



**FOR TAGS RECOVERED ON BOARD DURING YOUR TRIP,  
EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT THE FINDER,  
THE RECOVERY INFORMATION MUST BE RECORDED IN YOUR WORKBOOK.**

**DO NOT REMOVE THE FORM FROM YOUR WORKBOOK !  
BUT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE INFORMATION TO THE FINDER.**  
(either by using the tag recovery envelopes or by copying the data on another paper or forms)

### ***What do you do if you find a tagged fish during fishing time?***

- Ask permission to put the fish aside.
- Verify that there is no archival tag in the belly. You should be able to see the antenna of the archival tag sticking out. Remove the archival tag by cutting the fish from the anus toward the gills (a small cut will be enough, do not pull the antenna).
- Measure the fish. If possible weigh the fish.
- Remove entirely the tag from the fish. Make sure that the dart doesn't remain inside the flesh of the fish.
- Fill in the tag recovery form and report the exact date and position of the catch.
- If you have access to a freezer, you can collect biological samples (otoliths, first dorsal spine, stomach, gonads, muscle, liver)

### ***What do you do if you find a tagged fish during a well transfer or transshipment?***

- Ask permission to put the fish aside.
- Note the well number and tag number.
- Verify that there is no archival tag in the belly. You should be able to see the antenna of the archival tag sticking out. Remove the archival tag by cutting the fish from the anus toward the gills (a small cut will be enough, do not pull the antenna).
- Measure the fish. If possible weigh the fish.
- Remove entirely the tag from the fish. Make sure that the dart doesn't remain inside the flesh of the fish.
- Fill in the tag recovery form and if there were several sets in the well, report the period and the position that include all the sets.
- If you have access to a freezer, you can collect biological samples (otoliths, first dorsal spine, stomach, gonads, muscle, liver)

### ***What do you do if the crew give you a tag?***

- Ask when they found the tagged fish and all possible questions to recover information relative to the recovery. If the date when the tag was found is not precise you can at least enter the month and the year of the catch.
- If the catch position cannot be retrieved, try to at least describe the region where the tagged fish was caught.
- If the crew gives you an approximate date, try to access the vessel's logbook to find out where the boat was around that date and use the estimate section of the form to report the position.
- Note all the recovery information in your workbook, provide a copy to the finder (report data on another form, or tag recovery envelope). Do not take the tag from the finder.
- On your tag recovery form, in the section 'Tag provided with this form' place a cross in 'No' and specify where the crew will collect his reward.
- Upon Arrival at port you can provide assistance to the crew to collect his reward.

### ***Rewards***

In each main port you can find a **Tag Recovery Officer (TRO)**, they are able to distribute reward for recovered tags. **If you find a tag**, to claim your reward you need to give the tag to a TRO. In PNG (Wewak, Madang, Lae), in Solomon (Honiara), in FSM (Pohnpei) and Marshall (Majuro) these TRO will debrief you on the tag recoveries and will collect your forms from your workbook.

In other regions, you can remove the tag from the recovery form (do not remove the tag recovery form from your workbook). Inform the TRO that all information related to the tag has been provided in your observer workbook. If you can make a copy of the tag recovery form provide it to the TRO. If it is not possible to make a copy of the form, give him your trip ID number (so we can find your workbook and retrieve the tag recovery forms).

**If a crew member on the boat finds a tag**, fill out the tag recovery form with him and give the tag back to the finder with a copy of the data., and advise him where to collect his reward in the next major port.

Tag recoveries may also be reported to SPC by email ([tagging@spc.int](mailto:tagging@spc.int)), or on a web-based form at:

[www.spc.int/tagging](http://www.spc.int/tagging)

You can inform the captain and the crew that they can use the website if they recover tags in the future. Observers must always use the recovery forms in the workbook to report tag recoveries. At the end of the trip if you have extra forms, you can remove them from your workbook and provide them to the captain.



