

A Sample WCPFC ROP Debriefing Questionnaire

Trip Information

- Observer Name: _____
- Observer Programme: _____
- Vessel Name: _____
- Flage State: _____
- Trip Start Date: _____
- Trip End Date: _____
- Total Number of Sets: _____
- ROP Trip (Yes/No): _____ (if Yes, proceed answering the questionnaires)

Debriefing Questionnaire

The following table lists questions related to the potential compliance issues under the agreed lists of WCPFC CMMs for the CCFS purposes. Check **YES** or **NO** for each question. For **ANY** responses requiring further information, provide details (e.g., date, time, location, coordinates, set number) in the **Details** column or attached additional documentation -such as photos, videos and statements.

CMM 2018-05 (Regional Observer Programme), Paragraph 15(g) and Annex B			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Location, Who, Notes)
1. Were there any instances during the trip where observer duties (e.g., captain's directives, crew interference)? <i>If YES, provide details in observer report.</i>	✓		<i>e.g; Observer was assaulted by the radio operator on xx/xx/2025, inside XX EEZ. Observer statement attached.</i>
2. Were there any instances where the observer was intimidated, resisted or delayed in performing duties, per Annex B (2(m), 4(a))? <i>If YES, provide details in observer report.</i>			
3. Were alternatives safe sampling methods offered when observer safety was cited as a concern? <i>If NO, provide details in observer report.</i>			
4. Did crew-collected samples fail to meet ROP standards (e.g., incomplete or inaccurate data)? <i>If YES, provide details in observer report.</i>			

CMM 2017-04 (Marine Pollution), Paragraph 2			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Location, Who, Notes)
5. Were there any instances during the trip where plastics (e.g., packaging, items containing plastic, polystyrene) were discharged from the vessel? <i>If YES, provide details (e.g., material type, time, date coordinates, location) in observer report.</i>			<i>e.g Date: April 26, 2025; Time: 14:30; Coordinates: 2°S, 175°E; Location: XX EEZ; Notes: Observer noted a paper box containing plastic packaging discarded overboard.</i>
CMM 2023-01 (Tropical Tuna), Paragraphs 13-14			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Set No's, Location, Notes)
6. Were there any sets during the trip where FADs were deployed, serviced, or set-on between July 1 and August 15 in EEZs or high seas between 20N and 20S? <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details (date, time, coordinates, location).</i>			
7. Were there any sets during the trip where FADs were deployed, serviced or set on in high seas during the CMM's notified 1-month closure (April, May, November or December) <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details.</i>			<i>e.g No high seas FAD activity; CCM notified April closure, but trip sets were in EEZ.</i>
8. For sets outside closure periods were any FADs observed to be entangling (e.g., using mesh nets), violating paragraph 16? <i>If YES, specify set number and details.</i>			
CMM 2024-05 (Sharks), Paragraph 24(1-2)			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Set No's, Location, Notes)
11. Were there any sets where oceanic whitetip or silky sharks were retained, transshipped, stored, or landed in whole or in parts? <i>If YES, specify set numbers, species, quantities and details.</i>			
12. Were there any sets where oceanic whitetips or silky sharks were not promptly released with minimal harm (e.g., not following safe release guidelines)? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details (e.g., condition: alive/dead)</i>			<i>e.g; Set 20; Date: April 20, 2025; Time: 10:15; Coordinates: 1°S, 176°E; Location: XX EEZ; Notes: Silky sharks not released promptly; one appeared injured.</i>

CMM 2024-05 (Whale Sharks), Paragraph 25 (1-2)			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Set No's, Location, Notes)
13. Were there any sets where a purse seine was set on a tuna school associated with a whale shark sighted prior to the set? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details (date, time, coordinates, locations)</i>			<i>e.g; No whale shark sightings reported.</i>
14. Were there any sets where whale sharks were retained, transshipped or landed, in whole or in part? <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details.</i>			<i>e.g; No whale shark retention reported.</i>
15. For sets with incidental whale shark encirclement, was safe release not performed per paragraph 25(5) or incident reporting not completed per paragraph 25(5)(b)? <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details.</i>			<i>e.g; Not applicable; no encirclements reported.</i>
CMM 2024-07 (Cetaceans), Paragraphs 1-5			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Set No's, Location, Notes)
16. Were there any sets where a purse seine was set on a tuna school associated with a cetacean sighted prior to the set? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details (date, time, sets no's, location).</i>			
17. Were there any sets where cetaceans were unintentionally encircled, and the net roll was not stopped or safe released was not ensured per paragraph 2(a)? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details.</i>			
18. Were there any sets where cetacean encirclement incidents were not reported per paragraph 2(b)? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details.</i>			
19. Were there any sets where cetaceans were retained, transhipped or landed, in whole or in parts? <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details.</i>			
20. Were there any sets in long line fisheries where entangled cetaceans were not released with minimal harm per paragraph? <i>If YES, specify set number and details.</i>			

CMM 2019-05 (Mobulid Rays), Paragraph 3-5			
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Details (Date, Time, Set No's, Location, Notes)
21. Were there any sets involving targeted fishing or international setting on mobulid rays? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details (date, time, sets no's, location).</i>			
22. Were there any sets where mobulid rays were retained, transhipped or landed, except as per paragraph 6 (purse seine surrender to authorities)? <i>If YES, specify set numbers and details.</i>			
23. Were there any sets where mobulid rays were not promptly released alive and unharmed or did not follow annex 1 handling practices? <i>If YES specify set numbers and details.</i>			<i>e.g; No mobulid ray interactions reported.</i>

Action Required

- For any **YES** response, immediately submit this form/report to the designated WCPFC Compliance Contact for compliance cases evaluation and vetting.
- Ensure all YES responses are detailed in this form/report, including set numbers, dates and times, coordinates, and other relevant information.

Debriefing Certification

I certify that this report accurately reflects the observer's responses during the debriefing conducted on [Date: _____] and aligns with the questionnaire's guidelines.

- Debriefers Name: _____
- Signature: _____

FOR COMPLIANCE OFFICIAL USE ONLY [Tick the appropriate box] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Potential Compliance Issue – Trip Data is CLEARED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential Compliance Issues – Trip Data is being Notified to relevant CCMs for investigations
--