

WCPFC Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Working Group

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WCPFC ERandEM WG

- Started in 2015
- Consultant's report that looked at how emerging technologies could benefit the work of CCMs and the Commission in supporting the implementation of the Convention.
- Trials, lessons learnt.
- Benefits – timely and enhanced data management, facilitating data exchange between Secretariat, members and regional bodies, efficiently managing the increasing amounts of data received by the Secretariat, acknowledging t-RFMO recommendations on data harmonisation.
- Risks – lack of documented policies and standards, increased data storage, transmission complexities and increased long term costs.
- Working group set up under terms of reference

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- ER

- Data standards, formats, breadth of WCPFC data requirements
 - Data collected by observers
 - Data collected by fishing vessels on catch and effort
 - Data collected in relation to high seas declarations and notifications
- Members agreed to voluntary uptake of standards – % of reports aligned with the standards is steadily increasing every year.

- EM

- Identified data gaps – longline and high seas transshipment activity - Commission agreed to prioritise EM in areas where data collection and verification is low.
- Agreed a standards based approach – program, technical, logistics and data analysis
- Objective - to collect verified catch and effort data, other scientific data, and additional information related to the fishery from the Convention Area and to monitor the implementation of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission

ERandEM WG Outcomes

- ER

- Strong uptake of electronic reporting standards by members, but more work to do
- Secretariat to make minor changes to electronic reporting standards following Commission decisions, but major changes to follow current processes
- Other electronic reporting?

- EM

- Ongoing member trials including developing national level objectives
- Support a general framework that recognises EM as a data collection and verification tool that complements other data collection and verification methods (VMS, observers, port inspections, HSBI).
- Strong push to prioritise EM in areas where data collection and verification is currently low.

Questions?