



IATTC Database timeline

- 1954 Tuna section data collection
 - Emphasis on tuna landings
- 1979 Observer program data collection
 - Emphasis on marine mammal involvement in purse seine fishery
- 2000 Database conversion
- 2010 Establishment of single Data Collection and Database program

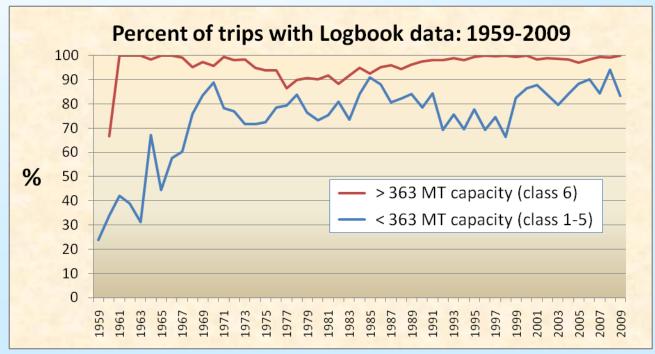


IATTC Datasets – tuna and non-tuna catch

- EPO Purse Seine Fishery
 - Tuna Length Frequency (1955)
 - Logbooks (1959)
 - Cannery Unloading (1959)
 - Observer (1979)
- Other gear
 - Longline
 - Pole and Line
 - Gillnet
 - Troll
 - Harpoon
 - Recreational

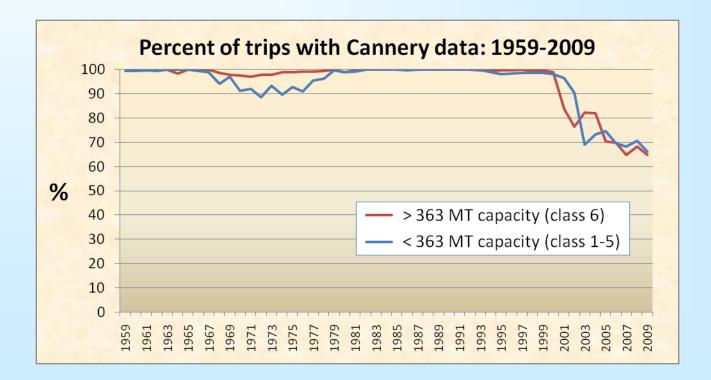
Purse seine Logbook data

- Data collected at ports by IATTC staff
 - Fishing effort, positions, dates, times
 - Set information
 - Tuna retained catch (landed)



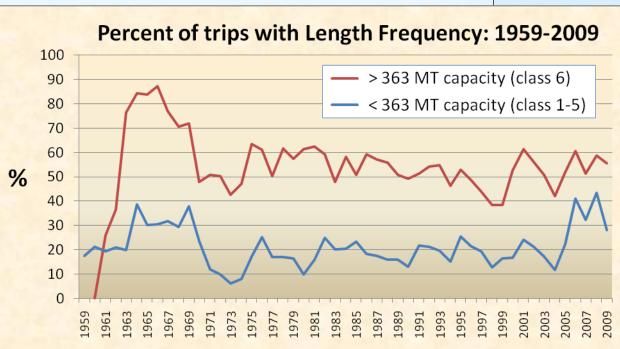
Purse seine Cannery unloading data

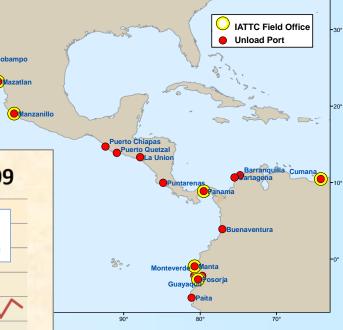
- Data collected at cannery by IATTC staff, also received directly from canneries
 - Tuna unloaded species and weight



Purse seine Length Frequency data

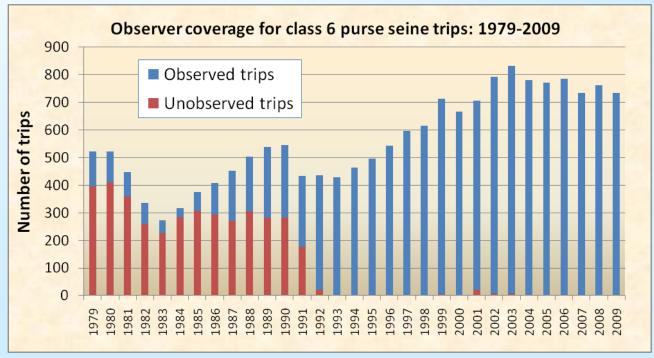
- Data collected by IATTC staff during vessel unloading
 - Predetermined number of tuna measured
 - Set information
 - Tuna retained catch (landed)





