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The following acronyms are used in this document:

| BLZ | Belize | IDN | Indonesia | MHL | Marshall Islands | PYF | French Polynesia |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|
| CHN | China | JPN | Japan | PAN | Panama | TWN | Chinese Taipei |
| EUR | European Union | KOR | Korea | PER | Peru | VUT | Vanuatu |
| FJI | Fiji | LIB | Liberia | PHL | Philippines | WSM | Samoa |
| BET | Bigeye | SHK | Sharks | SWO | Swordfish | YFT | Yellowfin |

1. INTRODUCTION

The IATTC regional observer program to monitor transshipments at sea by carrier vessels in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) authorized to receive tuna and tuna-like species and sharks from large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (LSTLFVs) is regulated by <u>Resolution C-22-03</u>. This resolution was approved in 2022 and amends and replaces Resolution C-12-07, which in turn amended and replaced Resolution C-11-09 to establish a program for transshipments by large fishing vessels.

One of the changes in the current resolution was that it would be reviewed at the 2023 annual meeting and, if necessary, measures would be "adopted for the effective authorization, monitoring and control of transshipments with vessels not included in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register." This review ultimately resulted in no amendments to the resolution.

Paragraph 21 of Resolution C-22-03 establishes that "Each year, the Director shall present a report on the implementation of this Resolution to the annual meeting of the Commission, which shall review compliance (...)". Four years ago, the practice of presenting this report separately in the different Committees of the Commission was established: the financial aspects in the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF) (CAF-10-03); matters of compliance in the Review Committee (COR) (IATTC website); and the operational aspects of the program, including catch data, transshipments, areas, etc., in this Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

Six IATTC Members fund and participate in the program through their authorized large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (LSTLFVs): China, Japan, Korea, Panama, Chinese Taipei, and Vanuatu. No transshipments of Panamanian longline vessels were recorded in 2023, but their carrier vessels did receive transshipments.

2. IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

2.1. Participation

The Secretariat maintains on the Commission website the <u>List of carrier vessels</u> authorized to receive transshipments at sea (<u>Regional Vessel Register</u>), which is continually updated with information supplied by the participants on additions or removals of carrier vessels or changes in their data. As of 30 March 2024, the list includes 90 carrier vessels from seven CPCs¹ (Table 1). This list includes carrier vessels from the six participants in the program, plus five from Liberia, the latter as a Cooperating non-Member of the IATTC.

It is important to note that, to date, there are no vessels on the list of authorized carrier vessels that are not under the flag of a CPC. Recently, the Secretariat received an inquiry from a country that is not a CPC of the IATTC regarding the requirements for registering vessels on the list of carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipments at sea. The response given was that they should, at least, first obtain Cooperating non-Member status in accordance with Resolution C-07-02. The goal is to have better control of authorized carrier vessels in terms of compliance. It should be noted that this recommendation comes from the recently approved transshipment guidelines by the FAO.

| TABLE 1. Flag of carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipments at sea, May 2023 | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CPC CHN JPN KOR LIB PAN TWN VUT | | | | | | | | |
| Número de buques | | | | | | | | |

Paragraph 5 of Resolution C-22-03 requires each CPC participating in the program to identify the tuna longline vessels authorized to transship fish at sea, which in turn must be listed on the IATTC Regional Vessel Register (see <u>List of authorized large longline vessels</u>). Likewise, each CPC must provide a list of its carrier vessels authorized to receive transshipments at sea. Also, each CPC must notify the carrier vessels authorized for transshipment at sea from its longline vessels. This information is included in the last column of the list ("CPC that authorizes use of this carrier for transshipment from its longline vessels"). The following is an example of a Panamanian carrier vessel that was authorized to receive transshipments at sea by longline vessels from different CPCs.

| Carrier vessel | Flag | IMO no. | LOA m | Company | CPC that authorizes use of this carrier for transshipment from its longline vessels |
|----------------|------|---------|--------|---------------------|---|
| Chikuma | PAN | 9666493 | 127.81 | Ocean Wide Shipping | JPN, PAN, TWN |

2.2. Observers on board

2.2.1. Safety on board

As previously reported, MRAG has provided observers with emergency alert devices, with which they can send an immediate signal to the MRAG office, and there is a protocol to follow in case of emergencies (MRAG Americas: IATTC Observer Program - Emergency Action Plan).

The reports by observers on carrier vessels include a section for recording situations or incidents that affect the performance of their functions, such as harassment or matters related to their well-being. All information recorded in this section, and any other related to possible non-compliance with working conditions for observers, is reported to the flag CPC for its consideration.

