

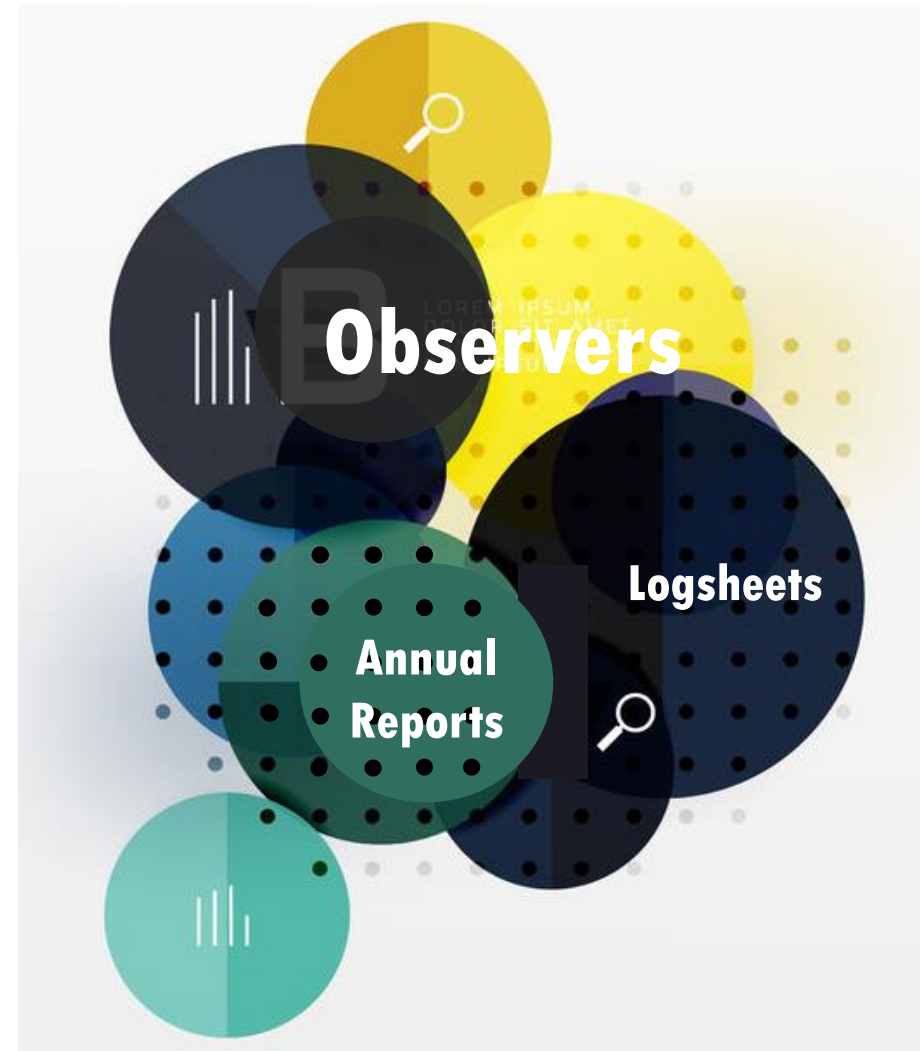
OBSERVER DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

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DATA AVAILABLE ON BYCATCH & MITIGATION

- **Logsheets** - few bycatch species (mainly WCPFC key sharks)
- **Annual Reports (Parts I & II)** - CMM special requirements
- **Observer data** is the main source of bycatch information