For advices contact the Tagging Recovery Officer Coordinator:  
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## Reward Collection Locations

### American Samoa

1. NOAA – American Samoa Field Office Station PAGO PAGO  
(Contact: Gordon Yamasaki)

### China

1. China Fisheries Association, BEIJING  
(Contact: Zhao Gang)
2. Ningbo Poseidon Food Company NINGBO  
(Contact: Shirley Chen)

### Cook Islands

1. Ministry of Marine Resources RAROTONGA  
(Contact: Pamela Maru)

### Federated States of Micronesia

1. Secretariat of the Pacific Community POHNPEI  
(Contact: Angie Semes)
2. National Oceanic Resource Management Authority POHNPEI  
(Contact: Jensin Henry Lebehn)

### Fiji

1. Secretariat of the Pacific Community SUVA  
(Contact: Front Office)

### Guam

1. Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association GUAM  
(Contact: Manuel Duenas)

### Indonesia

1. Research Centre for Capture Fisheries, JAKARTA  
(Contact: Anung Widodo)

### Japan

1. National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries SHIMIZU  
(Contact: Yukiko Hashimoto)

### Kiribati

1. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development, Bairiki TARAWA (Contact: Aketa Taanga)
2. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Contact: Tikarerei Mwea)

### Korea

1. National Fisheries Research and Development Institute BUSAN  
(Contact: Seon Jae Wang (황선재))

### Marshall Islands

1. Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority MAJURO  
(Contact: Ramon Kyle Aliven )

### Palau

1. Bureau of Marine Resources KOROR  
(Contact: Kathy Sisor)

### Philippines

1. Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources MANILA  
(Contact: Noel Barut / Elaine Garvilles)
2. Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources GENERAL SANTOS  
(Contact: Glennville Castrence)
3. Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources DAVAO  
(Contact: Front Office)

### Seychelles

1. Indian Ocean Tuna Commission SEYCHELLES  
(Contact: Julien Million)

### Solomon Islands

1. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources HONIARA  
(Contact: Derick Suimae)
2. Forum Fisheries Agency HONIARA  
(Contact: Ambrose Orianihaa)
3. Soltai Fishing NORO (Contact: Solomon Kakana)

### Taiwan

1. Taiwan Tuna Association KAOHSIUNG  
(Contact: Martin Ho)
2. Overseas Fisheries Development Council KAOHSIUNG  
(Contact: Peter Ho (何勝初))

### Thailand

1. Thailand Department of Fisheries, SAMUTSAKOM  
(Contact: Suwimon Keeratiriyaporn)

### United States of America

1. Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission SAN DIEGO  
(Contact: Dan Fuller)
2. Pelagic Fisheries Research Program, University of Hawaii HONOLULU (Contact: David Itano)

### Vietnam

1. Phu Yen Province (Contact: Le Duc Tuong)
2. Binh Dinh Province (Contact: Nguyen Duy Lam)
3. Khanh Hoa Province (Contact: Vo Khac En)

### Papua New Guinea

1. National Fisheries Authority PORT MORESBY  
(Contact: Brian Kumasi)
2. National Fisheries Authority LAE  
(Contact: Priscilla Wrambin )
3. Frabelle PNG LAE (Contact: Celia Batobato)
4. National Fisheries Authority MADANG  
(Contact: Front Office)
5. RD Fishing PNG VIDAR (Contact: Sammy Rivera)
6. National Fisheries Authority WEWAK  
(Contact: Andrew Rahiria )
7. South Sea Tuna Corporation WEWAK  
(Contact: Eldwin Umusig)

# HOW TO FILL THE TAG RECOVERY FORM

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Note the 1<sup>st</sup> date when the tag has been found. If you don't have an exact date, place a dash in the day field and note the month and/or year.

If there is more than 1 tag recovered during the trip, number each page.

**TAG NUMBER:** No P-48854

**DATE WHEN TAG FOUND:** DD MM YY

**WHERE FOUND:**  Port Fish market  Cold storage

**ACTIVITY WHEN FOUND:**  Unloading at port **WELL NUMBER WHERE FISH FOUND:** (If Applicable)

**FISH INFORMATION**

**SPECIES:** Specie code **SPECIES RELIABILITY:**  Confirmed  Gussed

**Upper jaw to FORK LENGTH:** NO length information  If there is no length, place a cross and move to the next section.

**PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED:**  Fresh  Frozen  Frozen then thawed

**FISH WEIGHT:** NO weight information  **HOW WEIGHED?**  M Choose one option to describe the processed state.

**PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:**  Whole weight  Gilled & gutted  Other... please specify:

**DATE:** Exact  If you know exactly when and where the fish was caught.

DD MM YY: 05 02 11

Estimated  If you find the tagged fish in a well composed of several sets or if the finder is not sure of position and date of catch.

