

# Comisión Interamericana del Atún Tropical Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission



## REPORTING UNDER C-19-08: SCIENTIFIC OBSERVERS FOR LONGLINE VESSELS (SAC-13-04) Corr.

13<sup>a</sup> Reunión del Comité Científico Asesor – 16-20 de mayo de 2022 (por videoconferencia)  
13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee – 16-20 May 2022 (by videoconferencia)

# Summary Reporting SAC-13-04

- Due March 31, 2022 for 2021 fishing year
- Standard format for summary reporting adopted as Annex A of C-19-08
- Requirement for 5% observer coverage of effort of longline vessels >20m LOA
- Measure of effort must be in terms of ***number of hooks*** or ***effective days fishing***

# Summary Reporting under Annex A: 2021

CPC	Annex A Summary submitted?	% Observer coverage reported 2020
BLZ	Yes	0% - CPC reports that vessels only operated for 5 days in 2021 and no observers were deployed
CHL	NA	qualifying vessels did not operate in 2021
CHN	Yes	8.9% (# hooks); 9.2% (effective days fished)
CRI	No	
ECU	Yes	9% (effective days fished)
EU	Yes	0.8% effective days fished
FRA	No	
GTM	No	
JPN	No	
KOR	Yes	0.7% (effective days fished) preliminary data
MEX	Yes	9.5% (effective days fished)
NIC	No	
PAN	P	CPC indicated that they had LL observer program in 2021, and summary reporting is pending
PER	No	
SLV	NA	Qualifying vessels changed gear type, no longer LL vessels
TWN	Yes	0.6% (effective days fished) preliminary data; final expected to be 13%
USA	Yes	21% (# hooks)
VEN	NA	qualifying vessels did not operate in 2021
VUT	No	

- 19 CPCs with longline vessels >20m LOA on RVR
- 3 CPCs reporting that C-19-08 did not apply to them in 2021 because their qualifying vessels were not active or had switched gears
- Of the remaining 17 CPCs, 9 submitted summary reporting- all using the correct format found in Annex A
- 3 of the 8 summary reports submitted are based on preliminary data
- Corresponding summary reports for each reporting CPC are posted on the SAC-13 documents page

# Summary Reporting under Annex B: 2021



Status of reporting of operational observer data by CPCs									
CPC	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
BLZ	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	P	P	P	P	NR <sup>3</sup>		
CHL							NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	
CHN									
CRI							NR <sup>2</sup>		
ECU	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
EU (Portugal)	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR			
EU (Spain)	NR	NR	NR	NR					
FRA									
GTM	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NA	NA	NA		
JPN	NR <sup>1</sup>	NR <sup>1</sup>							
KOR									
MEX									
NIC					NA <sup>1</sup>			NA <sup>1</sup>	
PAN	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	NR <sup>2</sup>	P
PER	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>			
SLV	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA
TWN									
USA									
VEN					NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	NA <sup>1</sup>	
VUT									

NR- Not reporting

NR<sup>1</sup> - CPC stated they will not be reporting data because they cannot report against the IATTC standards for these years

NR<sup>2</sup> - CPC reports that they had qualifying vessels, but did not have a longline observer program in this fishing year

NR<sup>3</sup> - CPC reports that relevant vessel was only active during the last quarter of the fishing year and an observer could not be assigned

NA- CPC reports that the observer requirements were not applicable

NA<sup>1</sup>- CPC reports that the observer requirements were not applicable because relevant vessels listed on the RVR were not active or did not fish for IATTC species in this year

P- CPC has indicated that data will be submitted

# Submission of Operational Longline Observer Data

- Operational-level longline observer data is required to be submitted to one of the two sets minimum standards provided in Annex B of C-19-08
- Of the CPCs that typically submit summary reporting for the longline observer programs, 7 have submitted their observer data for all years which observer data was collected
- Need to determine the disposition of the cells appearing in red (e.g. requirement was not applicable; the requirement was applicable, but no vessels were observed; or observer data was collected, but not yet reported)
- Letters to CPCs requesting clarity on presumed missing data sets will be sent prior to 2022 annual meeting



Questions