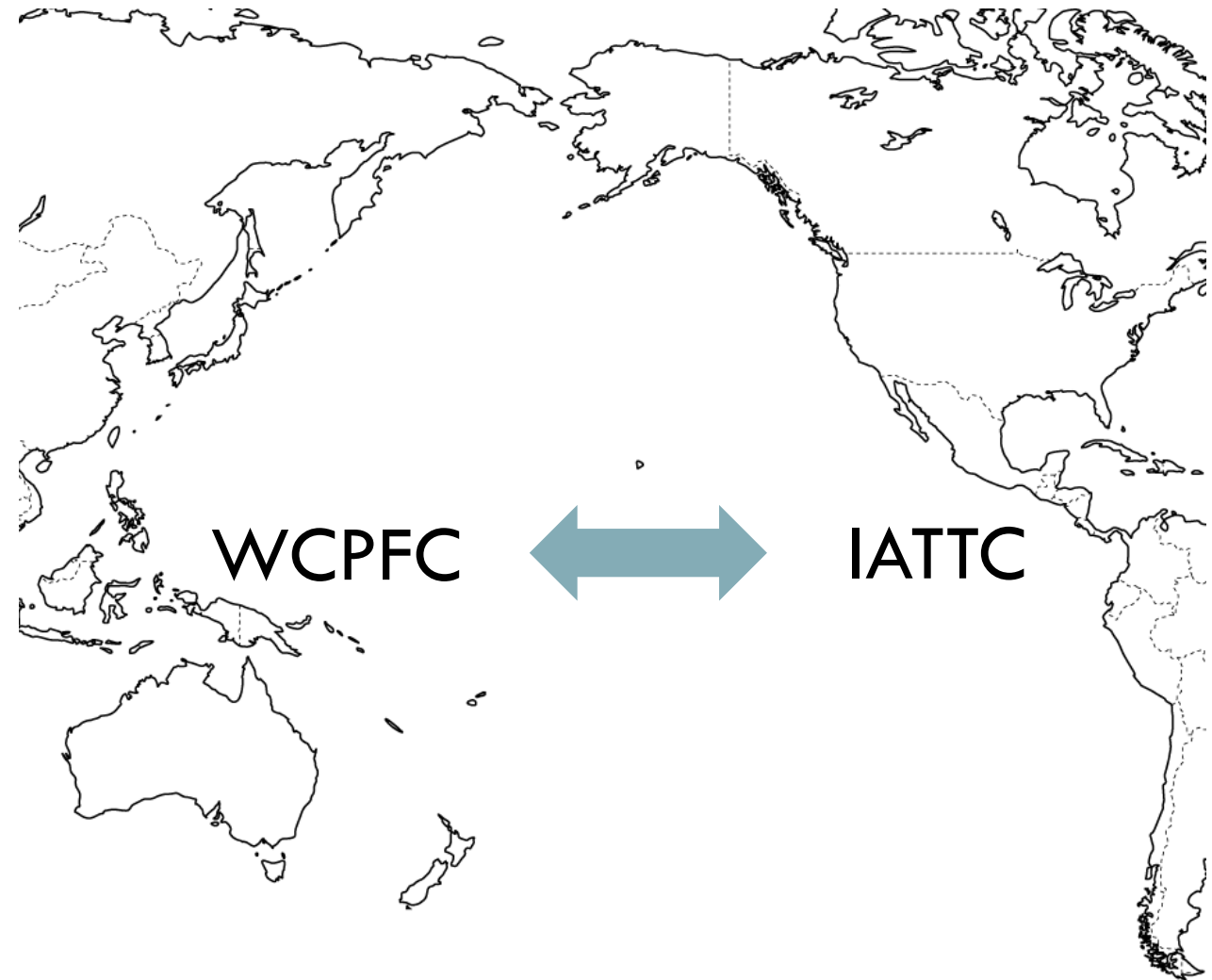
OBSERVER DATA COLLECTION MSDF

<u>WCPFC ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields.</u>	
<p>The format of how the WCPFC ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields will be presented for collection by observers is up to the individual observer programmes to develop; however if providers need a format to use as a guide that includes all the fields and suggested instructions for this set of minimum data standard fields. The FFA/SPC have developed forms and formats that are used by many programmes already, these are available on the SPC Website under the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) and could be adapted to suit your programme.</p> <p>Unless otherwise instructed when entering any field on any observer form, please make sure all fields are clearly printed in English, do not abbreviate unless told to do so;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the best codes where indicated; • make sure every forms is labelled with at least your name and trip number; if there is no information available for a field or its not applicable, please place a dash in this field, leaving it blank does not tell the data entry persons if you just forgot to fill the field in, or if there is no available information; • make sure that all Yes/No are circled; • all units of measure or power should be clearly indicated (circled); 	
GENERAL VESSEL AND TRIP INFORMATION FOR ALL VESSEL TYPES	
VESSEL IDENTIFICATION	
Name of vessel	Name must be clearly written, make sure any numbers connected with the name are included. i.e. "Moonlight No 6"
Flag State Registration Number	This number will be sourced from the vessel papers. You can normally get this information during the briefing.
International Radio Call Sign	The vessel call sign is usually issued to the vessel by the flag State in accordance with IMO regulations and procedures. This can become the WCPFC identification number of the vessel
Vessel Owner/Company	Name and contact if possible of the owner of the vessel, if it is owned by a company, then use the company name.
Hull markings consistent with CMM 2004-03	The hull markings should be consistent with CMM 2004-03; these are virtually the same as the FAO standards on vessel markings except that a few letters disallowed in the FAO standards are permitted in CMM 2004-03 standards.
"WCPFC Identification number" WIN markings consistent with CMM 2004-03	If the vessel does not have an IRCS number, the flag State must create and issue a "WCPFC Identification number" or WIN number and use this as the vessel identifier. In the majority of cases, the IRCS number and WIN would be the same number.
WIN format for markings consistent with CMM 2004-03	WIN if used separate from IRCS shall consist of letters and numbers to be painted on the hull or super structure.
International Maritime Organization 'IMO' or Lloyd's Register number 'LR'	Effective 1 January 2016 all fishing vessels at least 100 GT or 100 GRT fishing in the Convention Area beyond the area of national jurisdiction must have IMO or LR numbers Observers are asked to collect these in the appropriate data field.
VESSEL TRIP INFORMATION	
Date and time of departure from port	The day and time the vessel leaves port to start its fishing campaign. I.e. lifts its anchor, or lets the ropes free from the wharf.