Purse seine Observer data

- Data collected at sea during fishing trips
 - Fishing effort, positions, dates, times
 - Tuna and non-tuna capture and discard
 - Compliance, marine mammal involvement



IATTC and National observer programs

8 active – all using an identical database structure

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- 1966 United States (discontinued in 1994)
- 1979 IATTC
- 1992 Mexico
- 2000 Venezuela
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- 2003 European Union
- 2005 Colombia
- 2006 Panama
- 2007 Nicaragua

Time frame of Observer data sets

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- 1979 Cetacean life history
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Floating Object field form

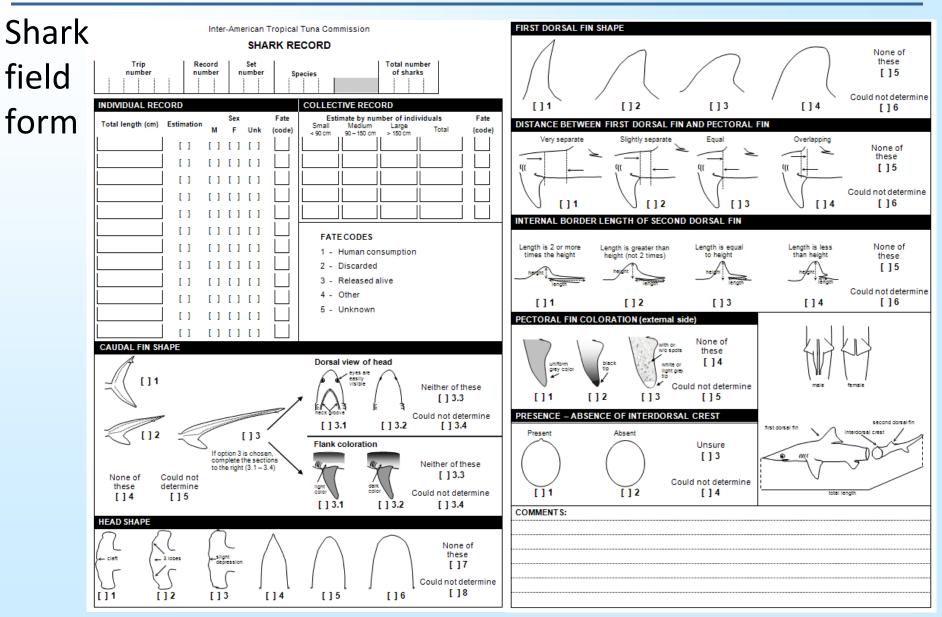
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Trip Object Count		
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Bait container / bait	[]5[]	Radio transmitter / beeper [] 5 []
Cord / rope	[]6[]	Radar reflector [] 6 []
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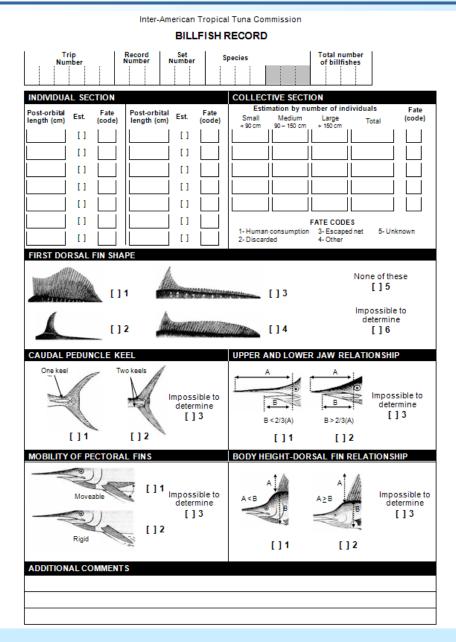
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Billfish field form

(2006 version)



Sea Turtle field form

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Bycatch field form

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MARINE FAUNA RECORD

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Observer database - Quantity of data

Observer database record counts: 1979 through 2009

 Number of trips 	11,500
 Number of sets 	356,000

Number of individual sightings in the database:

 Marine mammals 	799,000
 Sea turtles 	53,000
• Billfish	37,000
 Sharks 	67,000
• Rays	12,500
 Other large fish 	181,000
• Birds	317,000
 Floating objects 	228,000

