



Indian Ocean Longline Tuna FIP

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

9am – 11am (UK time) 17 November 2020 via Zoom

Agenda
Introductions and Welcomes
Progress and challenges in 2020 <i>Update on the status of the FIP so far</i>
Principle 1 <i>Yellowfin Stock status and rebuilding</i> <i>Harvest Strategy</i> <i>Harvest Control Rules</i>
Key actions in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Push for Yellowfin rebuilding to be successful• Advocate for successful HCRs and Harvest Strategies for tuna in IO
Principle 2 <i>Electronic Monitoring</i> <i>ETP species and unwanted catch</i>
Key actions in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete EM Installs• Carry out DOS Analysis• Ensure skipper training is carried out to majority of vessels• Ensure bycatch tools are in place and being used
Principle 3 <i>Consultation, roles and responsibilities</i> <i>Decision making processes</i> <i>Compliance and enforcement</i> <i>Management performance evaluation</i>
Key actions in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop Harbour Strategies to improve surveillance at landing and transshipment sites• Strengthen the application of control measures and sanctions.
Questions and Close



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Indian Ocean Longline Tuna FIP - Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Minutes
Introductions and Welcomes
All provided an introduction. See the above list of attendees for this information.
Progress and challenges in 2020 <i>Update on the status of the FIP so far</i>
KT gave an introduction to the FIP, including the preassessment and the challenges and successes that happened this year. Overall, we have made good progress surrounding principle 2 actions such as minimising our ETP impacts, installing EM on nearly all the vessels and agreeing to implement tori lines regardless of location. Naturally challenges surrounding COVID have made things more difficult for fisheries globally but feel it is a real testament to the FIP that we still achieved an A progress rating. Other challenges surround engaging with flag states so we welcome your addition here today
Juan Pedro from ISSF wanted a clarification if the preassessment took into account fishery specific data which it did not as none was available at the time.
Principle 1 <i>Yellowfin Stock status and rebuilding</i>
KT giving an update on FIP workplan actions. Regarding P1 the IOTC needs to set an effective rebuilding plan for yellowfin, however, the recent IOTC meeting was non-committal on that. However, they did agree to host a dedicated yellowfin intersessional meeting for March. As a group we shall keep an eye on this and review the outcomes of the March intersessional meeting.
ISSF note that since the preassessment was completed other stocks are now deteriorating. FIP agreed and will update the preassessment to take this into account. The actions will also be updated to reflect any new work needed.
<i>Harvest Control Rules</i>
FIP needs to continue advocating for these as per the workplan. Malaysia just monitors catch, no position on HCR. TFA given a quota and when harvest to this level remind the vessel to stop harvesting or do active report of the harvest. TFA monitors catch of vessels and also have measures to raise violations so that they stop if exceed limits. TFA mentioned that if IOTC agree a HCR then Taiwan will continue to comply with that. Just want the HCR to treat every fishing player in Indian ocean equally.
Principle 2 <i>ETP species and unwanted catch</i>
FIP is working hard aligning with ISSF to ensure the fishery is not making an impact on ETP species. We are applying tori lines at all times, going above IOTC requirements and aligning with ISSF. As a FIP we request human observer data from the fishery authorities, especially regarding ETP species and their fate. Key Traceability to resend observer data letters to flag states. Malaysia rely on e-logbooks and CCTV as they do not have the resources for a large human observer programme. They did request funding from the IOTC but did not receive any.
Naturally, human observers are currently being limited or not present on vessels at all due to COVID-19.



ISSF asked if there is a plan for the FIP to have a specific percentage of human observer coverage? The FIP plan is for human observer coverage to meet IOTC regulations e.g. 5%. However, we are aware we are not meeting that and the challenges we currently face to be able to reach it. Because of this, we are focusing on using technology to carry out electronic monitoring. ISSF understand this and their position is that human observer coverage is progressing very slowly and there is a risk of not meeting the human observer objectives by the time the FIP matures to MSC assessment.

Electronic Monitoring

Key Traceability and Satlink provided an update on the EM project within the FIP. We currently have systems installed on 31 vessels and we are waiting to install the final five when travel restrictions ease. We will be analysing 20% of sets using the Indian Ocean Human Observer Template. Conversations are being had on how long we need to hold onto raw data.

Malaysia are currently reviewing CCTV data received, it roughly takes them 6 months to analyse it all. It is done in agreement with the fishing company with a third party, Malaysia DOF just gets the final report, they can view the footage but normally do not. Malaysia use the CCTV data for compliance reports. Malaysia are interested in seeing the hard drives and or reports from the EM footage. Malaysia to provide the FIP with information on the provider to ensure compatibility of data review and the FIP will think about how to engage and collaborate going forward.

Thai Union want to express they feel EM is critical to move forward with these fisheries. There are naturally challenges and we need to find a balance between effort and what comes out of it.

Taiwan has an EM research project but does not have a data analysis facility at the moment. The resource available will be insufficient to analyze all the data collected from these vessels. TFA will ask higher management regarding if they would be interested in receiving this data in either analyzed form or raw data.

ISSF asked if the EM footage is able to be used to develop EM standards? Key Traceability will check with FIP participants and get back to them.

Principle 3

Consultation, roles and responsibilities/Decision making processes

FIP is continuing to work through the P3 activities with the desired advocacy. Malaysia commented that they host consultations with vessel owners every year, previous one happened in September 2020. Malaysia also ensure data is exchanged with fishing companies with relevant changes such as the change in resolutions. This can be in person or via the industry consultations. Malaysia also is in direct contact with TFA e.g. every time Taiwanese vessels come into Malaysia; they inform the relevant authority.

Taiwan would like to know more about what the MSC requires to pass these PIs as they feel they have all of this set up. If the clarification for legal regulation is required by MSC PIs, Key Traceability will contact the TFA via email.

Questions and Close

No further business. Many thanks expressed to all that joined and the continued hard work of the FIP participants.