

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
Twelfth Session
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FIRMS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY IOTC DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (May 2019 – September 2021)
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I. Summary of Activities

1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; Revision of Annex 2 of the Partnership Arrangement
 - *No changes.*
2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;
 - *Provided updates to fact sheets reporting 2020 SC assessments of IOTC major tuna and billfish species (October 2021);*
3. Development/review of standards
 - *Coordinated the Global Tuna Atlas TWG;*
 - *Contributed to the 7th session of the FIRMS e-Technical Working Group on the Global Record of Stocks and Fisheries (GRSF);*
 - *Contributed to the questionnaire on the consolidation on FIRMS terminology;*
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;*
5. Development of case studies/prototypes
 - *None.*
6. Training or skills development;
 - *The IOTC data coordinator and the IOTC stock assessment experts continued to familiarise with current FIRMS reporting requirements although no formal training was conducted on the matter;*
7. Promotional / fund raising activities

- *None.*

8. Planned activities during the coming intersession period

- *Identify a strategy to support FIRMS reporting requirements (regular data call, Global Tuna Atlas updates, etc.) through the data exchange workflow currently in place at the IOTC Secretariat;*
- *Assess the effort required to provide the results of stock assessments for IOTC species in a format that would facilitate exchange with the RAM legacy database;*
- *Continue supporting the Global Tuna Atlas TWG.*

II. Contribution to strategic directions for the FIRMS Partnership

(Please elaborate on perceived benefits to your organization and any suggested areas of improvements)

- *The IOTC Secretariat considers with favour the FIRMS GRSF and Global Tuna Atlas, and acknowledges their benefits in terms of increased outreach and visibility of the information for the species under IOTC management mandate.*

III. Revised annex 2 (if applicable)

- *Not applicable.*