

# OPAGAC-WWF Fishery Improvement Project



-PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES-

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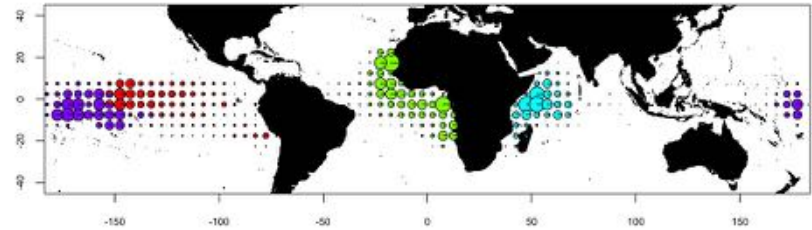
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# FIP PROFILE

40 purse seine vessels, 3 oceans  
315,000 MT (av. 2014-2016) (6% of catch)  
40% of global EU market (!)



Skipjack Tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*);  
Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*);  
Bigeye Tuna (*Thunnus obesus*)

Purse seine. Detection modes: Free school, Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs), natural logs and others



- 13 Units of Certification  
89 IPGs / 19 being critical ones:
- 18 RFMO improvement
  - 1 OPAGAC operations in IO



# FIP PROFILE

## Collaborative effort

- MOU signed with WWF in January 2016

## Best practice in governance

- Independent input (PA, AP, coordination, evaluate progress)
- Stakeholder Advisory Group

## Reporting and Transparency

- PA, scoping document, MOU & first mid term review available at [Fisheryprogress.org](http://Fisheryprogress.org)

Some changes in the waters (at least in the fishing vessels/at the conference room)



# FIP SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE

- **Verification of the Code of Good Practices in every ocean**



Non entangling FADs

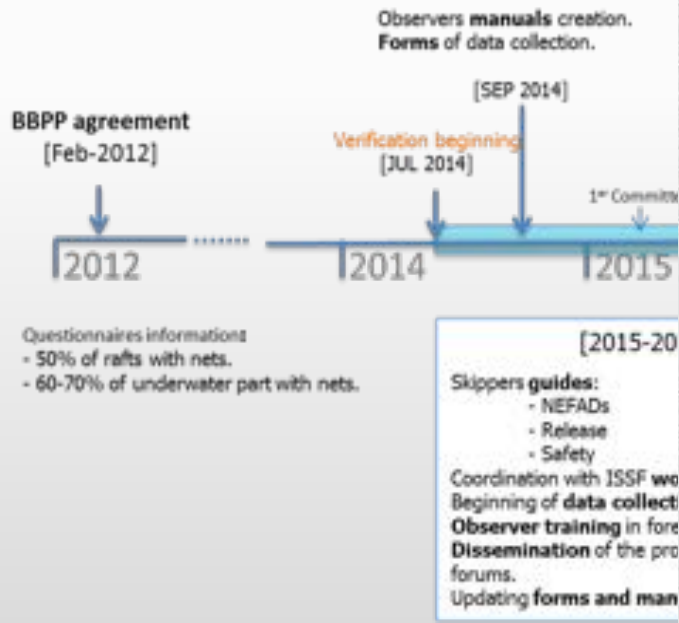


Safe fauna release operations



# FIP SUCCESSFUL

- Verification of the Code of practice for the release of associated fauna in the ocean



**azti** tecnología Verification of Good Practices ANABAC/OPAGAC **RELEASE OF ASSOCIATED FAUNA** Form B3 version 2014

fishing set n°: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ fishing trip code: \_\_\_\_\_

route form n°: \_\_\_\_\_ route line n°: \_\_\_\_\_

fauna release form n°: \_\_\_\_\_

strapping start time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Released fauna - whale sharks, rays (1 line/individual, see example)**

| individual  |          |         | release mode       |                  |                                 |                   |  |                         |                  |             | time            |                 | (4) state of the animal |      |      |      |            |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------------|
| (1) species | (2) size | (3) sex | drowning the coils | notch in the net | using the brailer (small shark) | using the brailer | by stretcher, fabric, samsa, cargo net | with specific equipment | manual from deck | non conform | animal detected | animal released | eyes                    | head | fins | skin | gill slits |
| RH-N        | 520      | 3       | 1                  |                  |                                 |                   |  |                         |                  |             | 7:49            | 8:30            | P                       | P    | M    | M    | P          |
| RMB         | 120      | 2       |                    |                  |                                 |                   |  |                         | 1                |             | 8:44            | 8:49            | P                       | P    | M    | M    | P          |

