# Sustainable Management of WPEA Tunas Project Progress Report

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# **Project Progress**

1. In the second quarter, several activities have been planned and the following table below shows the plan and the status of the individual project activities by country. Some activities of the Indonesia and Vietnam have been delayed because of the delay of internal approval of the project.

#### Indonesia

- 2. Indonesia has approved the project and provided an official bank account on 19 July 2015. Since this date, project funds can be transferred to both DGCF and RCFMC, the two executing agencies in Indonesia. In the monitoring of the project activities in Indonesia, the following points are highlighted:
  - a) There are two national tuna coordinators (NTC) who are responsible for the execution of each project activity in Indonesia, one at DGCF and the other at RCFMC. NTC allowances will be provided to RCFMC staff but NTC allowances for the DGCF will be paid as honorarium to those who conduct each project activities.
  - b) RCFMC has been using its own budget for the payment of enumerator's salary since January 2015. As the new bank account was available, WPEA could reimburse such amount.
  - c) RCFMC agreed that activity numbers 10 and 11 related with harvest strategy (HS) will be merged and WPEA activities for HS will be collaborated with the Indonesian government's initiative in establishing harvest strategy framework through a series of workshops. CSIRO is heavily involved in the development of the HS, and WPEA (DGCF and RCFMC together) will work with CSIRO too.
- 3. Though the implementation of project activities were delayed, Indonesia conducted the following activities during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:
  - a) Tuna catch data collection from port sampling continued since January 2015 and data were submitted to WCPFC and used at the ITFACE-6 WS.

b) As a joint activity, DGCF and RCFMC WPEA team participated in the second Indonesia's Harvest Strategy WS, 18-22 May 2015 and produced a work programme for harvest strategy case study for Indonesian tuna fisheries (WPP 713, 714, 715). To further collaborate with the government, NGOs and CSIRO, WPEA will partially support future organization of the harvest strategy workshop (**Attachment A**).



c) DGCF hosted the Sixth Indonesian (WCPFC Area) Tuna Fisheries Annual Catch Estimates (ITFACE) Workshop in Bogor, 24-26 June 2015. The WS produced 2014 provisional tuna catch estimates by species and by gear. A provisional Indonesian tuna catch estimate for year 2014 was 483,000 mt. A WS report and recommendations were produced for review by the participants (**Attachment B**).



Outcomes	Activity (IDN)	Period scheduled	Q1 and Q2	Q3 and Q4
1.1	1. (DGCF) Logbook awareness WS	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented
1.1	2. (DGCF) Capacity building of the country science	Q3	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
1.1	3. (DGCF, RCFMC) National tuna coordinator	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	Continued
1.1	4. (DGCF) Annual Tuna Catch Estimates Workshop	Q2	Implemented in Q2	
1.2	5. Prior Study on Climate Change	Q1-Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
1.2 and 2.2	6. Review WS on CC, Supply Chain Analysis, and Sustainability/Certification	Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.1	7. (DGCF) Implementing national compliance review monitoring	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented
2.2	8. Consultancy - Supply chain analysis/traceability	Q1-Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.2	9. Consultancy on sustainability/certification	Q1-Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.3	10. Research on harvest strategy	Q2-Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.3	11. Convene a review WS on harvest strategy (RPs and HCRs)	Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.3	12. (RCFMC) Conduct data review WS	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented
2.3	13. (RCFMC) Sub-regional stock assessment workshop	Q4		Will be implemented
2.3	14. (RCFMC) Data collection from port sampling	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	
3.1	15. Database	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented
3.1	16. IW Learn activities	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented

#### **Philippines**

- 4. There have been no problems in implementing WPEA project in the Philippines, though some consultancies have been delayed because of insufficient domestic expertise or limited budget to hire international level experts. The project however tries to hire domestic experts as part of a capacity building, which includes prior studies in the areas of climate change, reference points and harvest control rules, certification and eco-labeling, and supply chain.
- 5. NFRDI noted that WS for reference points (RPs) and harvest control rules (HCRs) needs to be held in the first quarter of 2016 to meet their government schedule on this issue. So activities 6 and 15 will be delayed but preparatory work will continue during Q3 and Q4.
- 6. Several activities have been conducted in the second quarter, including:
  - a) The sixth WPEA/NSAP Tuna Data Review WS, 21-22 May 2015. Draft report is in the **Attachment C.**
  - b) The eighth Philippines/WCPFC Annual Tuna Fisheries Catch Estimates Review WS, 25-26 May 2015. WS recommendations were adopted for future work (**Attachment D**). The following table shows the estimated catches of oceanic tunas for 2014:

