



Workshop on FAD retrieval

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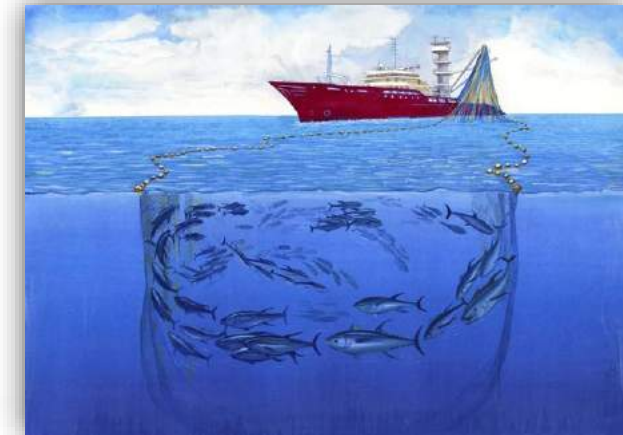
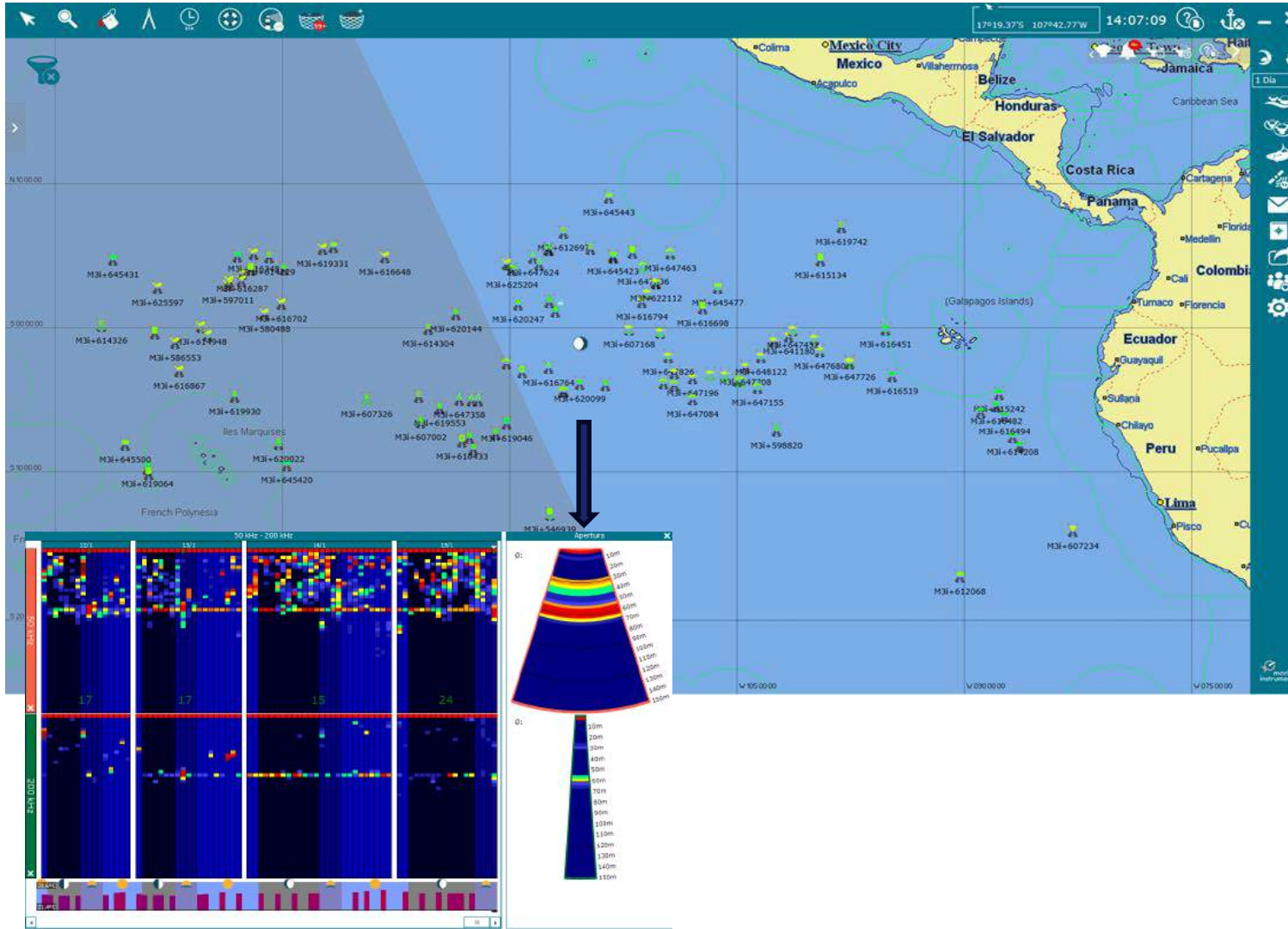