Another issue included in observer reports is that the emergency drills required by the <u>International Convention</u> for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention, Chapter III Part B-1, rule 19, Points 2.2 and 2.3)

¹ IATTC Members and Cooperating non-Members

are carried out only in very few cases. This requirement, a safety issue both for observers and crews, should be complied with because the Antigua Convention, Article VII (Functions of the Commission), paragraph n), lists as one of the functions "promote the application of any relevant provision of the Code of Conduct and of other relevant international instruments", which covers not only the SOLAS Convention, but also the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), which governs situations such as fuel spills at sea.

The annual compliance report includes cases of possible non-compliance by carrier vessels with observers on board.

2.2.2. Procedures and logistics

The procedure for requesting the placement of an observer begins with the corresponding request through the carrier vessel's company and through the Fisheries Agency of the vessel's country. The observer request is sent to the IATTC, who forwards it to the program coordinator at MRAG once it is confirmed that it is eligible for placement, mainly that the vessel is on the list of authorized carrier vessels. The coordinator addresses the request with the deployment of the IATTC observer and coordinates with the carrier vessel's company the place and date of the observer's embarkation or any changes in the schedule.

MRAG also maintains communication with the carrier vessel companies to establish estimates to allow for long-term planning and to ensure that MRAG has enough observers to meet the needs. During the reporting period, observers were deployed on 17 different carrier vessels.

Sometimes, a vessel moves between the WCPFC and IATTC areas and the observer remains on board, which reduces deployment costs.

The main tasks of the observer, as specified by Resolution C-22-03, are as follows:

- a) Record and report upon the transshipment activities carried out;
- b) Verify the position of the vessel when engaged in transshipping;
- c) Observe and estimate products transshipped;
- d) Verify and record the name of the LSTLFV concerned and its registration number;
- e) Verify the data contained in the transshipment declaration;
- f) Certify the data contained in the transshipment declaration;
- g) Countersign the transshipment declaration;
- h) Issue a report of the carrier vessel's transshipping activities every 15 days;
- Establish general reports compiling the information collected in accordance with the requirements of the IATTC program and provide the captain the opportunity to include therein any relevant information.

Tasks a and c are the priority tasks performed by the observers and occupy most of their time through counting, identifying and recording the weights of the transshipped species and the movements of the carrier vessel. As agreed with MRAG, reports are submitted every 15 days summarizing the daily transshipment activity.

LSTLV reports including product counts and weights are obtained by the second officer of the carrier vessel (CV) from the captains of the LSTLV; then, they are made available to the IATTC observer within the first two hours of transshipment. IATTC observers receive a copy of the LSTLV numbers and weights report within the first two hours of transshipment. Transshipment declarations are prepared by the second officer of the CV within the first two hours of transshipment and given to the IATTC observer for signature, certification and verification. A copy of the transshipment declaration is provided directly to the IATTC

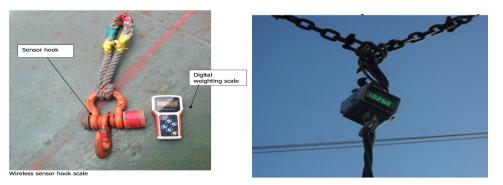
observer during transshipment.

2.3. Estimation of weight of the transshipped product

Observers are tasked with estimating the weight of the transshipped product by species and species group they count during their observation period(s). The main objective is to verify the weights recorded by the carrier vessel and the LSTLVs on the transshipment declaration. There are five options to perform this task; one of them, which is commonly used, is the following:

Total weight of product = Average weight by species x Total count of species by observer

Other options involve electronic hook-scales on the vessels. However, very few carrier vessels are equipped with these devices.



Transshipments in which there is a difference of more than 10% between the amount of product calculated by the observer and the amount reported on the transshipment declaration are forwarded to the flag CPC to investigate whether there could be any possible negligence in completing the declaration or falsification of data. The general response from the CPCs in the Review Committee is that the differences are due to the fact that these are calculations or estimates and therefore it is normal that differences exist.

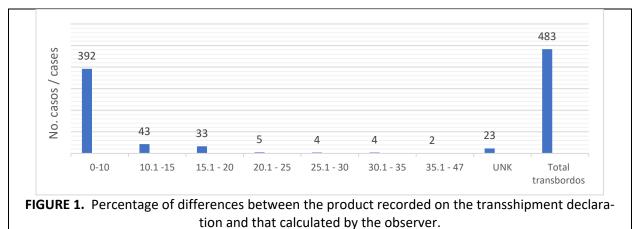
At the 14th SAC meeting, a recommendation was made to examine whether the issue of discrepancies in the reports between the tuna calculated by the observer and that reported on the transshipment declaration was significant. To this end, observers were asked to carefully monitor and report details of all transshipments, verifying—for each one—the difference between their calculations of transshipped fish and that reported on the transshipment declaration.