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Workshop	Workshop Outcome				
Domestically-based Fleets	2014 total tuna catch				
Purse seine	78,153				
Ringnet	45,502				
Handline (large-fish)	31,444				
Hook-and-line	15,356				
Gillnet	3,031				
Troll	6,125				
Tuna LL	465				
Others	280				
TOTAL ESTIMATES	180,356				

c) Expansion of observer data collection: Deployed a total of 6 observers (2 observers in Infanta, 2 observers in Bicol and 2 observers in Surigao); Observers boarded in RingNet/Purse Seine Vessels every month.

- d) Observer Handbook and Species ID Guide published: Operation Manuals and Species ID are currently in their final drafts for review prior to printing/publishing. Draft Species ID is attached (Attachment E)
- e) Consultancy on the selection of proper port sampling sites: consultancy contract was made and proposal was presented at the May Review WS. Presentation is attached in **Attachment F**.
- f) Data collection from port sampling: during Jan June 2015, tuna catch data were collected from 22 landing sites and these data will be encoded in the NSAP Database System upon completion of 2014 data encoding. Port sampling, data encoding, field supervision and other activities are ongoing activities.

**Philippines** 

Outcome	Activity (VNN)	period	Q1 and Q2	Q3 and Q4
1.1	Capacity building in country's science	Q3	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
1.1	2. Catch estimation WS	Q2	Implemented in Q2	
1.1	3. NTC	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	Continued
1.2	4. Prior study on CC (consultancy)	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.1	5. Update Operational Guide for Filipino Fishermen	Q1	Implemented in Q1	
2.1	6. WS on national RPs and HCRs	Q4	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Preparatory actions continued Will be implemented in Q1, 2016
2.2	7. Prior study on certification and eco-labeling	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.2	Consultancy on Philippine Tuna Supply Chain     Analysis	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.2	National workshop on three Consultancy Reports from pilot study	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.3	10. Sub-regional stock assessment workshop	Q4		Will be implemented
2.3	11. Data review WS	Q2	Implemented in Q2	
2.3	12. MCS and VMS programs established	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q2	Continued
2.3	13. Port sampling	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	Continued
2.3	14. Training WS on E-logbook	Q3		Will be implemented
2.4	15. Orientation on EAFM and WS on EAFM (combined with WS on RPs and HCRs)	Q2-Q3		Will be implemented WS will be held in Q1, 2016
3.1	16. IW Learn / PEMSEA EAS Congress	Q4		Will be implemented

#### Vietnam

- 7. There was a government reshuffling last November 2014 and the reshuffling will continue in some provinces. Former agency in central government (DECAFIREP) that implemented WPEA project demolished last December 2014. As a consequence, the WPEA official bank account was also closed. So no project fund could be transferred to Vietnam since December 2014. Because of this, most WPEA project activities were stopped.
- 8. All foreign projects with a certain size should be endorsed by the Prime Minister in Vietnam. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Minister of Planning and Investment sent a recommendation letter to the Prime Minister to propose implementing the WPEA project in Vietnam. Now Vietnam is waiting for the final decision by the Prime Minister. Once approved, then a new official bank account for this project will be opened, project funds will be transferred, and all activities will be commenced as planned.
- 9. The project manager visited Hanoi to facilitate the process of the Prime Minister's endorsement and immediate action plan once the project is approved. The NTC and the project manager traveled to provinces to encourage sub-DECAFIREP staff and enumerators to resume data collection from port sampling ASAP using WCPFC protocol. So far, very limited activities have been conducted in both central government and provinces. The project manager and the NTC consulted with other relevant staff, and prepared a preparatory work plan to facilitate the 2015 activities in the near future. A summary of project activities is noted in the table below.

