



Terms of Reference

Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels Specialist

Background

Since 2009, the T-RFMO Secretariats have worked together in the consolidation and dissemination, through the tuna-org Website, of their records of authorized vessels. Regular updates of the T-RFMO Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels (CLAV) were initiated in 2011, following the first Workshop on Exchange of Information and Maintenance of the Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels of Tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations, held in Rome in February 2011.

In July 2011, the T-RFMOs presented progress concerning development of the CLAV and ongoing cooperation with the FAO at the 3rd Joint Tuna RFMO Meeting, held in La Jolla, San Diego. The Meeting congratulated the T-RFMO Secretariats and the FAO for the progress achieved, encouraging them to continue development of the CLAV.

Following the above recommendation, the FAO and the T-RFMOs continued cooperation in the development of the software to be used in updating the CLAV, under the framework of FAO's Vessel Record Management Framework (VRMF), so far used to handle the High Seas Vessels Authorization Record (HSVAR). Development of the CLAV System under the VRMF has been finalized and is currently being tested by the T-RFMOs. The new module will allow for the CLAV to be updated in close-to-real time, following updates at each T-RFMO. However, the identification of individual vessels is not simple, as T-RFMOs may have different standards for the reporting of vessels, not involving the same type of vessel attributes, and T-RFMO Members may report inconsistent data for the same vessel to two or more T-RFMOs. Therefore, a substantial amount of time may be required to identify duplicates and, especially, in following up on the issues identified with the T-RFMO Members concerned, in order to improve the quality of the information stored and make it possible CLAV updates that are fully automatic in the future.

In 2012, the FAO and the T-RFMOs agreed to continue development of the CLAV as part of Component 2C of the FAO led global tuna project, which represents one of the components of a new initiative launched by the Global Environment Facility in 2011 to promote efficient and sustainable management of fisheries resources and biodiversity conservation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (GEF-ABNJ Project).

Service to be provided:

Under the general supervision of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission the Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels Specialist will be responsible for assisting the FAO and the tuna-RFMOs with the implementation of the GEF-ABNJ-Project sub-component 2C: Sub-Component 2C CLAV and Global Record (GR) harmonized to provide a complete record and search tool for tuna vessels authorized to fish in all T-RFMO regions.

The consultant will have the following responsibilities and functions:

1. Manage the CLAV System at the IOTC Secretariat, including coordination of exchange of vessel records from the five T-RFMO Secretariats.
2. Cross-verify records of authorized vessels, as exchanged by the T-RFMO Secretariats, including follow-up on issues identified as discrepancies.
3. Prepare reports on the status of the CLAV on a regular basis for dissemination to all T-RFMO Secretariats.
4. Prepare the materials required for the regular dissemination of a Newsletter, to all T-RFMO members or other interested parties.
5. Prepare a Final Report on the status of the CLAV and evaluation of the first semester of the new system to be considered by the T-RFMO Secretariats.
6. Attend any other duties, as required by the IOTC.

The deadline for completion of this activity has been set to 15-May 2015 (15-November-2014 to 15-May-2015).

Minimal Requirements:

Professional experience should be an undergraduate degree preferably completed with management background. Professional experience in vessel registers, handling of datasets in a MySQL environment, and knowledge of global tuna fisheries is also desired. Applicants must be able to show successful results as a program manager demonstrating clear public and political skills working with a range of institutional stakeholders.

Language: English (additional knowledge of French and/or Spanish is also desirable)

Location: IOTC Secretariat, Victoria, Seychelles.

Duration: 6 person months