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Fish-aggregating device form (FADS)

GENERAL INSTRUCIONS.

This form is designed to satisfy the requirements in Annex I of Resolution C-16-01. It is important that it be completed as thoroughly as possible.
Do not write in the shaded areas.
This form should be completed by the master or the person in charge of the fishing operations. The master can delegate this duty to another appropriate officer.

HEADING

Vessel: The name of the vessel.

Trip number: Write the calendar year of the start of the trip and the consecutive number of the trip for that calendar year in the spaces provided. For example:*' 2015-001'*, denotes the first trip in 2015.

License No.: This makes reference to the vessel's unique identification provided by the flag State.

FAD ACTIVITY

Date: The date of the event in the format DD/MM/YY (day/month/year)

Time: The local time of the event in a 24 hour format (13:00 = 1 pm).

Identification (of the locating buoy): Record the unique identification number of the locating buoy. If this is a satellite buoy, it **must** be the unique serial number. If it is another type of locating buoy, use a unique identification code that you provide to the FAD or the locating buoy and that can be use as reference for future encounters. For cases not described here, use the space under *Comments.*

Activity: From the following list, chose the numeric code that best describes the activity that you are registering.

1. **Assessing**: The vessel approaches the FAD to evaluate the quantity of tuna, but makes no set.	2. **Deployment:** A new or replacement FAD is deployed.
3. **Set:** The vessel makes a set on the object. If the set is made on a recently deployed FAD, make notes in *Comments* section.	4. **Recovered.** The FAD is recovered and placed onboard.
5. **Other:** Record any other activity not described above, on comments.	

Geographic location: Write the geographic location of the event (Latitude and Longitude) in degrees and minutes. Note the corresponding hemisphere (N=North, S=South, E=East, W=West).

Tuna catch: If the event is a set, write the catch in metric tons of each of the tuna species denoted. When the catch includes other tunas (OTH), record the quantities and species under *Comments.* For events that are not sets, leave blank.

Incidental catch: For the groups noted (Sharks – SHRK –, Turtles – TURT –, Billfishes – BILL –, Manta rays – MANT – and Other vertebrates – OTR –), present in the set, indicate either the number of individuals (N) or metric tonnage (t) caught. Use the line below to record the quantity of these, released alive.

Comments: Use this space as noted above or to make observations that you deem important.

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Description: From the following list, chose the numeric code that best describes the floating object.

1. Natural (log, ropes, pallets/racks, fronds, dead animal)	**2.** FAD owned by your vessel	
3. FAD owned by another vessel	**4.** Anchored object	

Components of the surface structure: Choose from the following list the predominant materials used in each section of the surface structure of the floating object.

Raft:

1. Bamboo Rack	**2.** Bamboo in a sausage form	**3.** Metallic
4. PVC or plastic	**5.** No raft	**6.** Other

Wrapping/covering:

1. Entangling net	**2.** Non-entangling net	**3.** Cloth
4. Palm fronds	**5.** No wrapping	**6.** Other

Floating devices:

1. Net corks	2. Plastic buoys	3. Plastic containers
4. No floats	5. Other	

Dimensions (in meters); W –Width -, L –Length–, D –Depth–: Record the dimensions of the floating object in the provided spaces. Do not consider the hanging structure (tail) if one is present.
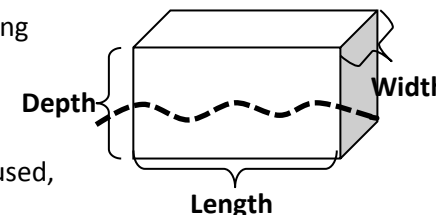
Hanging structure (tail)

Components 1 and 2: Choose the numeric code from the following list, of the two predominant materials used in the construction of the tail. If only one is used, leave the second space blank.

1. Nylon	**2.** Palm fronds	**3.** Bamboo
4. No tail	**5.** Other	

Config. (Configuration) : Choose the configuration that best describes the tail.

1. Sausage	2. Ropes	3. Cloth	4. Other

Mesh size: If the tail is made of net, indicate the mesh size. Otherwise, leave blank.

Type of loc. buoy (attached to the FAD): Choose from the following list the numeric code that describes the locating beacon attached to the FAD.

1. GPS, SHERPE type	**2.** Satellite with eco-sounder	**3.** Satellite with no eco-sunder	**4.** Other

Comments: Use this space to provide additional information.

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FAD ACTIVITY

VESSEL		IATTC Ves. No		Trip Number		IATTC Trip. No.		License No.	

				Geographical position		Tuna catch (mt)				Incidental catch: Number [N] o tonnage [t].										
Date	Hour	Identification	Activity	Latitude N/S	Longitude E/W	YFT	BET	SKJ	OTR	SHRK	N/t	TURT	N/t	BILL	N/t	MANT	N/t	OTR	N/t	Comments
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Identification	Description	Components of the surface structure			Dimensions (m)			Components and configuration of the hanging structure			Mesh size (mm)	Type of loc. buoy	Comments
		Raft	Wrapping	Floating devices	W	L	D	Mat. 1	Mat. 2	Config.			