A review of all carrier vessel trips in 2023 was conducted to determine how many carrier vessels and how many transshipments had differences of more than 10% in the trips made in 2023. This review resulted in the following:

- Data for 23 carrier vessel trips with transshipments in 2023 are included (see Appendix 4).
- In these 23 trips, 483 transshipments were made.
 - For 390 of these transshipments (81%), there was no difference of more than 10% between the fish reported on the transshipment declaration and that calculated by the observer.
 - For 86 of these transshipments (18%), the 10% difference was exceeded and will be forwarded to the flag authorities of the carrier vessel for investigation. For one trip, we do not have the observer data to determine the differences (7 transshipments).
- One carrier vessel company has been identified as responsible for 67 cases exceeding the 10% difference in 2023, i.e., 78% of the cases, while 18 other vessels contributed to the remaining 20%.

This situation will be presented to the Review Committee to recommend solutions to the IATTC.

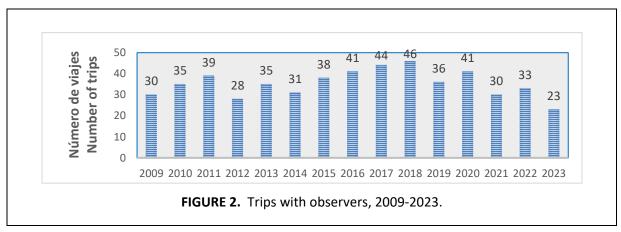
Figure 1 shows the distribution of cases with differences exceeding 10%. It can be seen that most of the cases fall within the 10 to 20% range, suggesting that the differences stem from the calculation process, which relies on estimations made by the observers.



It has been previously discussed in the SAC that experimental work should be carried out to see if the use of scales could help to resolve the doubts regarding the differences between the tuna calculated by the observer and that recorded on the transshipment declaration. The Nature Conservancy, a non-governmental organization, has initiated work of this kind, and in this project, they are also working with electronic monitoring on a carrier vessel and have requested support to continue the work. Perhaps the Committee could recommend that the Commission participate in this work.

3. RESULTS TO DATE

In 2023, a total of 483 transshipments in the EPO were monitored during 23 trips. Through MRAG, observers were placed on all these trips.



In 2023, the number of transshipments (483) was 23% lower than in 2022 (630) (**Figure 3**), while the number of days observers spent at sea was 2,650 in 2022 and 2,683 in 2023, i.e., they increased by 1.2%.

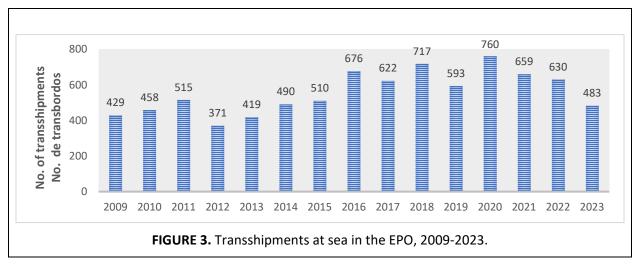
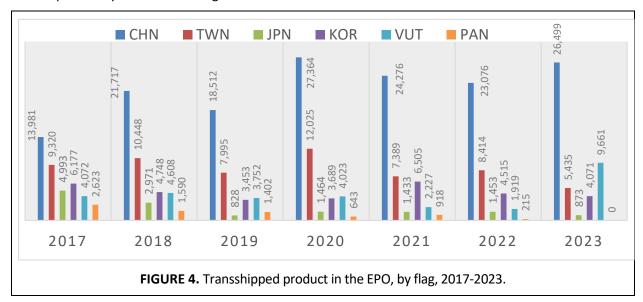
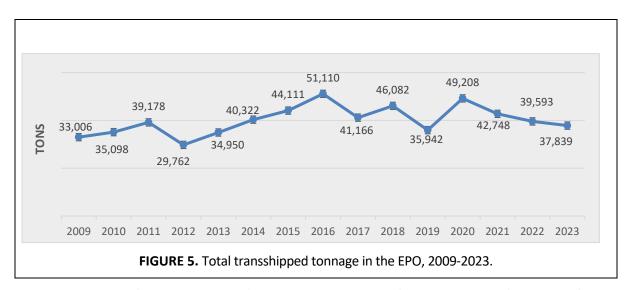


Figure 4 shows the transshipments (total tonnage of the catches) in the EPO from 2017 to 2023, by flag of the fishing vessel. China and Chinese Taipei are the participants with the largest amount of fish transshipmed in the EPO. A total of 211 longline vessels participated in transshipments in 2023, of which 48% were from China, 30% from Chinese Taipei, 4% from Japan, 13% from Korea, and 5% from Vanuatu. No transshipments by Panamanian longline vessels were recorded in 2023.



