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Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama
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Dear Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP),

The submission of this letter is a formal request for data pertaining to vessels included in the Fishery Improvement (FIP) 'Eastern Pacific large pelagics - longline (Martec)'. The data request is made on behalf of all companies involved and signatories can be found in the supplementary table.

Currently, The Eastern Pacific Longline Large Pelagics FIP (Martec) fishery targets yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) using longline vessels flagged to Panama and fish on the high seas. The fishery is managed by the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) and regionally the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). This FIP aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region. The end goal is to achieve certification under the Marine Stewardship Council Fisheries Standard by 2025. To find more information on the FIP please view the FisheryProgress profile [here](#).

Currently to meet these aims, vessel catch, and operational data are required. Although the vessels within the FIP collect catch information, they are currently not sufficient in their scope and depth (species classifications, volumes etc.) to address many aims of the FIP - such as understanding the impacts of the fishery on non-target and endangered, threatened and protected (ETP) species. To manage this, we are installing Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) on Panamanian vessels to obtain this data. These systems are being installed in line with TNC's minimum standards for systems and analysis. Once the data has been recorded, it will be analysed for full catch composition and understanding of current practices surrounding interactions with ETP species. Once this is understood, the FIP can develop and implement appropriate management plans based on best available data. Therefore, the FIP requires data obtained through observer programmes to provide the scope and depth needed to address these aims.

As the national management authority we are writing to you to please organise a meeting to ensure our project can run smoothly and asking for ARAP to be stakeholders in the project to ensure work streams around EMS are streamlined and coherent. We are also seeking help to acquire this data.

Data request

In line with the Rules and Procedures for the Protection, Access to, and Dissemination of Data Compiled by the Commission (as revised by IATTC C-15-07), on behalf of vessel owners, we please request aggregated observer data for years 2017 - 2022 for the longline vessels in this FIP (three years' worth of data, taking into account COVID).

If you require any further information that will help with the data request, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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Appendix 1. Data request for vessels for years 2017 through to 2022:

Vessel Name	Registration #	Flag	Owner Name	Signed
Carolina Isabel Sibate 2	PA07845	Panama	Berthy Gissel Villasanta Alvaro	
Doña Elida I	PAL-6358	Panama	Reyes Dolores Gordin Marin	
Doña Vivi	PA09978	Panama	Melissa Viviana Reyes Aparicio De Pineda	
Fradeva	PA06892	Panama	Constantito Aparicio Castillo	
Genesis A	PAL-5173	Panama	Florencio Geovany Zapata Batista	
JF Kennedy	PAL-6371	Panama	Gustavo Eloy Villalaz Garcia	
Joysmar III	PAL-333	Panama	Jose Luis Pineda Pineda	
Joysmar IV	PAL-344	Panama	Jose Luis Pineda Pineda	
Julenis	PAL-6340	Panama	Jose Antonio Reyes Aparicio	
Killajaco	PAL-6006	Panama	Javier Alexis Carrasco Jaen	
Los Compitas	PAL-337	Panama	Franklin Almengor	
Madimar	PAL-6382	Panama	Panifish 5 S.A. (Gustavo Eloy Villalaz)	
Mi Joys Jose	PAL-2313	Panama	Jose Luis Pineda Pineda	
Naza II	PAL-61-A	Panama	Ocean Star No.101. S.A. (Roy Alberto Rivera)	
Niña Julieth	PAL-6363	Panama	Felix Gonzalez	
Niño Kelvin 1	8NUR0417	Panama	Reina Murillo Solis de Gil	
Norielys	PAL-5910	Panama	Luis Miguel Gonzalez Gonzalez	
Poseidon H	PAL-38	Panama	Doris Edith Herrera Saez	
Tiffany	PAL-4006	Panama	Milciadis Orlando Guerrero Diaz	
Yojhan Aldahir	PAL-5021	Panama	Idalia Rodriguez Castillo de Abrego	
Yulin	PAL-5476	Panama	Franklin Orlando Saucedo Marquinez	
Julisabel	46710-15	Panama	Jose Luis Pineda	
Mely Mar I	42809-11-B	Panama	Mario Branda	
Mely Mar II	PAL 335	Panama	Mario Branda	
Josaney B	PAL 5013	Panama	Guillermo Bernal	
Merluza	23550-97-D	Panama	Lucinio Rodriguez	
Adangelis B	FB 8972	Panama	Guillermo Bernal	
Don Chino I	46762-15	Panama	"Chino Fibra"	
Don Chino II	2062-PINT-1	Panama	"Chino Fibra"	
Nathalie del Mar	PAL 3447	Panama	Melvin Barahona	
Antares III	PAL 5171	Panama	Rene Zapata	
Carolina Isabel	2415 PINT	Panama	Angel Lopez	

Doña Mary I	2870	Panama	Gabymar	
Victoria I	PAL 3294	Panama	Raul Arauz	
Doña Beida	47944-19	Panama	Alberto Herrera	
Don Gualaca	PAL 4184	Panama	Abdiel Vega	
Sofia I	PAL 6043	Panama	Gabriel Reyes	
Carmen Milagros	HD-4562	Panama	Alberto Herrera	
Abundia R	PAL 5964	Panama	Panifish	
Hector Almair 2	PAL 6374	Panama	Anayansi Valdez	
Betys	PAL 5543	Panama	Fernanda Valdez	
Cristobalina	PAL 3071	Panama	Fernanda Valdez	
Scarlet	PAL 6410	Panama	Fernanda Valdez	
Elianys	PAL 6218	Panama	Fernanda Valdez	
Linda Estefania	PAL 6372	Panama	Fernanda Valdez	