

International Consultations on the Establishment of the
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

Standards for the collection, reporting and exchange of vessel data (Authorisation Dates)

Interim Secretariat

1. Introduction

The existing vessel data standard in the “Standards for the collection, reporting, verification and exchange of data” adopted on 6 October 2008, does not include data fields for collecting vessel authorisation dates. However, the vessel data standard notes that information about the issue and/or revocation of vessel authorisation periods should be provided to and stored by the Interim Secretariat.

Therefore, the collection of vessel authorisation start and end dates should be included as part of the vessel data standard.

2. Standards for the Collection of Vessel Data

The current vessel data standard refers to vessel authorisation dates in paragraph (c) and reads as follows:

2. Vessel data

Participants are to:

(a)

(b)

(c) Compile vessel data and provide them in a timely manner to the Interim Secretariat of the proposed SPRFMO. Participants are to provide data on vessels that they have authorized to fish in the following year, at least 3 months prior to the start of that year. Additionally, Participants are to provide data on vessels that they newly authorize to fish during a year, or when authorizations to fish are revoked during a year, within 1 month of granting or revoking such an authorization.

3. Recommendation

Vessel start authorisation date and vessel end authorisation dates are added to the vessel data standard. Refer to the draft amended data standard at Annex 1.

Annex 1**Standard for vessel data**

1. Data are to be collected on an un-aggregated (vessel by vessel) basis.
2. The following fields of data are to be collected:
 - (a) Current vessel flag
 - (b) Name of vessel
 - (c) Registration number
 - (d) International radio call sign (if any)
 - (e) Lloyd's / IMO number (if allocated)
 - (f) Previous Names (if known)
 - (g) Port of registry
 - (h) Previous flag (if any)
 - (i) Type of vessel
 - (j) Type of fishing method(s)
 - (k) When built
 - (l) Where built
 - (m) Length
 - (n) Length type e.g. "LOA", "LBP"
 - (o) Moulded depth
 - (p) Beam
 - (q) Gross Tonnage – GT (to be provided as the preferred unit of tonnage)
 - (r) Gross register tonnage – GRT –
(to be provided if GT not available; may also be provided in addition to GT)
 - (s) Power of main engine(s)
 - (t) Hold capacity
 - (u) Name of owner(s)
 - (v) Address of owner(s)
 - (w) Name of operator(s)
 - (x) Address of operator(s)
 - (y) Vessel authorisation start date**
 - (z) Vessel authorisation end date**