- 16 page document on WCPFC website
- Should be implemented by all national programmes
- Changes need to be agreed by SC, ROP Coordinator, TCC and Commission
- Last changed in 2015 (2016)

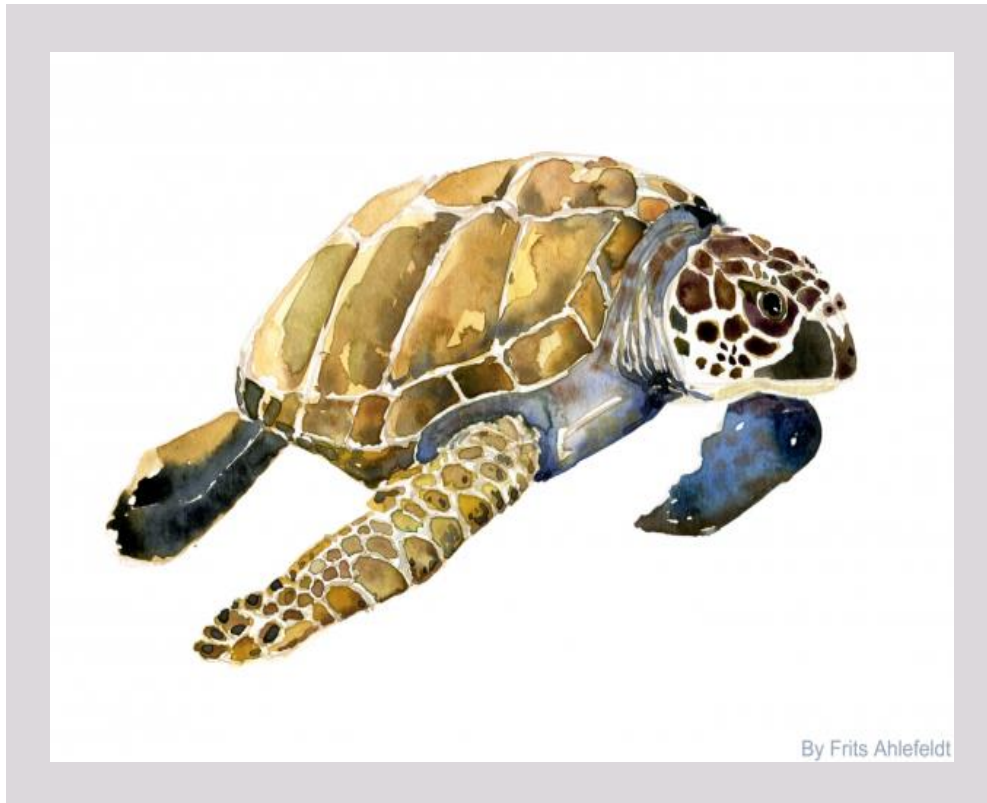
PACIFIC-WIDE COMPATIBILITY

- IATTC adopted longline observer data standards in 2017
- Based on WCPFC MSDF but in some cases go farther
- Do we need to reconcile?



WCPFC14 TASKING TO SC14

Consider the following recommendations from the sea turtle workshop:



- Record hook minimum width
- Record changes in bait use within sets
- Record full terminal tackle specs when a sea turtle is caught
- Record any gear left attached
- Improve species ID and assign data qualifiers