

**COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON FISHERY STATISTICS**

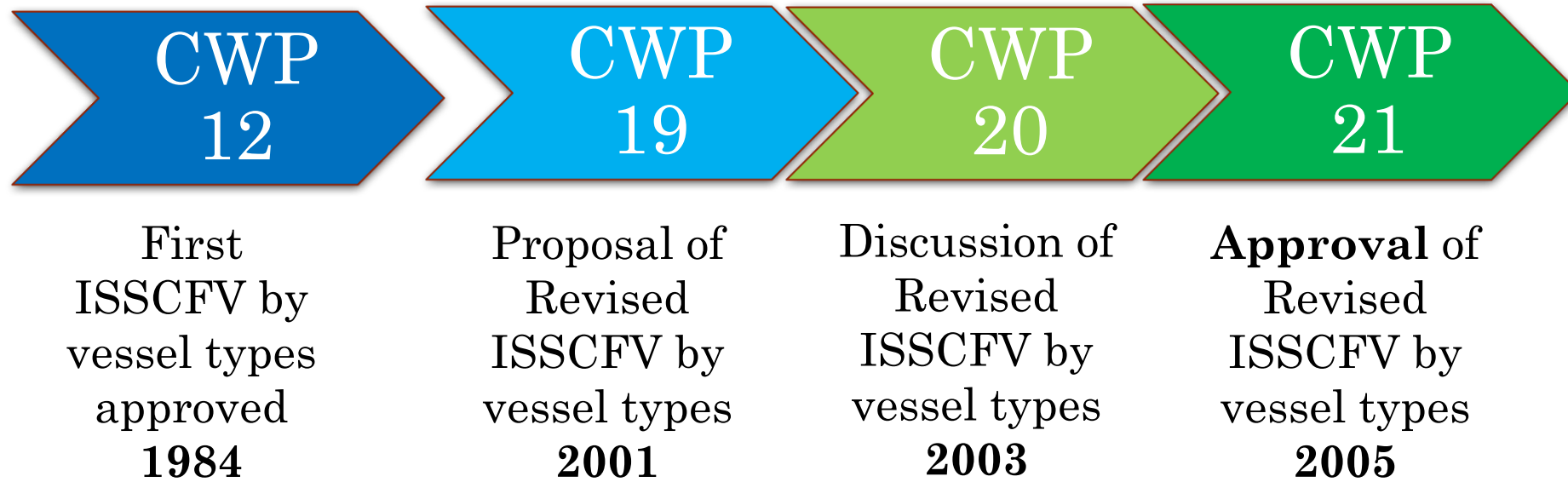
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**International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Vessels  
(ISSCFV) by Vessel Types– Status of Revision – draft document**

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# background



# revised ISSCFV by vessel types

As presented in the CWP-21 report showing the “top tier” (*per CWP-20 para. 80*) of the classification:

- Dredgers
- Gillnetters
- Longliners
- Lift netters
- Multipurpose vessels:
  - Multipurpose trawlers (in combination with longline, trap, gillnet, dredge)
  - Purse seine/pelagic trawlers
  - Multipurpose non trawlers (longline, gillnet, trap)
- Purse seiners
- Seiners
- Trap setters
- Trawlers
- Other fishing vessels

# current state

- FAO continues to use the simplified ISSCFV by vessel types list in the FF Questionnaire for annual reporting by member countries.
- FAO, or FAO associated, vessel databases using the revised ISSCFV by vessel types:
  - Fishing Vessel Finder;
  - High Seas Vessel Authorization Record (HSVAR)
  - the Consolidated List of Active Vessels (CLAV) for the tuna RFMOs
- The majority of CWP members use gear type classifications rather than vessel type, as was stated in the earlier CWP reports (CWP-19 and CWP-20) during the discussion on the revision.

# future considerations

DG Mare has raised the following points: <- *revisit points during the discussion*

- Request that a code for “bait boat” be developed.
  - The closest current category is LP but this does not allow for the differentiation between pole-and-line vessels that would not have live bait on board as this activity is conducted by a specific support vessel carrying live bait
- Allow for the differentiation of Purse Seiners (particularly those operating in the Mediterranean) without freezers on board from Purse Seiners operating on the high seas that are equipped with freezers.
- The current category of recreational vessels does not apply to the support or auxiliary vessels which are also included at the level of fisheries legislation.
- Need for a vessel category for trap setters

# future considerations

- 2018 data collection cycle FAO → electronically-generated questionnaires.
  - new format will better allow for the inclusion of more reporting fields.
  - It has been proposed that the revised ISSCFV by vessel types (2005) listing be used, with the top-level categories displayed and the sub-categories available in a drop-down menu.

# future considerations

- The Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels which was designed to support the Port State Measures Agreement (<http://www.fao.org/in-action/global-record/en/>) with **46** signatory parties and has now entered the pilot phase.

