



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE  
NINTH REGULAR SESSION**  
6-14 August 2013  
Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

---

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION  
PART 1: INFORMATION ON FISHERIES, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

---

**WCPFC-SC9-AR/CCM-28**

**WALLIS AND FUTUNA**

**WALLIS AND FUTUNA**

**2012**

**Annual Report –Part 1**

**Information on Fisheries, Research and Statistics**

**Bruno MUGNERET**  
**Principal fisheries officer**

**Service des Affaires Rurales et de la Pêche**  
**(Bureau de la Pêche et de l’Aquaculture)**

Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with relevant rules	<b>YES</b> for year 2011 and 2012 <b>NO</b> for year 2007 to 2010
There was no provision of data for years 2007 to 2010 owing to the absence of tuna fishing in the EEZ by locally flagged vessels over 10 m long and outside territorial waters.	

## 1. BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Wallis and Futuna Islands are located south equator between 10°S and 15°S, at the eastern edge of warm pool.

The EEZ is 250 000 km<sup>2</sup> large, one of the three smallest in the region, and is surrounded by Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu and Tokelau.

Throughout the 80's and 90's, several licensing agreements were signed with Japanese and Korean fishing associations as part of general agreements with Pacific French Territories. The number of licenses opened under these agreements fell down from 50 to 2 over years, but no license has ever been effectively requested.

Up until late 2010, there hasn't been any domestic fleet fishing for tuna fleet, with the exception of a few short attempts.

## 2. RECENT ACTIVITY

There hasn't been any tuna fishing activity by the domestic fleet, made up of one single longliner, during 2012 and in 2013 as of today.

A few artisanal fishermen, less than 15, and as many game fishermen, fish nearshore for bottom species as main target and around FADs, using small crafts less than 9m long. There's no monitoring conducted for their little activity.

## LEGAL FRAME

As French Overseas Territory, Wallis and Futuna Islands have competency over territorial waters but EEZ keeps under French Government jurisdiction.

In the absence of licensing legislation for offshore fishing operations, the conditions for fishing in the EEZ, particularly obligations respective to data submission, are being set by an particular agreements between the company and the French Government representative.

## 3. DATA COLLECTION

In regards to data collection, last data reported to the Commission was only relying on logsheets submitted by the single longliner. Satellite monitoring wasn't arranged at that time and is still to be put in place. In that respect, the French National Center for Fisheries Monitoring ("CNSP") will probably be collecting the VMS data and forward it to The Fisheries Dpt when offshore activity starts. As for broader and more comprehensive data collection program, assistance from the Commission's Secretariat and SPC will be needed to set it up and cooperation arrangements with neighbour countries may be required to achieve a good observer coverage.

## 4. ANNUAL CATCH AND EFFORT DATA

As mentioned above, there has been no tuna fishing activity in 2012 apart from artisanal fishing nearshore.

**Table 1** : catch and effort (aside artisanal small scale fishery)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nb of hooks <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	62 500	0

<sup>1</sup> Average nb of hooks between floats = 40

**Table 2.** Estimated catch of tuna species and others

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Albacore</b>	<b>Total weight* (mt)</b>	-	-	-	<b>3,2</b>	-
	<b>Nb of fish</b>	-	-	-	<b>198</b>	-
<b>Bigeye</b>	“	-	-	-	<b>58</b>	-
<b>Skipjack</b>	“	-	-	-	<b>137</b>	-
<b>Yellowfin</b>	“	-	-	-	<b>133</b>	-
Striped marlin	“				14	
Swordfish	“				6	
Dolphin fish	“				161	
Wahoo	“				110	

\* derived from biological and selectivity parameters as of last available assessments

**Table 3 :** domestic fleet - number of vessels flagged

<b>LL</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
51-200 UMS	0	0	0	0	1	1

## 5. FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Government of France is currently considering the opening of negotiations with one CCM for access to Wallis and Futuna EEZ by this CCM's purse seiners. Subject to progress of negotiations, the agreement is expected to be coming into force during 2014 and the Commission secretariat will be advised in due time.