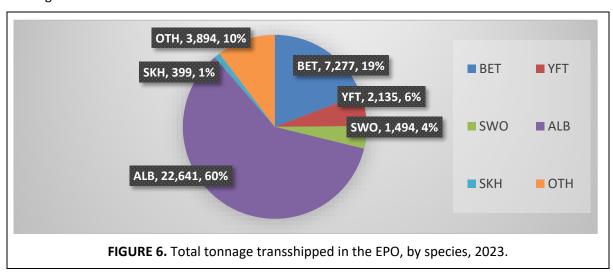
Appendix 1 contains the data on product transshipped in the EPO from 2009-2023, broken down by species and flag of the fishing vessel. **Appendix 2** lists trips by carrier vessels and ports of boarding and disembarkation of observers in 2023.

The total tonnage of the catches transshipped under the program during 2023 (37,839 t) was 11% lower than in 2022 (42,763 t) (**Figure 5**).



In 2023, the weights of the predominant fish species are: albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) with 60%, followed by bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) with 19%, yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) with 6%, and swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) with 4%, as shown in **Figure 6**.

In accordance with Resolution C-12-07, sharks have been included in transshipment declarations since 2013. Prior to this, they were grouped with other species. In 2023, the total transshipped was 399 t, representing 1% of the total.



In the case of albacore tuna (the main species that is transshipped), questions have been raised regarding the area where it is caught. In this regard, it is only known whether it was caught in the EPO, including the overlap area (although it is possible to differentiate whether it was specifically caught in the overlap area), as well as in the western Pacific Ocean. The catch areas for 2023 are as follows (**Table 2**).

| TABLE 2. Transshipped albacore catches in the IATTC-regulated area, 2023 (t) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Catch area Catch amount (t) Percentage | | | | | | | | |
| Entire Pacific | 28,941 | 100 % | | | | | | |
| IATTC-regulated area without overlap area | 6,660 | 23 % | | | | | | |
| Western Pacific without overlap area 19,663 68 % | | | | | | | | |
| Overlap area | 2,618 | 9 % | | | | | | |

Since 2013, observers record where the transshipped tuna originated: Western Pacific (WPO), EPO or IATTC-WCPFC overlap area. In 2023, about 62% of the transshipped tuna was caught in the EPO, including the overlap area (**Table 3**), and around 37% in the WPO.

TABLE 3. Tonnage of catches in the Pacific Ocean in 2023 and transshipped in the EPO, by fishing vessel flag and area of origin

| Dartisinant | | Area of ca | atch | | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Participant | EPO | Overlap area | WPO | Unknown | Total |
| China | 23,389 | 2,137 | 14,068 | 18 | 39,611 |
| Japan | 873 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 873 |
| Korea | 3,062 | 948 | 2,596 | 0 | 6,606 |
| Panama | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chinese Taipei | 2,297 | 3,205 | 3,709 | 163 | 9,374 |
| Vanuatu | 429 | 460 | 1,541 | 59 | 2,489 |
| Total | 30,050 | 6,750 | 21,913 | 240 | 58,953 |

Table 4 shows the catch limits for bigeye tuna established for 2023 in Resolution C-21-04 and the catches in the EPO recorded by the transshipment program. There were catch limit transfers to Korea and China by Japan in 2023 for 6,000 and 2,000 metric tons, respectively. Nevertheless, the data from the transshipment program show that the limits were not exceeded even without considering these transfers.

TABLE 4. Bigeye catch limits in Resolution C-21-04 and bigeye catches in the EPO recorded by the transshipment program, in tons, 2023

| CDC | CPC Catch limit EPO catches transshipped in the | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| CPC | (C-21-04) | EPO | Overlap area | Total | | | | |
| China | 2,507 | 1,062 | 243 | 1,305 | | | | |
| Japan | 32,732 | 497 | 0 | 497 | | | | |
| Korea | 11,947 | 2,253 | 552 | 2,805 | | | | |
| Chinese Taipei | 7,555 | 988 | 1,005 | 1,993 | | | | |
| United States | 750 | Doe | es not make transshipm | ents | | | | |

The geographic locations of transshipments made during 2020-2023 in the Pacific Ocean and in the EPO are shown in **Appendix 3**.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The SAC is encouraged to discuss the following items:

- Is there any other information the SAC would like to receive about the transshipment program?
- Could the transshipment information be used in any other way for scientific purposes?
- Should the possibility of recording transshipped sharks at the species level continue to be pursued?

APPENDIX 1. Quantity of product transshipped in the eastern Pacific Ocean, 2009-2023, by species or group and flag of fishing vessel, in tons.