- project database for the Global Record has been built using the revised ISSCFV by vessel types (2005)

## Global Record

of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels



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## Related Links

- [FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department](#)
- [COFI 32](#)
- [Port State Measures Agreement](#)

# future considerations

## Global Fishing Vessel Identifier (GFVI)

- to help the National authorities in the assignment and management of the entire fishing fleet (covering industrial, large and small-scale vessels) registry and allows for maintenance of a unique vessel identifier throughout the entire chain from National -Regional -Global
- The GFVI identifier incorporates international standards of vessels groups, type, size classes and status thus helping in improved management and identification.
- The project is intending to use revised ISSCFV by vessel types in the development of the standard as it allows for matching with existing databases and projects such as the Global Record, FVF, HSVAR, VRMF and CLAV
- Proposed identifier would be based on a string of features following this pattern: <Vessel type> / < Size class> / <Built country> / <Built year> / <Reg. country> / <National number> / <Op country> / <Op year>

# future considerations

## IMO / Pew Vessel Types

- IMO and Pew are developing a proposed list of vessel classifications to eventually make an expansion of the classifications used when assigning IMO numbers.
- The proposed classification contains a mix of vessel and gear types as well as target species.

| Draft Pew/IMO Names   |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Beam Trawler          | Potting         |
| Dredge Fishing        | Seiner          |
| Factory Stern Trawler | Shrimp Trawling |
| Gill-net Fishing      | Side Fishing    |
| Long-line Fishing     | Sport Fishing   |
| Pair Trawling         | Stern Trawler   |
| Pelagic Purse Seiner  | Trawler         |
| Pole & Line Fishing   | Tuna Fishing    |

# Issues for discussion (4 points)

1. Feedback to request from DG MARE under 'Future Considerations'
  - Request that a code for “bait boat” be developed.
    - *Could this be covered under the full ISSCFV by vessel types category (99.0.0 - NON-FISHING VESSELS nei – VOX*
  - Allow for the differentiation of Purse Seiners (particularly those operating in the Mediterranean) without freezers
    - *Thoughts?*
  - The current category of recreational vessels does not apply to the support or auxiliary vessels which are also included at the level of fisheries legislation.
    - *Thoughts?*
  - Need for a vessel category for trap setters
    - ✓ *This is covered by (06.0.0 TRAP SETTERS WO)*

# Issues for discussion (4 points)

2. If the group feels it important, could provide feedback either informally as a group, or by individual CWP members to the Pew / IMO vessel type definition process

→ Thoughts?

# Issues for discussion (4 points)

*How to proceed with the state of the revised ISSCFV by vessel types?*

3. Consider a questionnaire during the inter-sessional period to CWP members on current and future use; any other requests on revisions?

4. or simply proceed with the last two final steps proposed in the CWP-21 document:

- the release of the new classification in the “CWP Handbook of fishery statistical standards”

*and a*

- parallel revision and reprint of the FAO Fisheries Technical Paper number 267 "Definition and Classification of fishery vessel types"



| SIMPLIFIED ISSCFV BY VESSEL TYPES used by FAO FF Questionnaires |                       |                       | CORRESPONDING REVISED ISSCFV BY VESSEL TYPES CATEGORY (or closest match) |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Code  | Standard Abbreviation | Vessel Type           | Code   | Standard Abbreviation | VESSEL TYPE           |
| 01  | TO                    | Trawlers              | 01.0.0   | TO                    | Trawlers              |
| 02  | SP                    | Purse Seiners         | 02.0.0   | SP                    | Purse Seiners         |
| 03  | SOX                   | Seiners others        | 02.9.0   | SOX                   | OTHER SEINERS         |
| 04  | GO                    | Gill Netters          | 05.0.0   | GO                    | Gill Netters          |
| 05  | WO                    | Trap Setters          | 06.0.0   | WO                    | Trap Setters          |
| 06  | LL                    | Long Liners           | 07.2.0   | LL                    | Long Liners           |
| 07  | LOX                   | Liners others         | 07.9.0   | LOX                   | OTHER LINE VESSELS    |
| 08  | MO                    | Multipurpose vessels  | 09.0.0   | MO                    | Multipurpose vessels  |
| 9.1   | DO                    | Dredgers              | 03.0.0   | DO                    | Dredgers              |
| 9.0   | FX                    | Other fishing vessels | 49.0.0   | FX                    | OTHER FISHING VESSELS |
|   |                       |                       | 04.0.0   | NB                    | Lift Netters          |

**Table 1.** A correspondence table for the simplified ISSCFV by vessel types classification used in the FAO FF questionnaires against the revised ISSCFV by vessel types listing showing matching categories with nearest matches highlighted in red.