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**SPC / FFA REGIONAL PURSE-SEINE LOGSHEET FOR INTERACTIONS -INSTRUCTIONS**

In line with CMM 2011-03 and CMM 2012-04 use this supplement to the PS logsheet to record any interactions of cetaceans or whale sharks with the net during the trip. Fill in the same ‘Trip Details’ as on the main PS logsheet and the same “Set Details” for any set where an interaction with the net occurs. Provide additional information on the interactions under the ‘Cetacean and Whale Shark Interactions’ area.

Block One: Vessel Identification and Trip Information

*Country of Registration* and *Registration Number in Country of Registration*: Print the name of the country in which the vessel is registered (e.g. “Japan”) and the registration number issued by the country in which the vessel is registered (e.g. “ME1-808”).

*FFA Vessel Register Number*: Print the number issued by the Forum Fisheries Agency for inclusion of the vessel on the FFA Vessel Register (e.g. “12345”). *Unique Vessel Identifier:* Print the vessel’s UVI number.

*Fishing Permit or License Number(s)*: If the vessel fished under one or more bilateral access agreements, then print the fishing permit number issued by each of the coastal states in whose waters the vessel fished during the trip. If the vessel fished under a multilateral treaty, then print the fishing permit number issued to the vessel under the multilateral treaty. If the vessel is registered in the coastal state, then print the fishing license number issued by the coastal state.

*Name of Agent in Port of Unloading*: Print the name of the agency or agencies which represented the vessel in the port or ports in which the vessel unloaded the catch recorded on the logsheet. Place of Unloading Specify the name of the port where the catch was unloaded, or the GPS position where unloading occurs at sea.

*Year* and *Trip Number This Year*: Print the year in which the vessel departed from port at the start of the trip and the number of trips the vessel has taken this year, including this trip. (See the definitions of the start and end of a trip above.) *Date and Time of Departure, and Date and Time of Arrival in Port:* Specify the start date and time when the catch was unloaded in port, or was transhipped where permissible. Use UTC time and this format (YYYY-MM-DD: hh:mm)

*Amount of Fish Onboard at Start of Trip*: If any fish caught during a previous trip have not been unloaded before the departure of the current trip, then print the amount of fish onboard the vessel at the start of the current trip.

*Amount of Fish Onboard After Unloading*: If any fish remained onboard after the unloading of the catch from the current trip and before the departure of the next trip, then print the amount of fish onboard the vessel at the start of the next trip.

Block Two: Set Activity

Complete at least one line of Block Two for each cetacean interaction, even if the cetacean or whale shark escaped. unsuccessful. If no fishing sets were made during the day, then provide the Month, Day, Activity Code and the 01:00 UTC position. All columns must be completed for each fishing set, **including the discards columns**. If necessary, use more than one line to record the retained catch of other species, well numbers, and discards.

*Activity Code*: Use Activity Code 1 (‘Fishing set’) when a set on a school of fish was made.

*01:00 UTC or Set Position:*  If a set was made, print the position of the set. If no sets were made during the day, print the vessel’s position at 01:00 UTC. The position should be recorded to the nearest thousandth of a minute of latitude and longitude (e.g. “08–22.334 N” and “165–45.556 E”).

*School Assoc Code*: Schools of tuna are often associated with a floating object or an animal. If the school was not associated with anything, then use School Association Code 1 (‘Unassociated’). If the school was associated with an object that is not on the list of School Association Codes, then use School Association Code 8 (‘Other’) and please describe the object.

*Set Start Time*: Print the vessel’s UTC time at which the skiff was put in the water.

End of Set Time: Print the vessel’s UTC time for when the skiff was back onboard after the set.

**Block Two Continued: Cetacean and Whale Shark Interactions**

After recording the details for the set, (which should be the same as on the original PS logsheet) provide the details of the interactions. Note that more than one line of information may be required to describe the interaction depending on the combination of species types, the final fate and the condition of any species that may have interacted with the set.

**Species Name:** Write the full name of all the species in English, or use the three-letter code provided.

**Number of Animals Involved.** Record the total number of the cetaceans/whale sharks that were involved for each species.

**Fate Code:** Use the fate codes provided on the form to show the final fate for all cetaceans or whale sharks that have interacted with the set. If multiple species are involved with multiple fate codes, record more than one line of data.

**Condition Code:** Record the condition of the species when it was first encircled by the net, and then when it was finally released from the net/vessel. If there was more than one species involved, record the details using another line of data. The Conditions Codes are : (A0- alive, A1- alive and healthy, A2 - alive injured, A3 - alive but dying, D - Dead, U - unknown)

**Description of Interaction**

Fully describe the interaction, including specific mention of “how and why” the encirclement happened, the steps taken to ensure safe release and mention if it was possible to follow the handling guidelines provided by the WCPFC. [www.wcpfc.int](http://www.wcpfc.int)