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Drifting FAD fishing strategy

Drifting FADs deployed with a geolocating buoy



Lost, abandoned and discarded FADs

FAD LOSS

- FADs sink
- FADs are appropriated by other fleets
- FADs communications malfunction

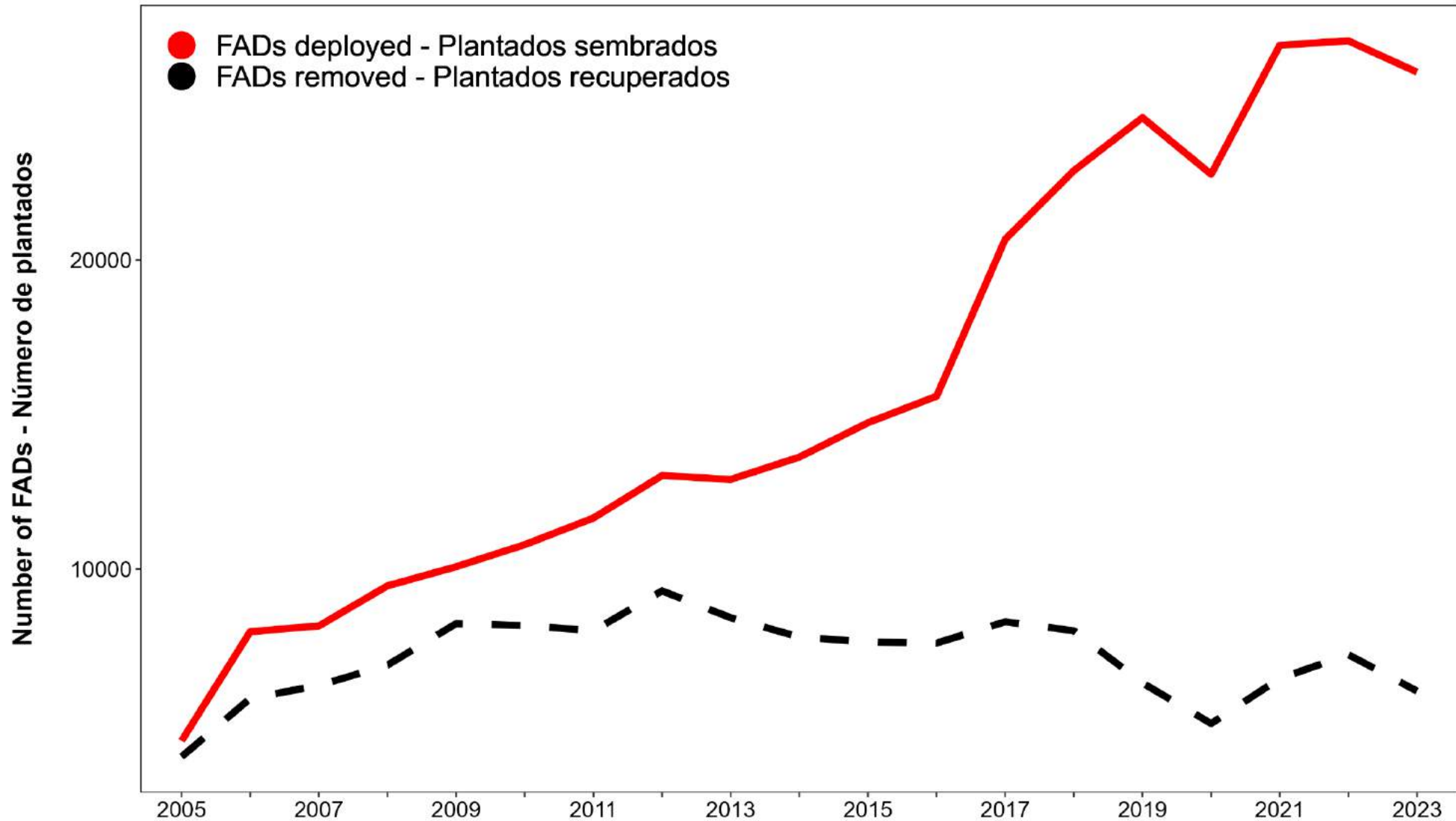
FAD Abandonment

- Drift out of the fishing zone:
 - End up stranding, sinking, appropriated by other fleets