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|------|-------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | BET | YFT | ALB | SWO | SKH | OTR | Total |
| | CHN | 6,392 | 1,281 | 433 | 978 | | 502 | 9,586 |
| | JPN | 4,736 | 1,218 | 767 | 627 | | 657 | 8,004 |
| | KOR | 2,460 | 324 | 79 | 323 | | 553 | 3,739 |
| 2009 | PHL | 72 | 34 | - | - | | - | 106 |
| | TWN | 2,564 | 586 | 1,655 | 320 | | 363 | 5,487 |
| | VUT | 964 | 237 | 3,828 | 108 | | 1,053 | 6,190 |
| | Total | 17,186 | 3,679 | 6,762 | 2,356 | | 3,128 | 33,112 |
| | BLZ | 81 | 13 | 10 | 3 | | 2 | 110 |
| | CHN | 3,674 | 748 | 429 | 583 | | 470 | 5,902 |
| | JPN | 6,623 | 1,942 | 819 | 1,049 | | 1,502 | 11,935 |
| 2010 | KOR | 2,957 | 459 | 102 | 372 | | 891 | 4,781 |
| 2010 | PER | 80 | 15 | 3 | 7 | | 3 | 107 |
| | TWN | 4,535 | 987 | 1,431 | 539 | | 730 | 8,223 |
| | VUT | 1,321 | 259 | 1,963 | 131 | | 330 | 4,005 |
| | Total | 19,271 | 4,424 | 4,756 | 2,684 | | 3,928 | 35,063 |
| | BLZ | 90 | 9 | 76 | 19 | | 17 | 212 |
| | CHN | 5,363 | 1,157 | 436 | 815 | | 755 | 8,526 |
| | JPN | 5,198 | 1,111 | 1,819 | 1,247 | | 1,622 | 10,997 |
| 2011 | KOR | 4,263 | 574 | 253 | 486 | | 1,015 | 6,591 |
| | TWN | 2,246 | 413 | 3,269 | 271 | | 1,123 | 7,323 |
| | VUT | 1,160 | 228 | 3,609 | 166 | | 366 | 5,529 |
| | Total | 18,319 | 3,492 | 9,463 | 3,004 | | 4,899 | 39,178 |
| | CHN | 3,690 | 840 | 389 | 772 | | 429 | 6,121 |
| | JPN | 5,894 | 1,359 | 1,340 | 1,185 | | 1,162 | 10,938 |
| 2012 | KOR | 1,257 | 130 | 55 | 166 | | 257 | 1,866 |
| 2012 | TWN | 2,476 | 395 | 2,015 | 398 | | 664 | 5,949 |
| | VUT | 1,226 | 160 | 2,996 | 157 | | 348 | 4,888 |
| | Total | 14,543 | 2,884 | 6,796 | 2,678 | | 2,860 | 29,762 |
| | BLZ | 246 | 40 | 20 | 52 | 16 | 30 | 404 |
| | CHN | 3,635 | 798 | 3,400 | 583 | 114 | 758 | 9,289 |
| | IDN | 102 | 16 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 138 |
| 2013 | JPN | 5,756 | 1,126 | 735 | 1,162 | 9 | 784 | 9,571 |
| 2013 | KOR | 3,947 | 519 | 199 | 487 | 294 | 579 | 6,026 |
| | TWN | 1,771 | 386 | 1,463 | 245 | 335 | 676 | 4,876 |
| | VUT | 763 | 160 | 2,853 | 161 | 34 | 316 | 4,285 |
| | Total | 16,221 | 3,045 | 8,672 | 2,706 | 801 | 3,144 | 34,590 |
| | BLZ | 38 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| | CHN | 4,418 | 1,142 | 8,068 | 906 | 115 | 1,477 | 16,127 |
| 2014 | IDN | 18 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 62 |
| 2014 | JPN | 3,850 | 919 | 337 | 858 | 0 | 755 | 6,719 |
| | KOR | 2,585 | 481 | 118 | 287 | 170 | 391 | 4,032 |
| | PAN | 172 | 76 | 13 | 37 | 34 | 56 | 388 |

