ER and EM

From trials to implementation in the WCPO

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- **Improving data flow and data quality**

- **Building capacity for new skills**

- **Operational frameworks**

E-Reporting (ER)

- Catch logsheets (elogs)
- Observer reports
- Transhipment reports
- Port sampling records

E-Monitoring (EM)

- High definition video cameras + GPS
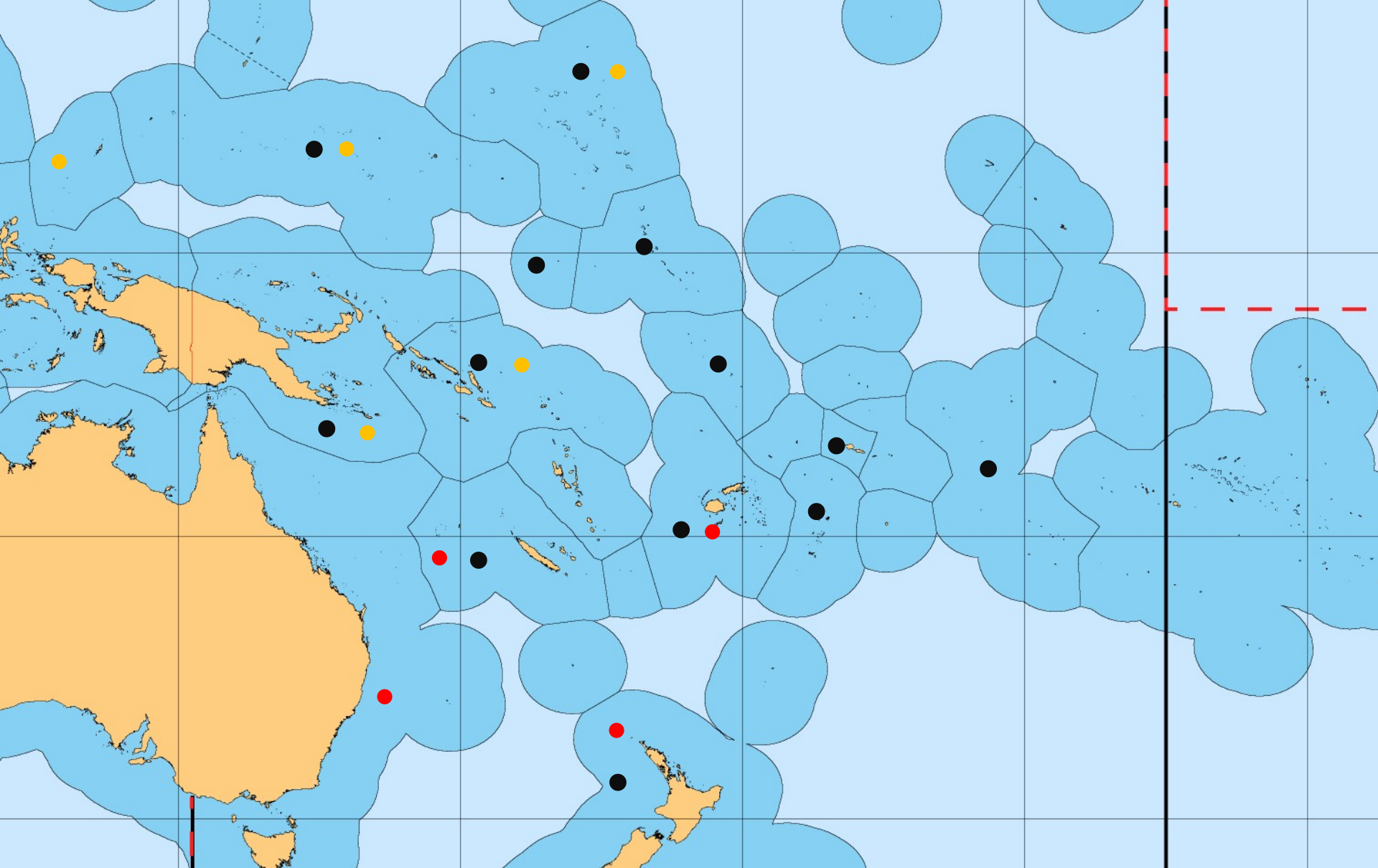- Gear sensors
- Hard drives
- Office observers

How will ER and EM help achieve sustainable fisheries?

- **Benefits of ER:**
  - Faster data flow – Stock assessment & MCS
  - Built in data checking and calculations tools

- **Benefits of EM:**
  - Increased observer coverage
  - Detailed review of fishing activities
  - Logsheets verification

ER   EM   EM Plans

E-Reporting (Logsheet) – Purse Seine

FIMS for purse seine (PNG/PNA initiative)

- Fisheries Information Management System – provides industry with a platform to manage and eLodge data in near real time

- Catch reporting and other functions available for any country

- Over 260 purse seiners currently registered

- Android tablet based application

E-Reporting (Logsheet) – Southern Longline

eTUNALOG for longline (SPC initiative)