FAD Discard

- FAD structures are discarded at sea when damaged

Siembra y recuperación de plantados: 2005 - 2023



Impacts of FAD Structure on the ecosystem

Ghost Fishing: Entanglement Issues



FAD Stranding & Marine Pollution

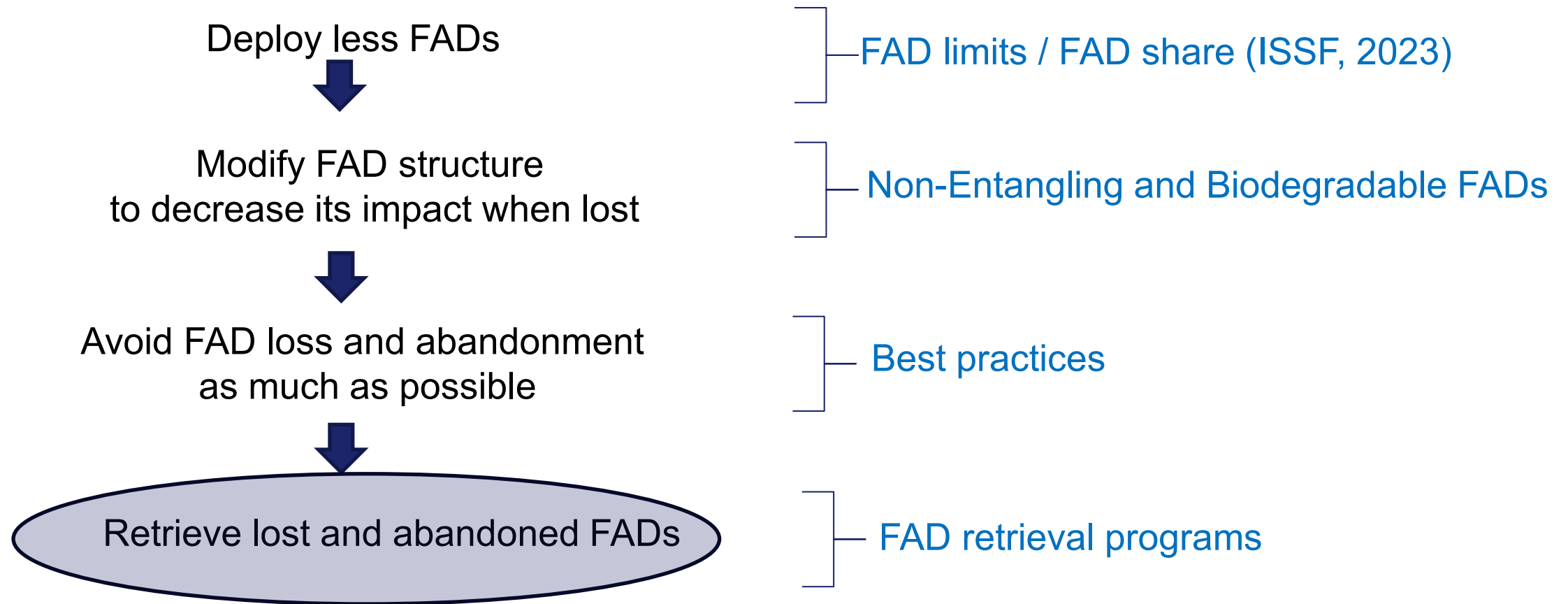




Workshop objectives



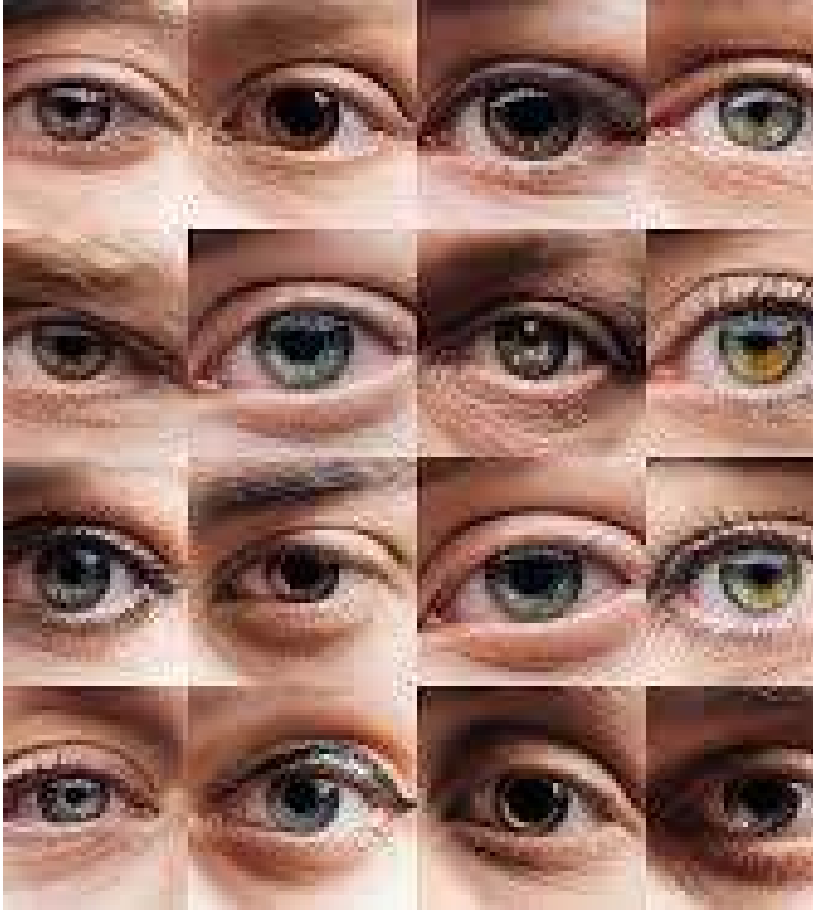
A combination of actions required



Advance on the definition of FAD recovery programs/projects

- What are the **key elements** for designing and implementing a project or program for FAD recovery?
- Strategy to retrieve FADs in open ocean

63 participants diverse stakeholders



- Palmyra, Seychelles and Galapagos FAD retrieval program coordinators
- Buoy manufacturers and technology providers
- Ecuadorian, French, U.S. fleet, Echebistar fleet and PNG fishing association
- IATTC and SPC
- Ecuadorian, Galapagos, French Polynesia government
- Scientists
- NGOs

A large school of yellowfin tuna swimming in clear blue water. The fish are silvery with a yellow stripe along their sides and yellow fins. They are swimming in a coordinated pattern, likely following a bait ball.

