

OCEANIC FISHERIES PROGRAMME

PUBLIC DOMAIN CATCH AND EFFORT DATA POLE-AND-LINE

This dataset represents the most complete POLE_AND_LINE data available to the WCPFC that can be disseminated into the public domain in accordance with the current “Rules and Procedures for the Protection, Access to, and Dissemination of Data Compiled by the Commission” (RAP - <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/file/1837/download>).

In reference to the RAP (Paragraph 9), cells where effort is less than or equal to the maximum value estimated to represent the activities of two vessels have been removed from the public domain data (the cells are retained with their time/area information, but all catch and effort information in these have been set to zero).

Reference to the Coordinating Working Party No can be found on <https://www.fao.org/cwp-on-fishery-statistics/en/>

Data coverage tables are also provided to display statistics showing the amount of data removed and resultant coverage of the public domain data available to satisfy the RAP’s three-vessel rule

DATASET STRUCTURE

Field	Format	Description
YY	N(4)	Year
MM	N(2)	Month
QTR	N(1)	Quarter
FLAG_ID	C(2)	Flag code (when blank, the record represent activities of less than 3 vessels, therefore the effort (hooks) and species catch field are not provided
LAT1	C(3)	Latitude. Represents the latitude of the south-west corner of the 1° square
LON1	C(4)	Longitude. Represents the longitude of the south-west corner of the 1° square
CWP_GRID	N(11)	Coordinating Working Party No
DAYS	N(6)	Number of days fishing and searching (effort)
YFT_C	N(8,3)	Yellowfin catch in metric tonnes
SKJ_C	N(8,3)	Skipjack catch in metric tonnes
BET_C	N(8,3)	Bigeye catch in metric tonnes
OTH_C	N(8,3)	The total of all other species catch in metric tonnes