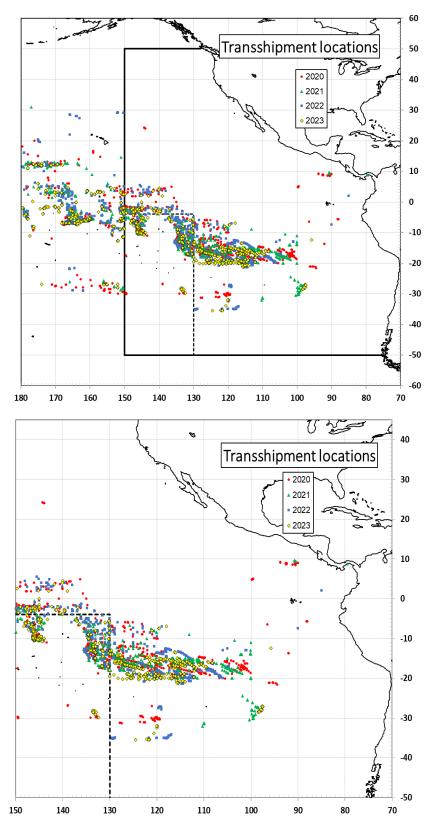
| | | Atunes-Tunas | | | CWO | CIVII | OTD | Total |
|------|--------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | BET | YFT | ALB | SWO | SKH | OTR | Total |
| | TWN | 2,924 | 626 | 3,238 | 547 | 258 | 780 | 8,373 |
| | VUT | 818 | 269 | 2,593 | 142 | 118 | 256 | 4,195 |
| | Total: | 14,822 | 3,521 | 14,371 | 2,782 | 701 | 3,743 | 39,941 |
| | CHN | 5,690 | 1,897 | 6,631 | 888 | 130 | 1,323 | 16,558 |
| | JPN | 4,201 | 766 | 367 | 829 | 0 | 761 | 6,925 |
| | KOR | 4,347 | 525 | 154 | 545 | 252 | 813 | 6,636 |
| 2015 | PAN | 522 | 116 | 447 | 17 | 56 | 163 | 1,321 |
| | TWN | 2,267 | 639 | 1,379 | 508 | 215 | 392 | 5,400 |
| | VUT | 1,381 | 429 | 4,249 | 194 | 202 | 620 | 7,075 |
| | Total | 18,407 | 4,373 | 13,228 | 2,982 | 855 | 4,072 | 43,916 |
| | CHN | 4,572 | 1,898 | 14,064 | 1,169 | 157 | 1,559 | 23,419 |
| | JPN | 2,395 | 581 | 285 | 685 | 61 | 671 | 4,678 |
| | KOR | 3,661 | 672 | 246 | 524 | 0 | 711 | 5,815 |
| 2016 | PAN | 463 | 85 | 346 | 320 | 164 | 309 | 1,687 |
| | TWN | 2,983 | 679 | 2,315 | 844 | 445 | 1,118 | 8,385 |
| | VUT | 1,815 | 357 | 3,756 | 353 | 334 | 512 | 7,126 |
| | Total | 15,889 | 4,272 | 21,012 | 3,895 | 1,160 | 4,881 | 51,110 |
| | CHN | 3,428 | 899 | 7,462 | 693 | 18 | 1,481 | 13,981 |
| | JPN | 2,812 | 546 | 358 | 790 | 0 | 488 | 4,993 |
| | KOR | 4,073 | 710 | 286 | 517 | 0 | 591 | 6,177 |
| 2017 | PAN | 640 | 129 | 921 | 109 | 381 | 444 | 2,623 |
| | TWN | 4,354 | 580 | 1,410 | 1,160 | 419 | 1,343 | 9,265 |
| | VUT | 1,801 | 429 | 725 | 311 | 322 | 484 | 4,072 |
| | Total | 17,109 | 3,292 | 11,161 | 3,579 | 1,140 | 4,830 | 41,111 |
| | CHN | 3,647 | 1,162 | 13,247 | 966 | 397 | 2,299 | 21,717 |
| | JPN | 1,531 | 260 | 313 | 477 | 29 | 360 | 2,971 |
| | KOR | 2,964 | 679 | 228 | 310 | 0 | 567 | 4,748 |
| 2018 | PAN | 251 | 55 | 924 | 133 | 70 | 157 | 1,590 |
| | TWN | 3,454 | 780 | 3,173 | 1,289 | 455 | 1,295 | 10,448 |
| | VUT | 2,237 | 516 | 575 | 547 | 237 | 496 | 4,608 |
| | Total | 14,084 | 3,452 | 18,461 | 3,722 | 1,189 | 5,175 | 46,082 |
| | CHN | 2,327 | 1,118 | 11,984 | 566 | 160 | 2,357 | 18,512 |
| | JPN | 518 | 62 | 113 | 38 | 0 | 97 | 828 |
| | KOR | 1,941 | 710 | 325 | 158 | 0 | 319 | 3,453 |
| 2019 | PAN | 191 | 115 | 160 | 725 | 82 | 129 | 1,402 |
| | TWN | 2,555 | 873 | 2,250 | 591 | 395 | 1,331 | 7,995 |
| | VUT | 1,241 | 369 | 782 | 561 | 253 | 548 | 3,752 |
| | Total | 8,773 | 3,248 | 15,613 | 2,639 | 889 | 4,780 | 35,942 |
| | CHN | 2,031 | 1,063 | 20,648 | 447 | 234 | 2,941 | 27,364 |
| | JPN | 837 | 221 | 103 | 139 | 0 | 164 | 1,464 |
| 2020 | KOR | 2,215 | 691 | 248 | 171 | 0 | 364 | 3,689 |
| 2020 | PAN | 6 | 2 | 610 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 643 |
| | TWN | 3,743 | 1,164 | 3,014 | 1,226 | 845 | 1,993 | 12,025 |
| | VUT | 1,551 | 403 | 862 | 691 | 170 | 346 | 4,023 |