From DD MM YY to DD MM YY: 01 03 11 to 15 03 11

**POSITION:** Exact  If you know exactly when and where the fish was caught.

Latitude dd mm.mmm N/S: 06 02.300 N

Longitude ddd mm.mmm E/W: 140 0 04.600 E

Estimated  If you find the tagged fish in a well composed of several sets or if the finder is not sure of position and date of catch.

Record 2 lines of latitude and 2 of longitude to form box in which tag was likely recovered

Latitude	Max	N/S	Longitude	Min	E/W
05°	02.500	N	145°	12.300	E
00°	50.600	N	150°	20.450	E

**FISHING AREA:** Name of the vessel that caught the tagged fish. Use the chart on the back of the form. Place a cross for the position of each set, then draw a box that includes all the sets. Report in the table the two longitudes and the two latitudes creating the box.

**VESSEL NAME:**

**FISHING METHOD:** If on a PS or PL, enter the school type. If found in well with several school types, place a cross in all options.

**SCHOOL TYPE:**

**TRANSSHIPMENT INFORMATION/ Carrier only (if tag found on carrier):** If the recovery of a tagged fish involve a carrier/reefer, fill this section. If the unloading/transhipment occurs at port, note the name of the port, if it is at sea note the country code (EEZ of the country).

**COUNTRY OF RECOVERY:** Country where the recovery will be reported or port where you disembarked.

**RECOVERY INFORMATION:** Specify if the crew keep the tag and where he will collect his reward.

**TAG PROVIDED WITH THIS FORM:**  Yes  No If you or the finder haven't received a reward, cross "Not Given".

**TYPE OF REWARD:**  Not Given  T-shirt  Cap  Cash

**FORM COMPLETED BY:** Your name

**COMMENTS:** Use this section to record any relevant information not provided on the form. Example: Archival tag number/copy of the data provided to the tag finder. You can attach the tag here :

No P-48854 SPC NOUMEA - REWARD - www.spc.int/tagging No P-48854

Type of tag	Reward
Yellow tag, Orange tag or Green tag	- 10\$ or Cap or T-shirt

## HOW TO FILL THE MULTIPLE TAG RECOVERY FORM

<b>SPC MULTIPLE TAG RECOVERY FORM</b> MULTIPLE TAGGED FISH FOUND THE SAME DAY, COMING FROM THE SAME SET OR WELL				PAGE <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 20px; display: inline-block;"></span> OF <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 20px; display: inline-block;"></span>
WHERE FOUND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Reefer / Transfer / Carrier		DATE WHEN TAG FOUND: DD MM YY <b>26 08 11</b>		Indicate if you have more than 1 series of multiple tag recoveries →
ACTIVITY WHEN FOUND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing		WELL NUMBER WHERE FISH FOUND: (If Applicable)		Note the date when the tags were first found. If you don't have an exact date, place a dash in the day field and note the month and/or year.
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-234587</b>		SPECIES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		If the tagged fish come from a well, note the number and position (Eg; S2 for starboard well #2). It is very important to note this information first and then you can determine which sets composed this well from your logbook.
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>65</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>1.8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-234587</b>		SPECIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		Are you sure about the identification?
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>65</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		Select 'Fresh' for a tagged fish caught during fishing time. Select 'Frozen' if found during well transfer/unloading
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>1.8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-234587</b>		SPECIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>65</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		Select the processed state of the fish when weighed
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>1.8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-234587</b>		SPECIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>65</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		If there is no length, place a cross and move to the next section.
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>1.8</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-234587</b>		SPECIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-195236</b>		SPECIES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		IDENTIFICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Guessed
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>46</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whole weight <input type="checkbox"/> Gilled & gutted <input type="checkbox"/> Other....
TAG NUMBER: <b>P-278564</b>		SPECIES: <input type="checkbox"/> SKJ <input type="checkbox"/> BET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YFT <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify:		IDENTIFICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Guessed
FORK LENGTH cm: <b>85</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO length information		HOW MEASURED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen
FISH WEIGHT kg: <b>5.9</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO weight information		HOW WEIGHED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measuring tool <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whole weight <input type="checkbox"/> Gilled & gutted <input type="checkbox"/> Other....

### WHEN TO USE AND HOW TO COMPLETE THE MULTIPLE TAG RECOVERY FORM

This multiple tag recovery form is meant to be used when a finder recovers up to 8 tagged fish the same day, either from the same set during fishing time or from the same well during transfer or unloading.

The fishery information must be filled at the back of the form

Note that each fish has a different tag number, they can be different species, the size and weight can be different.