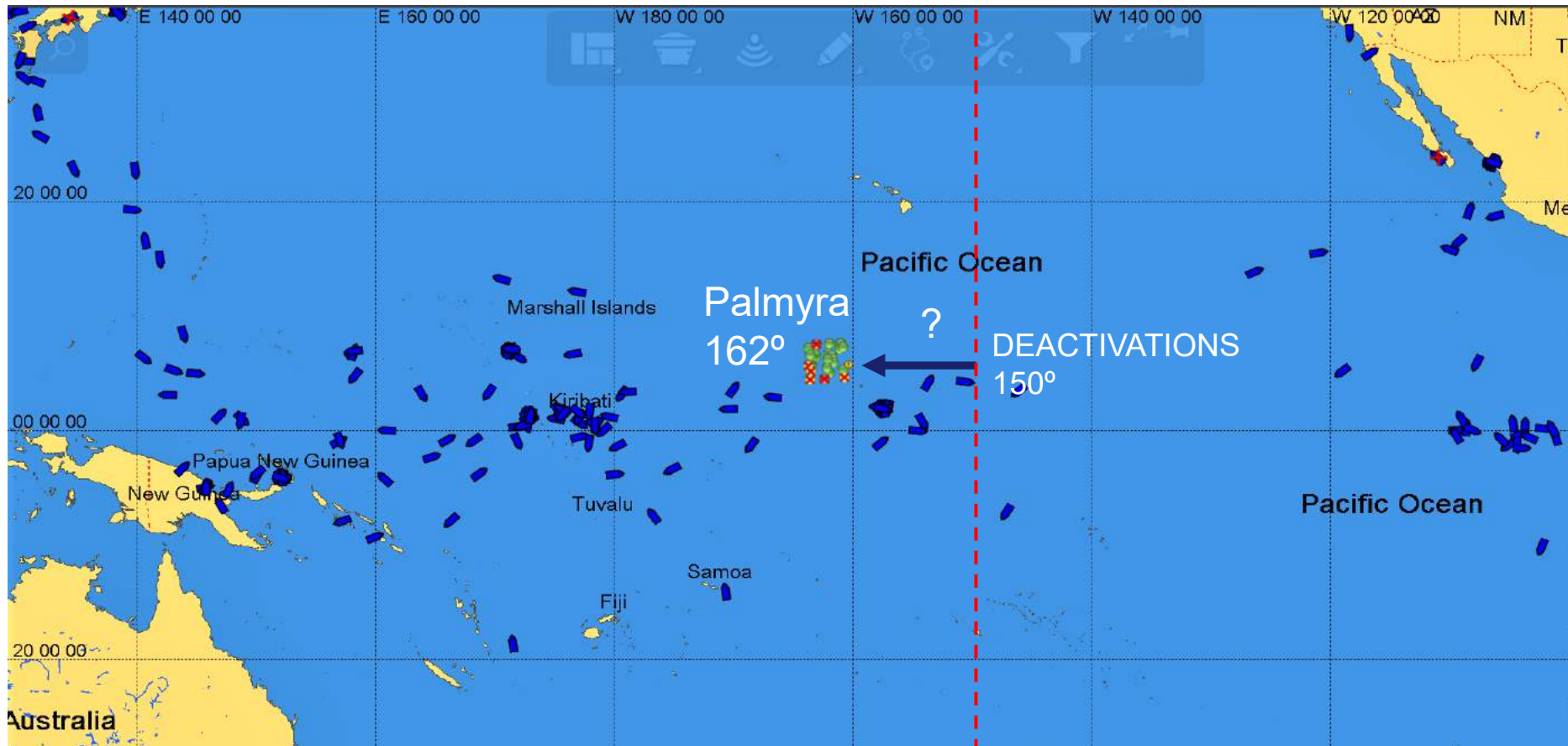
FAD RETRIEVAL PROGRAM ON LAND

RESULTS: Planning / Designing the program

- ***Preliminary work before the start of the program:***
 - ***Design and planning of the recovery program:*** schedule, work plan, stakeholder mapping
 - ***Regulation and legal compliance:*** identify existing laws and regulations affecting the program, proposing and establishing new regulations may be necessary for the program's success.^[L]_[SEP]
 - ***Coordination and collaboration among stakeholders:*** MOU, alliances
 - ***Research and analysis:*** develop performance indicators, origin of FAD, stranding hotspots
 - ***Awareness and outreach for the program***
 - ***Long term fundraising***

Results: Key elements of a FRP from land

- **Monitoring Lost or Abandoned FADs:** participating fleets share the positions of all abandoned FADs with the FAD Retrieval Program (FRP).



Results: Key elements of a FRP from land

1. ***Monitoring Lost or Abandoned FADs:*** participating fleets share the positions of all abandoned FADs with the FAD Retrieval Program, real time monitoring platform.
2. ***FAD Recovery Protocols:*** operation protocols, training staff, safety, Recover the entire FAD structure, not just the beacon.
3. ***Data Management and Knowledge:***
 - Handle data received for research on impacts, program effectiveness.
 - Publish and share studies to advance knowledge and raise awareness.
4. ***Program Management:***
 - Indicators: Develop indicators to monitor program effectiveness.
 - Adaptive management: Continuously evaluate and adapt strategies based on indicators and results. Cost recalculation of the actual program costs.
 - Waste management: Ensure proper waste management, supporting local communities in this task, crucial on islands with limited space and

A large school of yellowfin tuna swimming in the open ocean. The fish are silvery with a yellow stripe along their sides and yellow fins. They are swimming in a coordinated pattern, likely a school. The background is a deep blue ocean.

FAD RETRIEVAL PROGRAM IN OPEN OCEAN