| | | Atunes-Tunas | | | SWO | CIVII | 0.70 | - 1 |
|------|-------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| | | BET | YFT | ALB | swo | SKH | OTR | Total |
| | Total | 10,383 | 3,543 | 25,485 | 2,718 | 1,263 | 5,815 | 49,208 |
| | CHN | 1,691 | 918 | 18,702 | 382 | 17 | 2,567 | 24,276 |
| | JPN | 809 | 284 | 51 | 118 | 0 | 172 | 1,433 |
| | KOR | 4,028 | 1,400 | 349 | 274 | 2 | 452 | 6,505 |
| 2021 | PAN | 62 | 20 | 698 | 116 | 0 | 23 | 918 |
| | TWN | 2,268 | 505 | 2,627 | 884 | 140 | 934 | 7,359 |
| | VUT | 798 | 127 | 757 | 327 | 50 | 199 | 2,258 |
| | Total | 9,655 | 3,254 | 23,184 | 2,101 | 208 | 4,346 | 42,748 |
| | CHN | 1,633 | 509 | 18,308 | 421 | 0 | 2,206 | 23,076 |
| | JPN | 760 | 201 | 195 | 111 | 0 | 186 | 1,453 |
| | KOR | 2,639 | 854 | 481 | 242 | 0 | 298 | 4,515 |
| 2022 | PAN | 78 | 33 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 215 |
| | TWN | 3,518 | 867 | 1,482 | 1,262 | 359 | 927 | 8,414 |
| | VUT | 1,100 | 159 | 54 | 259 | 117 | 229 | 1,919 |
| | Total | 9,728 | 2,622 | 20,521 | 2,400 | 476 | 3,846 | 39,593 |
| | CHN | 1,540 | 774 | 20,909 | 473 | 0 | 2,804 | 26,499 |
| | JPN | 497 | 151 | 56 | 82 | 0 | 86 | 873 |
| | KOR | 2,761 | 626 | 211 | 213 | 0 | 261 | 4,071 |
| 2023 | PAN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TWN | 1,932 | 479 | 1,463 | 576 | 300 | 684 | 5,435 |
| | VUT | 547 | 104 | 2 | 149 | 99 | 59 | 961 |
| | Total | 7,277 | 2,135 | 22,641 | 1,494 | 399 | 3,894 | 37,839 |

APPENDIX 2. 23 trips by carrier vessels that carried IATTC observers to monitor transshipments in the eastern Pacific Ocean, 2023.

| IATTC trip | Departure date | Departure port | | Arrival date | Arrival | port |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-----|--------------|-----------|-------|
| 501 | 23-oct-22 | Busan | KOR | 23-Jan-23 | Apia | Samoa |
| 504 | 14-nov-22 | Busan | KOR | 5-feb-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 505 | 23-dec-22 | Tongyeong-si | KOR | 20-mar-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 506 | 1-Jan-23 | Kaohsiung | | 27-mar-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 507 | 2-feb-23 | Kaohsiung | | 17-apr-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 508 | 6-jan-23 | Kaohsiung | | 8-mar-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 509 | 18-jan-23 | Busan | KOR | 20-mar-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 510 | 7-jan-23 | Busan | KOR | 21-mar-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 512 | 27-feb-23 | Balboa | PAN | 3-april-23 | Balboa | PAN |
| 513 | 28-april | Busan | KOR | 28-jun-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 515 | 23-jun-23 | Busan | KOR | 21-sep-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 516 | 12-may-23 | Busan | KOR | 30-jul-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 517 | 8-jun-23 | Kaohsiung | | 6-sep-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 519 | 31-aug-23 | Busan | KOR | 15-nov-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 520 | 7-aug-23- | Kaohsiung | | 7-nov-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 521 | 11-sep-23 | Kaohsiung | | 22-nov-23 | Kaohsiung | |
| 522 | 6-sep-23 | Busan | KOR | 20-nov-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 523 | 13 -sep-23 | Busan | KOR | 15-nov-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 525 | 5-oct-23- | Busan | KOR | 29-dec-23 | Busan | KOR |
| 526 | 2-oct-23 | Cristobal | PAN | 6-nov-23 | Cristobal | PAN |
| 527 | 1-nov-23 | Busan | KOR | 12-jan-24 | Busan | KOR |
| 528 | 23-oct-23 | Busan | KOR | 2-feb-24 | Busan | KOR |
| 529 | 4-nov-23 | Kaohsiung | | 13-jan-24 | Kaohsiung | |

APPENDIX 3. Transshipment geographic locations in the Pacific Ocean (top) and in the EPO (bottom), 2020-2023.



