



**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), or on a web-based form at:

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: Jenson 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 Sisior)

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 Keerativiriyaporn)

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 1st 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.

where did you find the tagged fish?

What were you doing when you found the tagged fish?

Are you sure about the identification?

If tagged fish is found during transfer/transshipment, note the well number.

If there is no length, place a cross and move to the next section.

If there is no weight, place a cross and move to the next section.

Choose one option to describe the processed state.

If you know exactly when and where the fish was caught.

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.

Name of the vessel that caught the tagged fish.

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

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.

If the recovery of a tagged fish involve a carrier/reefer, fill this section. If the unloading/transshipment occurs at port, note the name of the port, if it is at sea note the country code (EEZ of the country).

If transshipment/set share occur the same day, note only 1 date.

Country where the recovery will be reported or port where you disembarked.

If you can't provide an address, note the fishing company.

Specify if the crew keep the tag and where he will collect his reward.

If you or the finder haven't received a reward, cross "Not Given".

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 :

Type of tag
Yellow tag, Orange tag or Green tag

Reward
- 10\$ or Cap or T-shirt

HOW TO FILL THE MULTIPLE TAG RECOVERY FORM

SPC MULTIPLE TAG RECOVERY FORM

MULTIPLE TAGGED FISH FOUND THE SAME DAY, COMING FROM

Indicate if you have more than 1 series of multiple tag recoveries

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Where did you find the tagged fish?

DATE WHEN TAG FOUND: DD MM YY
26 08 11

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.

WHERE FOUND:



Fishing vessel



Reefer / Transfer / Carrier



ACTIVITY WHEN FOUND:



Fishing

What were you doing when you found the tagged fish?

at port

WELL NUMBER

(If Applicable)

WHERE FISH FOUND:

TAG NUMBER:

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED:



Select the species code

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.

TAG NUMBER:

P-234587

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

FISH WEIGHT kg

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

Are you sure about the identification?

TAG NUMBER:

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

65

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

FISH WEIGHT kg

1.8

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

Note the size of the fish, round down to the nearest cm (Eg: 65.7cm=65 cm)

Note the exact weight of the fish (Eg: 1.8 kg)

Select 'Fresh' for a tagged fish caught during fishing time. Select 'Frozen' if found during well transfer/unloading

Were the size and weight measured with an instrument or estimated?

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FISH WEIGHT kg

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

Select the processed state of the fish when weighed

TAG NUMBER:

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED:

FISH WEIGHT kg

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

If there is no length, place a cross and move to the next section.

If there is no weight, place a cross and move to the next section.

TAG NUMBER:

P-195236

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

46

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED:

Fresh

Frozen

FISH WEIGHT kg

1

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

IDENTIFICATION:



Confirmed



Guessed

TAG NUMBER:

P-278564

SPECIES:



SKJ



BET



YFT



Other

FORK LENGTH cm

85

NO length information



HOW MEASURED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN MEASURED:

Fresh

Frozen

FISH WEIGHT kg

5.9

NO weight information



HOW WEIGHED?



Measuring tool



Estimated

PROCESSED STATE WHEN WEIGHED:

Whole weight

Gilled & gutted

Other....

IDENTIFICATION:



Confirmed



Guessed

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.