

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting

Eleventh Session

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**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY IATTC DURING THE
INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (June 2017 – April 2019)**

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries.

No new inventories on marine resources or fisheries were developed for posting to FIRMS during the intersessional period.

2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries.

Posted fact sheets of the IATTC are updated annually. Most recently (March, 2019) the resource fact sheets were updated and published for northern albacore (ALB), bigeye (BET), skipjack (SKJ), Pacific Bluefin (PBF), and yellowfin (YFT) tuna, and for striped marlin (MLS) and swordfish (SWO: north and south stocks). The EPO Tunas and billfishes fishery fact sheet was also updated in March 2019

3. Development/review of standards.

No activity.

4. Development of Applications or Web pages (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level).

During the intersessional period, IATTC representatives participated in one FIRMS technical working group meeting in February 2018 on the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries and in one CWP technical workshop on global harmonization of Tuna fisheries statistics in March 2018.

5. Development of case studies/prototypes.

No activity

6. Training or skills development.

No activity

7. Promotional / fund raising activities.

Links for FIRMS and CWP continue to be maintained on the IATTC website. No new activity was undertaken (see Sec. 8 below).

8. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.

Facts sheets will start to be developed for Pacific blue marlin and the eastern Pacific Ocean sailfish stock based on recently completed stock assessments.