APPENDIX 4

| IATTC transship- with a differ- with a differ- to provious in the provious interpretable in the provious in the provious interpretable in the provious i | Total difference considering all transshipments in the trip 3.5 |
|--|--|
| 504 7 NA NA NA | 3.5 |
| | |
| 505 7 7 0 | |
| | -0.06 |
| 506 37 37 0 | -1.77 |
| 507 25 24 1 -21.9 | -6.87 |
| 508 21 17 4 -25.5 | |
| -11.5 | |
| -14.7 | |
| -11.07 | |
| 509 37 27 10 -17.8 | -7.57 |
| -10.8 | |
| -12.7 | |
| -14.06 | |
| -11.27 | |
| -13.9 | |
| -14.6 | |
| -19.9 | |
| 15.6 | |
| -10.6 | |
| 510 32 30 2 -18.87 | -3.84 |
| -15.56 | |
| No transshipments in the EPO. Only in WC | CPFC. |
| 512 2 2 0 | -0.68 |
| 513 5 5 0 | -0.35 |
| No transshipments in the EPO. Only in WC | CPFC. |
| 515 27 23 4 -14.3 | -5.27 |
| -12.6 | |
| -11.8 | |
| -11.3 | |
| 516 28 26 2 -13.9 | -4.4 |
| -11.3 | |
| 517 5 4 1 -13.9 | |
| No transshipments in the EPO. Only in WCPFC. | |
| 519 29 28 1 `-16.15 | 0.23 |
| 520 16 16 0 | 0.4 |
| 521 25 24 1 -12.7 | 3.4 |
| | 12.52 |
| -16.2 | |
| -27.9 | |

| Differences between the weights recorded on the transshipment declarations and those estimated by the observer. Trips made in 2023 by carrier vessels. | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| IATTC trip No. | No. of transship- ments in the trip | No. of trans- shipments with a differ- ence of less than 10% | No. of trans- shipments with a differ- ence of more than 10% | Difference with respect to previous column | Total differ- ence consider- ing all trans- shipments in the trip | | | |
| 523 | 20 | 13 | 7 | -12.7 -12 -19.6 -17 -13.7 -21.2 -18.9 -32.2 -19.3 -17.8 -16.8 -15.6 -15.2 -14.9 -23.4 -21.6 -11.1 -32.7 -11.5 -19 -20.4 -17.1 -19.8 -15.9 -15.2 -18.5 -32.7 -12.7 -18.9 | -0.87 | | | |
| | | | | -10.6 -12.7 -10.3 -11.4 -28.6 | | | | |
| 524 | | | | | | | | |
| 525 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 0.16 | | | |
| 526 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | -0.62 | | | |
| 527 | 45 | 26 | 19 | -10.41 -11.48 -17.08 | -7.67 | | | |

| Differences between the weights recorded on the transshipment declarations and those estimated by the observer. Trips made in 2023 by carrier vessels. | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| IATTC trip No. | No. of transship- ments in the trip | No. of trans- shipments with a differ- ence of less than 10% | No. of trans- shipments with a differ- ence of more than 10% | Difference with respect to previous column | Total differ- ence consider- ing all trans- shipments in the trip | | | |
| | | | | -10.48 | | | | |
| | | | | -14.07 | | | | |
| | | | | -12.97 | | | | |
| | | | | -11.27 | | | | |
| | | | | -25.09 | | | | |
| | | | | -10.99 | | | | |
| | | | | -13.28 | | | | |
| | | | | -15.97 | | | | |
| | | | | -12.22 | | | | |
| | | | | -11.96 | | | | |
| | | | | -17.56 | | | | |
| | | | | -25.37 | | | | |
| | | | | -17.43 | | | | |
| | | | | -12.2 | | | | |
| | | | | -12.16 | | | | |
| | | | | -22.4 | | | | |
| 528 | 16 | 16 | 0 | | | | | |
| 529 | 29 | 25 | 4 | -16.2 | -1.19 | | | |
| | | | | -17.6 | | | | |
| | | | | -42.7 | | | | |
| | | | | -15.4 | | | | |