IATTC Datasets – other

- Trophic Ecology Studies (various: 1955 2005)
 - Diet studies
 - Stable Isotope studies
- International Review Panel (1993)
- Achotines lab (1996)
 - YFT spawning investigations
- Tuna tagging (2000)
 - Archival time series and plastic dart tag deployment and recovery
- Tuna Tracking / Dolphin Safe Certificate program (2001)
- Vessel Registry (2004)
- EPO High seas Transshipments (2009)

FUTURE PLANS

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee La Jolla, California, USA. Aug 31st – Sep 3rd 2010

Data Life Cycle

• Data gathering

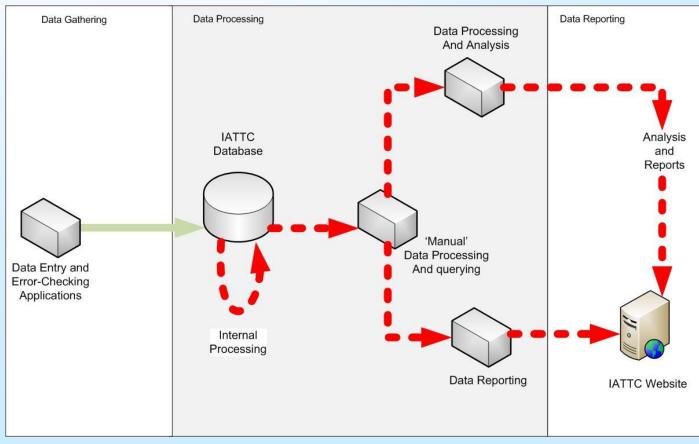
Sets of data reach the IATTC headquarters from different sources, usually from its field offices in numerous formats. Once at the IATTC, they are entered into the system and checked for errors using custom applications. The final product is stored in the database servers. Data processing

Data is processed to generate more useful data sets for analysis purposes. Data analysis and reporting

> Processed data is used by the staff to perform analysis, generate reports, respond to data requests, etc.

The current systems

- Multiple independent applications for data entry and error checking.
- A database server which holds most of the data sets in a single database. Raw and processed data are often stored together.
- Some processing tasks which are critical for analysis and reporting. (LF&SC, CAE, etc).
- A web site to publish information.



POINTS TO IMPROVE

- The current database, resulting from two separate programs, has increased in complexity and is often difficult to maintain and support. The structure was designed for data entry and is not optimized for analysis.
- Limited documentation makes it difficult for scientists and non technical staff to access the data.

IMPROVEMENTS

- Create separate databases oriented to each subject. These databases will be different representations of the existing data, optimized for analysis purposes.
- Create a centralized repository of information about data available, such as meaning, relationships to other data, origin, usage, and format.

POINTS TO IMPROVE

 There are several critical processing tasks which are costly in terms of time and effort of the data group staff.

IMPROVEMENTS

- Automate those processes where possible.
- Create new applications to manage those data sets that can not be automated.
 For example: an application to manage the fleet which allows the staff to easily update the fleet database and publish its data.

POINTS TO IMPROVE

 There are a number of independently developed applications for data entry and data processing that are difficult to maintain and support.

IMPROVEMENTS

- Develop a team work environment to share code and libraries so that custom applications may be more easily and efficiently maintained.
- Host most of the data entry and data processing applications on the internal website. This will improve security and ease of maintenance.

POINTS TO IMPROVE

 The IATTC website has become the main mechanism for communication with the world. It has also grown in complexity, becoming difficult to maintain and update using the current design and software.

IMPROVEMENTS

Develop a completely new website, based on new technology, to be able to release the information produced by the organization more efficiently. For instance: an organized search engine in a data repository to better find public domain data sets.

- Restructure and optimize the existing databases.
- Document the database contents and create the data dictionary.
- Automate critical processes such as the Length Frequency and Species Composition program and the Catch and Effort program.
- Automate data preparation for the Stock Assessments.
- Create applications to assist in managing other datasets; F.i.: Fleet management application, Unloading data managing application.
- Convert/Improve some existing applications for data management. For example the Vessel Register.
- Create a team-work environment to host and manage all of the applications.
- Create an internal portal to host all of the applications.
- Create a new updated website for the IATTC.

The target

- Multiple related web based applications for data entry and error checking.
- Several database servers with specialized databases for analysis and reporting.
- Automated processing tasks critical for analysis and reporting.
- An updated web site to publish information.