#### Vietnam

Outcome	Activity (VNN)	period	Q1 and Q2	Q3 and Q4
1.1	Support participation of Vietnam to SC11	Q3	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented

	2. National tuna coordinator	Q1-Q4	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	Continued
1.1	Convene A Data Review and catch estimation workshop	Q2	Deferred to Q3	Will be implemented
1.1	4. Reconstruction of catch histories	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
1.2	5. Prior study on CC	<del>Q4</del> Q3	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.1	6. Implementing national compliance review monitoring	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented
2.1	7. Consultancy on RPs and HCRs	Q4		Will be implemented
2.1	8. WS on Consultancies for CC and RPS	Q4		Will be implemented
2.1	9. Participation in Tuna Data WS at SPC	Q2	Implemented	
2.2	10. Consultancy – TUNA Supply chain analysis/traceability	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.2	11. Consultancy on sustainability/certification	Q2	Preparatory actions taken in Q2	Will be implemented
2.2	12. WS on Market-based Sustainability Consultancies	Q4		Will be implemented
2.3	13. Sub-regional SA scientists' meeting	Q4		Will be implemented
	14. Port sampling	Q1-Q4	Partially implemented	Will be implemented
3.1	15. website			
3.1	16. Participation in the regional knowledge platform	Q1-Q4		Will be implemented

## The Second Indonesian Harvest Strategy Workshop

18-22 May 2015, Bogor, Indonesia

# Summary Report for the Reference Points, Harvest Strategies and the Precautionary approach in the management of Indonesian Tropical Tuna Fisheries

## Background

- 1. Establish a common understanding within Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and Indonesian tuna fishing industry of the role and purpose of reference points and harvest strategies in fisheries management and the steps and considerations required for their development.
  - Increased understanding of reference points and their relationship with higher level objectives of fisheries management;
  - Clarified relationship between reference points at RFMO (whole stock) and Indonesian domestic fisheries management (see below);
  - Agreed to recommend Indonesia adopt tiered framework of reference points recommended by WCPFC SC;
  - Noted it was important to approach this development in a practical and pragmatic manner that was
    appropriate to the particular Indonesian context and explicitly adaptive. That is, design and implement
    harvest strategies based on current understanding and available information and monitoring systems,
    with an explicit priority on identifying important uncertainties and addressing them in the 1st cycle of
    review and revision of the harvest strategy.
- 2. Review and consider alternative approaches to the development and implementation of harvest strategies, including, conceptual understanding of the fishery system, available time series data and information sources, methods of assessment and practical management measures that are appropriate to Indonesian fisheries management.
  - Reviewed experience from CCSBT and Australia in development and implementation of RP and HS and the use of MSE to design and select HS that are most likely to meet objectives (reference points) and provide desired mix of trade-offs between social and economic benefits and conservation of the productivity of the stock(s) (see presentations and discussion)
  - Agreed that it was important (for effectiveness of management and to meet Indonesia's international obligations) for RP and HS to be consistent (from both conceptual and process perspective) and compatible (from a fisheries management perspective) with those being considered (and/or adopted) in the WCPFC and IOTC. (Note issues identified in terms of connectivity, "complementary measures", consistency with objectives for Indonesia's domestic fisheries management and objectives for sustainable tuna production).
  - Reviewed process and current status of RP and HS development in WCPFC and IOTC and recognized opportunities for support for capacity building and for advancing Indonesia's NPA for tuna resources.
  - Agreed that 713, 714,715 (or some subset) were appropriate areas for a case study to develop HS, given their importance to Indonesia for continued development of their tuna fisheries and significance in the wider international tuna fisheries.

