



FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting
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ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE IATTC DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD
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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 assessments of the blue marlin (BUM) stock in the Pacific (previous, 2003) and of eastern Pacific Ocean sailfish (SFA) were completed.

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

Posted fact sheets of the IATTC are updated annually. Most recently (February, 2015) the 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).

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).

IATTC representatives participated in two FIRMS technical working group meetings during the intersessional period. These e-Meetings were held to improve inventory templates (October, 2014) and on renewal of the FIRMS website (February, 2015).

5. Development of case studies/prototypes.

IATTC staff worked with Tony Jarrett (FAO) on development and beta testing of FishStatJ. IATTC data were developed in various presentations for upload and software testing.

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 be developed for Pacific blue marlin and the eastern Pacific Ocean sailfish stock based on recently completed stock assessments. In addition, an assessment of silky shark (FAL) was completed during 2015, and a fact sheet will be developed for that species.

The IATTC is developing stock status indicators for a number of the bycatch species, and as these are completed, fact sheets for those species will be prepared and published.

Presentations of the FIRMS website and capabilities are planned for at least two conferences/meetings during the coming year.