

# Fishers-as-Observers Program

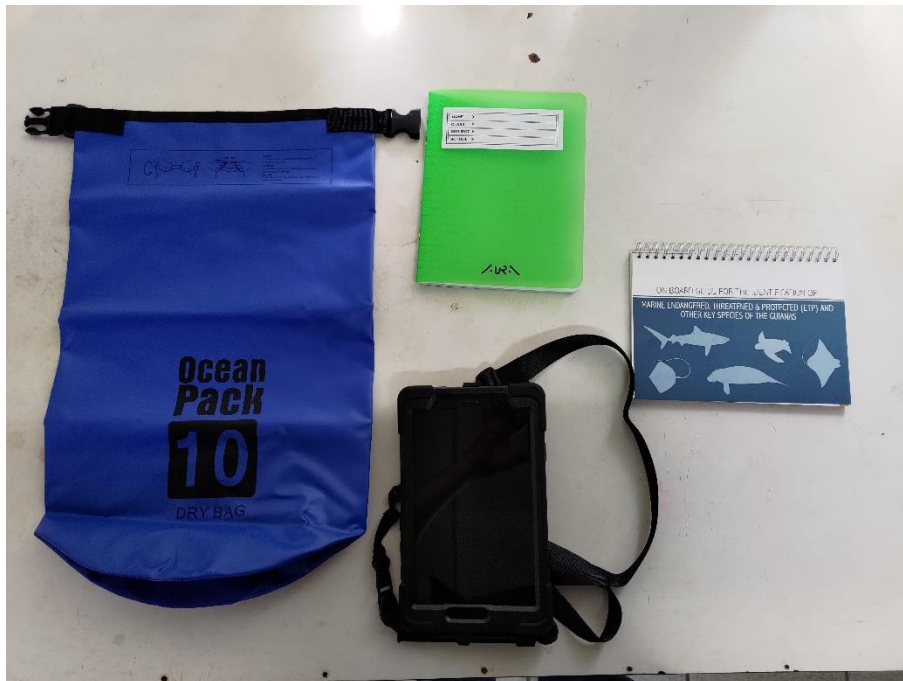
## Progress Report

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**Started** data collection for the **fishers-as-observers program**. Five captains of driftnet fishing vessels were trained on how to record data in the digital forms using a tablet on which an offline KoboToolbox form is deployed. The captains (and their crew) will record the total catch and effort (along with the location) after every drag of their trip. The digital data collection went well with two out of the five captains. The other three will receive additional instructions on how to fill in the forms correctly. Up to the end of January, 70 fishing activities (hauls) from 3 fishing trips were monitored. This pilot project is funded through a WWF grant. The FIP can continue/expand the program.

### ***Pictures/screenshots related to the fishers-as-observers program***



*Equipment for the fishers-as-observers, including a rugged tablet for data entry, species identification booklet, notebook and a waterproof bag.*

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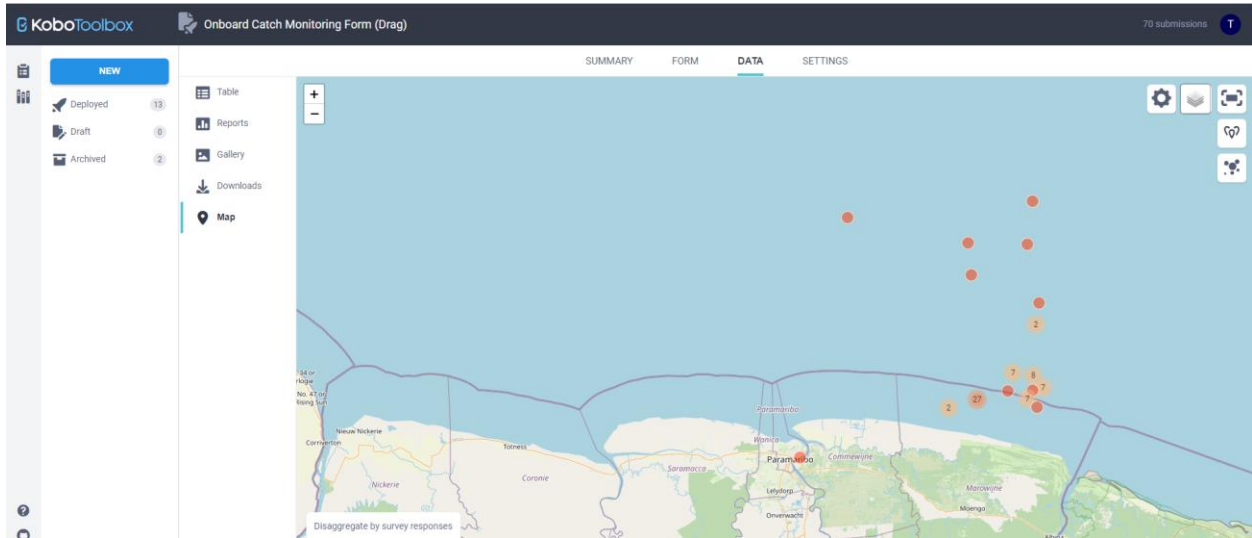
*Onboard training of captains for the fisher-as-observer program*



*Some pictures taken by the captains using the tablet*

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Online interface (KoboToolbox) where data from the fishers-as-observers program is deposited, validated and can be downloaded for further analysis, here displaying the location of fishing activities.