

**ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)  
DURING THE FIRMS INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (March 2007 – July 2008)**

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries
  - a. Inventories of Marine Resources have previously been completed.
  - b. Levels for Inventories of Fisheries have been defined, and progress has been made on development of Fisheries Reference and Fact sheets.
2. Reporting on Status and Trends of Marine Resources and Fisheries
  - a. An update to the Fact Sheets reporting on the Status and Trends of the following species have been prepared for upload to FIGIS:
    - i. Northern Albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*)
    - ii. Bigeye tuna (*T. obesus*)
    - iii. Yellowfin tuna (*T. albacares*)
    - iv. Pacific Bluefin tuna (*T. orientalis*)
    - v. Skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)
    - vi. Striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*)
    - vii. Swordfish (*Xiphius gladius*)
  - b. Updates to other species: information for other species for which the IATTC has ownership or shared ownership will be updated as assessments are undertaken.
3. Development and/or review of standards: There was no specific activity on standards directly related to FIRMS reporting.
4. Development of Applications: Specific development of applications was not conducted, though through the case studies of IATTC-stocks developed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FIRMS Technical Working Group Meeting (FTWGM), potential adjustments to layout of IATTC reports to facilitate uploading and updating FIGIS pages were noted.
5. Development of case studies: Case studies were developed from IATTC Fisheries Status Reports by the FIRMS Secretariat for presentation at FTWGM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, April 2008.
6. Training or skills development: During participation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FTWGM, training in updating of resource pages using Word and Excel, and via cloning were completed.
7. Promotional activities: no specific promotions were undertaken.
8. Planned activities during the coming intercessional period.
  - a. Updating of Marine Resource pages
  - b. Posting of Fisheries Resource information