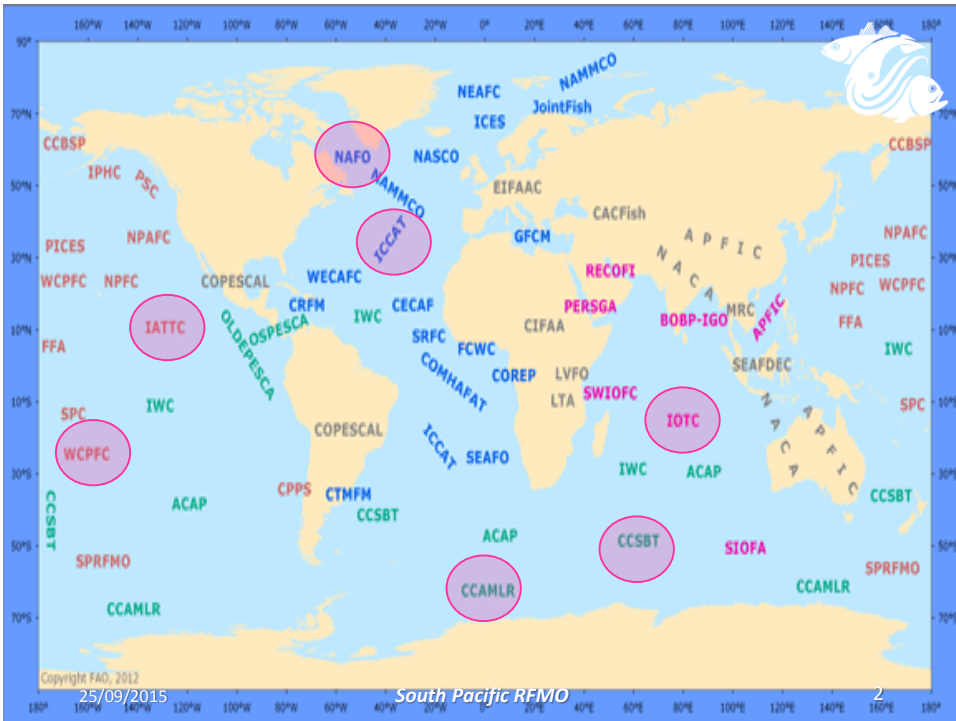




Observer Programmes of RFMOs

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



CCSBT

- National scientific observer programmes
- Collect stock assessment data (catch and effort) for southern bluefin tuna (CCSBT Scientific Research Plan)
- 10% coverage for each fishery
- Costs covered by member States

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



IATTC

- AIDCP (Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program)
- Monitor dolphin mortality and collect scientific data
- 100% coverage for vessels > 363 t
- Coordinated by Secretariat (ca. USD 2 million per year). Paid by the industry and IATTC Members

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



ICATT

- Multi-annual Bluefin Tuna Recovery Plan includes observer programme for the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea
- Monitor eastern bluefin tuna fishing and farming activities for MCS and scientific data collection
- 20% for vessels > 15 m; 100% for harvesting of tuna traps. 100% for purse seiners >24 m during open season
- Operated by member States; costs covered by the vessels and farms involved.

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



IOTC

- Regional observer scheme
- Collect catch and biological data. Collect length composition data at port landings of purse seiners
- 5% coverage of operations/sets for each gear type by fleet (CPC) for all vessels outside EEZ and for vessels > 24 m inside EEZ
- Costs covered by flag States

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



WCPFC

- Regional observer programme
- MCS and scientific data collection
- 100 % coverage for purse seiners, 5% of all trips for longliners and other vessels
- Coordinated by Secretariat (USD 125 000 per year). Observers recruited and paid by national and regional programmes

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



CCAMLR

- Scheme of International Scientific Observation
- Collection of fishery and biological data
- 100% coverage for icefish and toothfish, 50% for krill
- Observers hired and paid by Members. Those for toothfish and icefish fisheries are "international" (deployed by a different CP than flag), for krill fisheries "national" observers are allowed.

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Regional Observer Programmes



Implemented by all these RFMOs

General Purpose: Scientific data collection and MCS



NAFO

- Observer scheme to **monitor compliance with CEM**, e.g. verification of logbook entries, prompt reporting of any infringements; in addition collection of scientific data
- 100% coverage for all vessels, except 25% coverage for vessels using electronic daily catch reporting
- Observers hired and paid by flag States; they can be deployed by another CP if a vessel does not carry an observer.

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Transshipment Programmes



Only tuna RFMOs: CCSBT, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, and WCPFC

- **Purpose**: Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS)
- **Coverage**: 100 %
- **Costs**: borne by participating CPCs (IATTC and ICCAT spend > USD 600 000 per year)
- **Coordinated** by the secretariats (e.g. IATTC) or by CPCs (national programmes)

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