- Suitable for LL vessels in the South Pacific Albacore Fisheries

- Current situation and plans:
    - New Caledonia: 3 vessels currently, rest of fleet by end 2016?
    - Fiji: 4 vessels currently, rest of fleet by end 2016?
    - Cook Islands: 5 vessels currently, further rollout in 2016
    - Kiribati: 1 vessel
    - Tonga: 3 vessels
    - Samoa: 3 vessels
    - Vanuatu and French Polynesia in 2016
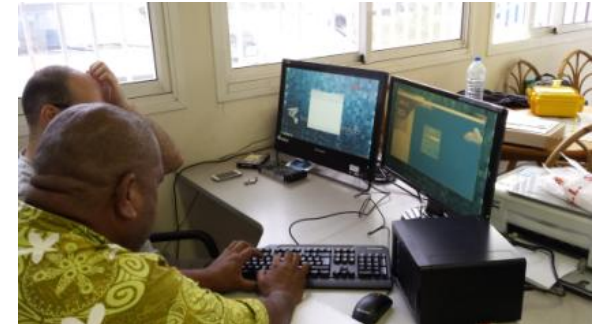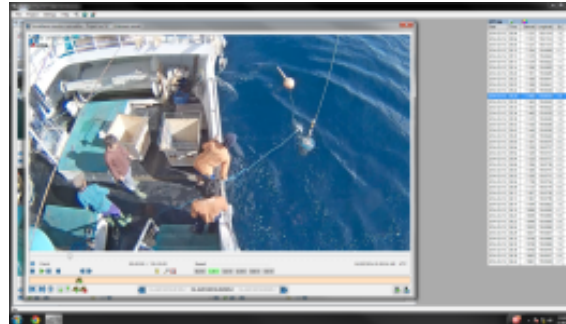
E-Reporting (for Observers)

- FIMS on PS vessels 2014-2016 – 150+ observers trained
- Built in data checking and calculation tools
- FIMS can use the data for CDS and VDS NFD Validation

Video E-Monitoring for LL vessels

- 2014: Two vessel trial in Solomon Is

- 2014: Two vessel trial in Fiji

- 2015: Single vessel trial in New Caledonia

- 2015: Fifteen vessel trials in Fiji, extended to 50 vessels by 2020

- 2016-2017: Palau, FSM, RMI, Solomon Is, PNG.

E-Monitoring Focus

Raw EM footage and position data

- **Operational frameworks**
- **Office observers**
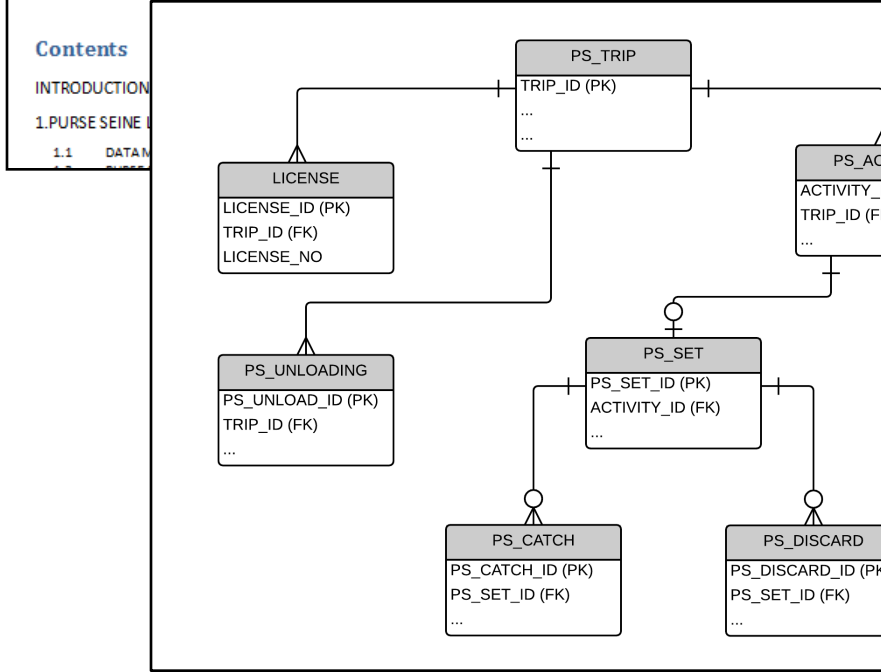- **Greater automation**

Curated data for Science and MCS

E-Reporting Officers (EROs)

- Present in MH, FM, CK and SB

- Role: Facilitate collaboration between fisheries authority, fishing industry, SPC and service providers

- Finite funding– cost recovery mechanisms needed

WCPFC ER and EM Data Standards

Pacific Community / Communauté du Pacifique

Guide WCPFC member countries on how to submit E-Reporting data in the future …

Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

E-REPORTING STANDARD DATA FIELDS

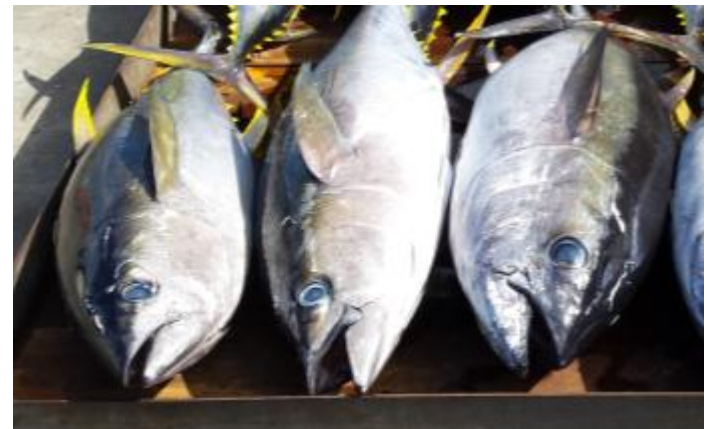OPERATIONAL LOGSHEET DATA

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SPC's Role in ER and EM in the WCPO

1. FACILITATE the flow of electronically-generated data into regional and national databases

2. Establish STANDARDS in collaboration with WCPFC, FFA, PNA and member countries

3. Establish formal FRAMEWORKS (e.g. MOUs) to conduct trials leading to implementation

4. CAPACITY BUILDING in member countries for managing ER and EM programmes

Take home messages

- ER and EM improve data flow and data quality

- Capacity building for new skills – no jobs at risk

- Legal, operational and financial frameworks are essential

Thank you

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