- 3. Identify preferred approach(es) and requirements for development and evaluation of potential harvest strategies, including, essential times series data and other information requirements, and; the actions required to make then available at the national level for the purposes of tuna harvest strategy implementation.
  - Reviewed extensive range of government, NGO and industry data sources, monitoring programs and information available for tuna fisheries in 713, 714, and 715
  - Agreed, in principle, that empirical (rather than model based) harvest strategies are more likely to be appropriate to the Indonesian context.
  - Recognised the need for different categories of i) monitoring data and ii) information on the nature and dynamics of the fish stocks and fishing fleets.
    - o Stock monitoring data: (To be completed):
      - Estimates of total removals (e.g. total catch, discards, use as bait etc)
      - The level of uncertainty in estimates of total catch
      - Estimates of total effort (and uncertainty)
      - Catch and effort data suitable for estimating CPUE for use as an index of relative abundance (by sector)
      - Size (length/weight) composition of the catch
      - Tagging data for estimating rate of fishing mortality, connectivity and growth (and potentially abundance and natural mortality)
      - Size/Age at maturity (for estimating impact of fishing on the reproductive component of the population
    - o Fishery monitoring data (To be completed):
      - Fleet characteristics by sector (vessels size, operational range, target and bycatch etc)
      - Gear characteristics
      - Business/Employment profile
      - Market/value chain
- 4. Scope an action plan and implementation schedule to develop, evaluate and select potential harvest strategies for tuna fisheries management in areas 713, 714 and 715 of Indonesia, including a working paper for:
  - Broader consideration and decision by MMAF;
  - Seeking additional support and appropriate expertise for the HS development process; and
  - Communication to the relevant tuna RFMOs.
- 5. Tentative work programme for harvest strategy case study for Indonesian tuna fisheries (WPP 713, 714, 715)is annexed below:

Work programme for harvest strategy case study for Indonesian tuna fisheries (WPP 713, 714, 715)

Scoping and preparatory analysis for workshop

- 1) Establish Technical Working Group (TWG) and Harvest Strategy Steering Committee
  - a) Completion date: 29 May
  - b) Responsibility: DGCF (SC), RCFMC (TWG)
- 2) Meeting for the Collation of existing data (Advice from CSIRO on collation of data for HS use)
  - (DGCF) Data series from as presented in workshop Responsibility: Yayan
  - (RCFMC) Biological and other information on population biology and fisheries from regional institute/ agencies/ universities/ NGOs – Responsibility: Lilis
  - (Associations) Buyer/industry data Responsibility: Wildon and Yayan
  - a) Completion date: 3 August

- b) Responsibility: as above
- 3) Pre-workshop for data anlaysis (18-20 August, DGCF)
  - ➤ CSIRO expert attend for advice on data analysis (WPEA support the expert's travel cost + time)
  - a) Completion date: 15 August
  - b) Responsibility: TWG, Expert, SC
- 4) Analysis of existing data for input to HS development (according to guidelines made from Pre-WS)
  - Exploratory analysis for identifying and scoping case studies, see below (catch, effort and biological data)
  - > Specific analysis for designing of monitoring system for HS data series
  - Characterizing the uncertainty in data and information input.

Advice from CSIRO for:

- Scoping of potential modeling approaches
- Interpretation: Population dynamics, fisheries economics (supply chain and market/fisheries profile), and HS development
- Summarize relevant HS literatures (Input for WS)
- a) Completion date: 15 August
- b) Responsibility: HS expert, TWG, SC

WS convened by TWG (hosted by RCFMC) and assisted by CSIRO HS expert (WEPA support CSIRO expert's meeting time and preparation time)

- Reviewing analysis of available data
- ➤ Identifying data gaps and/or additional data sets
- Confirm case study (utilizing data from Kendari/Sodohoa, Sorong, Majene, Bitung and Ternate) – develop one HS
- > Explore alternative forms of HS input/output
- Form of model/platform for analysis
- Discussion and design for information management
- > Develop detailed work programme
- a) Completion date: 28 August
- b) Responsibility: TWG, HS expert, SC, NGO

TWG with advice and input from CSIRO HS expert

- Additional analysis and data collation (TWG)
- Preliminary model development (CSIRO, TWG)
- > Draft stakeholder engagement strategy (SC)
- a) Completion date: 16 October
- b) Responsibility: as above
- Review analysis and model development
- Finalize detailed agenda for November WS
- a) Completion date: 20 October
- b) Responsibility: SC, NGO
- ➤ Introduce and overview of HS work program
- > Demonstration of the case study
- a) Completion date: 18 November
- b) Responsibility: SC, TWG, HS expert, NGO
- > Review intersessional work
- > Demonstration of case study
- Scope activities for 2016 and 2017
- a) Completion date: 19-20 November, Bali

#### Technical Workshop

3-day WS in conjunction with RCFMC's stock assessment training WS (23-28 August) (late September 2015 contingency)

(RCFMC will host this WS)

Intersessional analysis

WS Preparation (HS SC and TWG Meeting, teleconference)

HS Stakeholder WS

HS Technical WS (DGCF will host this WS)

# b) Responsibility: TWG, HS expert, SC

## NOTE

- 1) Bold indicated priority
- 2) HS SC: Saut, Fayakun, Retno, Ibes, Wudianto, HS expert (Campbell)
  3) TWG: Duto, Lilis, Bayu, Anas, Dicky, NGO, Industry, Association, HS expert (Dale?)