**Released fauna - turtles (1 line/individual, see example)**

| individual  |          |         | release mode        |                  |  |             |            | onboard 1d      | time            |      | (4) state of the animal |      |      |       |  |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|--|
| (1) species | (2) size | (3) sex | after disentangling | manual from deck | through removing net/plastic remains or hook | non conform | onboard 1d | animal detected | animal released | eyes | head                    | legs | skin | shell |  |
| TTL         | 90       | 1       |                     | 1                |  |             |            | 9:04            | 9:21            | P    | P                       |      | M    | P     |  |

Notes (5): \_\_\_\_\_

Data verified: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) put species code - see usual observers handbook.  
 (2) in centimeters.  
 (3) sex: 1 male; 2 female; 3 undetermined  
 (4) score: P ("perfect") intact, no damage; M ("moderate") superficial damages; S ("severe") damages with important risk for survival; U ("unknown") cannot be observed.  
 (5) if photos of the individuals were taken, mention code of the corresponding photos

# FIP CHALLENGES

- **Lack of FIP harmonization**

- Information is not always easy to compare (i.e. PA results)
- PA results do not match 100%
- Activities defined in the action plans show different nature

| FIP A  | FIP B   |
|--|---|
| Evaluate outcome of Scientific Advisory Committee meeting in relation to evaluation of ref. points and HCRs.                       | Present a proposal for juvenile reduction in YFT and BET fisheries. |
| Collaborate with like minded people to support and promote the continued development of a harvest strategy, harvest control rules. | Impact analysis on the effectiveness of closures (corralito).       |
|  | Plan for capacity limitation.                                       |

Lack of guidance/coordination?  
Political/commercial agenda coming in??



# PROGRESS WITH CAUTION

- Political work at RFMO level (although unilateral initiatives are usually seen with suspicion)

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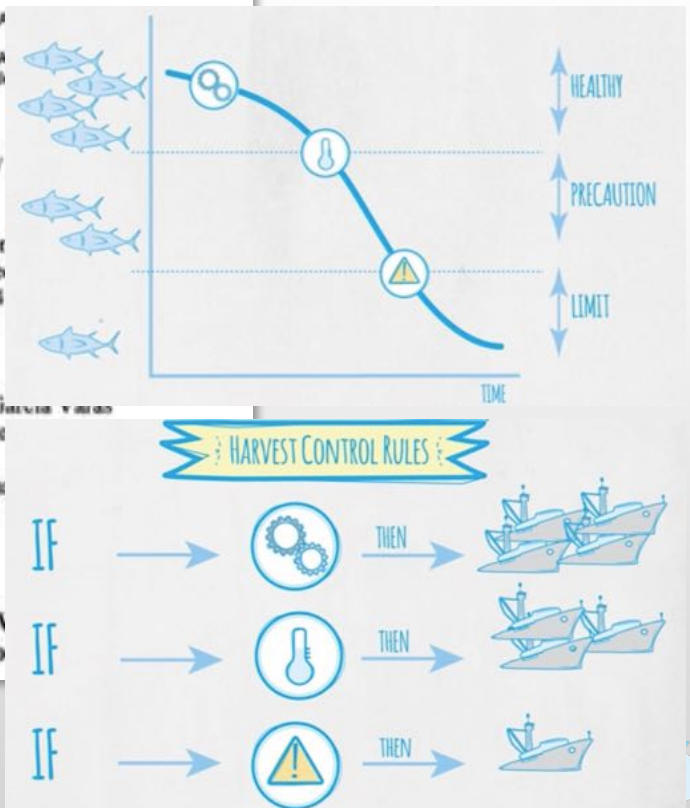
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**Subject: Request for a meeting to present OPAGAC/ WWF proposal to develop a Fisheries Improvement Project on trophic levels in the Atlantic Ocean Regional Fisheries Management Organizations.**



The purpose of this letter is to provide our support for the implementation of HCR by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC). As you probably know, Maldives and other IOTC CPC will present a proposal



THANK YOU!

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