and Grand Bleu S.A. FIP completed by Mr. Papa Kebe

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Observer training (Capsen and Grand Bleu)

In July 2022, the Capsen and Grand Bleu Atlantic Ocean purse seine tuna fishery improvement project (FIP) organised a two-day training session for the Senegalese fishery observers employed to work on the FIP vessels. The training was designed to help the observers learn how to identify species accurately, reliably, and consistently, including endangered, threatened, or protected (ETP) species. Understanding the interaction and impact of the FIP vessels with non-target species is a specific action outlined in the FIP workplan and is critical for when the FIP applies to become certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). The training was also used to educate about the importance of recording fish aggregation devices (FAD) data, including deployment and retrieval locations. In early 2022, the FIP purchased Samsung tablets, installed with a new recording template to improve the efficiency of catch data reporting. The training sessions were also used to teach the observers how to correctly use the new software to ensure that all crew understand the procedure before applying it to real-time fishing trips.

There were a total of 29 observers who attended the training sessions and they were joined by representatives from the Fisheries Surveillance Directorate (DPSP). The training was led by expert, Mr. Papa Kebe, who has conducted observer training sessions in other nations for different fisheries, including Ghana. The training began by outlining the importance of the observers as well as their specific role whilst working onboard the vessels. Following the introduction, the training continued to discuss the importance of effectively recording non-target species interactions, as well as the best practice bycatch handling techniques for those important ETP species. The best practice handling techniques were produced for fishers to ensure that the ETP species are released as quickly and as safely as possible to reduce the mortality rate of the species interactions. Knowledge of these best practices is also essential for the observers because they must record the fate (discarded or retained) and condition (dead or alive) of all non-target species that are caught, in accordance with the requirements of the MSC Fisheries Standard. The training emphasised the importance of complying with these requirements to ensure that the fishery would be able to apply for an MSC full-assessment within the next year.

Finally, the training concluded by informing the observers and the fishing companies of the essential items that the observers need to have in order to conduct their job effectively and in the safest possible manner, including a raincoat, dictaphone, tablet, camera, ichthyometer, eraser, pencil, pen, paper, and a pair of safety shoes.

Overall, the observer training was a success, and all 29 observers will use the knowledge and apply it to their roles on board the vessels. It is anticipated that the observers will start to use the tablets onboard the vessels by the end of August 2022. Therefore, the FIP will be able to verify that the new templates are being used by analysing the data and assessing if all information is recorded to a high standard.

Appendix



Figure 1. Certificate of participation for Capsen and Grand Bleu in the observer training

AGENDA DE FORMATION SUR LA CERTIFICATION FIP

Journée du 03/08/2022		
Horaires	Activités	Responsable
8h 30 – 09h	Accueil des participants	DPSP
09h – 09h 30	- Discours du DG de CAPSEN - Discours du DG de GRAND BLEU - Discours d'ouverture du Directeur de la DPSP	DPSP
9h 30 – 10h	Pause-café	DPSP
10h – 13h	Certification FIP	M. Kébé
13h – 14h 30	Pause déjeuner	DPSP
14h 30 – 15h	Discussions	Participants
15h – 17h 00	Certification FIP	M. Kébé
Journée du 04/08/2022		
09h – 10h 30	Techniques d'utilisation des tablettes de saisie de données	Baharar S Sano
10h 30 – 10h 50	Pause-café	DPSP
10h 50 – 11h 50	Rôle de l'observateur dans la police des pêches	M. Cheikh Fall
11h 50 – 13h	Recommandation 21 01 de l'ICCAT	M. Adama Faye
13h – 15h	Pause déjeuner	DPSP
15h – 16h	Recommandations et clôture	CAPSEN GRANDBLEU DPSP



Figure 2. Observer training agenda



Figure 3. Photo of the observers undergoing the observer training from Mr. Papa Kebe



Figure 4. Day 2 of the observer training session