

FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting

Twelth Session

Online, 18-21 October 2021

FIRMS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY IATTC DURING THE

INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD (May 2019 – September 2021)

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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. However, assessment of the blue marlin was completed in 2021 and stock indicators of silky shark were completed in 2020.

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

Posted fact sheets of the IATTC are updated every year after our annual meetings.

Most recently (August, 2020) the resource fact sheets were updated with data from 2019 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 August 2020.

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).

No activity

5. Development of case studies/prototypes.

No activity

6. Training or skills development.

No activity

7. Promotional / fund raising activities.

Links for <u>FIRMS</u> and <u>CWP</u> continue to be maintained on the <u>IATTC website</u>. 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, silky shark and the eastern Pacific Ocean sailfish stock based on recently completed stock assessments.