Key actions of a FRP in open ocean

1. ***Vessel and captains:*** more exhaustive monitoring of FADs, maintain active the FAD or a way to monitor it (a second buoy).
2. ***Shipowners:*** share/sell FADs, recovery vessels, repository of *non-fishing* FADs to be used by third parties.
3. ***Different fleets in the región:*** share FADs before are lost, share recovery vessels, platform to reuse “non-fishing FADs”.
4. ***Government:*** incentivize recoveries through CMs, Manage waste disposal Ensure compliance with requirements, establish a FAD registry.
5. ***NGOs:*** coordinate efforts among actors, research and funding, transfer knowledge
6. ***Scientists:*** Identify high-impact and high-loss deployment areas, Study Predict drifts. Identify FAD loss hotspots at sea. Assess the carbon footprint of various FAD recovery methods

- Allowed taking steps and identifying key actions for an effective FRP
 - Engage in discussions among various stakeholders
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- Need to involve more agents from other fleets and governments.
 - Take the workshop's conclusions to the tuna RFMOs to urge them to join FAD recovery efforts.
 - Create specific work plans, budgets and pilot projects to make progress as soon as possible.
 - Establish a technical group composed of representatives from various stakeholders to review progress in research in different FRPs.
 - Further dialogue needed regarding the responsibility of different stakeholders in financing.

To be addressed in tuna RFMOs

- ❑ Definition of the ownership of the FAD, specifying who owns the structure and the buoy in the water.
- ❑ Regulate the deactivation or end of monitoring of the FAD in a way that allows for its recovery outside the fishing area.
- ❑ Design a registry of FADs to effectively account for the number deployed, lost, abandoned, and recovered.
- ❑ Define the tasks of a FAD recovery vessel.
- ❑ Develop marking criteria for the FAD structure, not just the tracking buoy.
- ❑ Explore potential funding sources for the FRPs.

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