

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting

Eleventh Session

Rome, Italy 13-14 and 18 May 2019

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

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of annex 2
 - No change
2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
 - Updates to fact sheets reporting 2018 IOTC SC assessments on IOTC major tuna and billfish species are under way: these have been shared with the FIRMS Secretariat and will be published during Q2 2019.
3. Development/review of standards
 - Contributed to the discussions and clarifications of IOTC-FIRMS Stock State Mapping Rules (overfishing and overfished)
 - Contributed to the discussions on possible revisions of FIRMS standards and definitions (FIRMS TWG6.1 / 6.2)
4. Development of Applications (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);
 - For what concerns enhancements at Partner level, see “*Training or skills development*” below.
4. Development of case studies/prototypes;
 - No developments to record
5. Training or skills development;
 - No direct training outside the IOTC Secretariat. The IOTC data coordinator further familiarised with current FIRMS reporting requirement, and is considering how to include these within the regular data exchange workflow currently in place at the Secretariat.
6. Promotional / fund raising activities

- No promotion of FIRMS was made.
7. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.
- Create more Factsheets for the other stock that IOTC manages, with a priority for the blue shark for which assessment are now regularly made during Working Parties. Annual reporting to FIRMS resources allowing, provision of comments and feedback to FIRMS as required.
 - Include links to corresponding FIRMS factsheets in the IOTC stock status dashboard (<https://www.iotc.org/node/3379>), and eventually in the species executive summaries.
 - Implementation of specific data sharing mechanism that will enable automatic polling / pushing of updated stock information by / to FIRMS as soon as these are available.

Annex: Revised annex 2 (if applicable)