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- The IATTC has expanded its reporting of fisheries statistics on its website, and is in the process of developing query-based data to users of its fisheries statistics and reports. Advances have been made in methods of data acquisition required by resolutions of the Commission, but further steps are being taken to encourage compliance with reporting requirements to ensure quality and integrity of data received into IATTC systems.
- In conjunction with the other Tuna RFMOs the IATTC has been involved in the development of a global list of tuna fishing vessels. The list of authorized vessels from CCSBT, IATTC, ICCAT and IOTC is now displayed on www.tuna-org.org.

During the year the IATTC raised the issue of standardized fishing gear codes at a meeting of Tuna RFMOs with the aim of harmonizing them to facilitate data exchange and reporting. The current CWP copes are contained in:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/Fl/DOCUMENT/cwp/handbook/annex/AnnexM1fishinggear.pdf>. The meeting was advised that FAO and the CWP had been developing new gear and vessel codes in order to produce a unique coding system with harmonized codes and that it should be discussed at the next CWP meeting.

- The IATTC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, which includes the development of a mechanism for the exchange of scientific, fisheries, vessel and other data. The existing IATTC/SPC MOU concerning sharing of scientific data is being used as a starting point.
- The IATTC staff has continued input into FIRMS developments, as reported separately at the 2007 FIRMS Steering Committee.