# Sixth Indonesian (WCPFC Area) Annual Catch Estimates Workshop

24-26 June 2015

Hotel Salak, The Heritage, Bogor, Indonesia

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Draft

- 1. The workshop recommended <u>DGCF</u> and <u>WCPFC</u> consider a PRELIMINARY DATA PREPARATION WORKSHOP in the future which would focus on ONE GEAR (per year) and involve all relevant stakeholders (including <u>DGCF</u>, <u>P4KSI/RCFMC</u>, <u>Industry</u>, <u>NGOs</u>, <u>WCPFC</u>). This workshop would provide a mechanism for consolidating all potential data (for that GEAR) to be used as input into the main annual catch estimates workshop (that would not involve the Industry and NGOs at this stage). The workshop specifically recommended that ...
  - a. <u>DGCF</u> and <u>WCPFC</u> prepare (i) an agenda and (ii) the precise data provision requirements from each stakeholder to the preliminary workshop <u>at least 4 months prior to the workshop</u> so it can be distributed well in advance.
  - b. <u>DGCF, P4KSI/RCFMC</u> and <u>WCPFC</u> consider how to produce clear guidelines and a systematic set of procedures for how to <u>consolidate and use the data provided in this workshop</u> which might require input from a statistical expert.
  - c. The first preliminary data preparation workshop in 2016 should focus on the LONGLINE gear. It was noted that future data preparation workshops could consider, for example, the breakdown of the purse seine fishery data into smaller more logical components (e.g. catch from large industrial-type vessels versus the *pajeko*).
- 2. In order to get a better understanding of the tuna species catch by gear and area, <u>DGCF</u> and <u>P4KSI/RCFMC</u> provide the following summaries for future workshops in respective <u>working papers</u>:
  - a. LANDED CATCH by GEAR, FMA and LANDING POINT for the oceanic tuna SPECIES by GEAR (longline, pole-and-line, purse seine, Handline gears) according to the table below.

Table x. LANDINGS of Oceanic tuna species by GEAR, FMA and Landing site for Year 2014 (Source Data compiled by DGCF)

			Tuna Species Catch						
GEAR	FMA	Landing site	SKJ	SKJ	YFT	YFT	BET	BET	TOTAL
			MT	%	MT	%	MT	%	IOIAL
LL	FMA	NUTRINDO	0	0%	1,203	90%	201	10%	1,403
	716								
LL	FMA	BMU	0	0%	876	85%	123	5%	1,000
	716								
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- 3. The workshop again noted the benefits to the work in producing annual catch estimates of additional independent information compiled and presented by the <u>Directorate of Surveillance</u> (VMS and port entry/exit data) and the <u>Directorate of Fisheries Resources Management (Sub-directorate Evaluation of Fisheries Resources)</u> (logbook data) and strongly recommended their participation at future workshops. These agencies were requested to prepare and present the following information for future workshops:
  - i. **Directorate of Surveillance** ( for VMS and port entry/exit data) should present
    - a. a summary of the VMS days-at-sea broken down by GEAR and Area (FMAs 713/714/715 and FMAs 716/717)
    - b. an indication of VMS data COVERAGE by GEAR and FMA Area
    - c. These summaries should concentrate on longline, purse seine and pole-and-line vessels, where possible

- ii. <u>Directorate of Fisheries Resources Management (Sub-directorate Evaluation of Fisheries Resources)</u> (logbook data)
  - a. The number of completed logbooks by GEAR and Area (FMAs 713/714/715 and FMAs 716/717)
  - b. A summary of catch for the key species, effort (number of trips and number of days) and species composition by GEAR and Area (FMAs 713/714/715 and FMAs 716/717), according to the completed logbooks
  - c. These summaries should concentrate on longline, purse seine and pole-and-line vessels, where possible.
- 4. In order to satisfy the reporting obligations of the WCPFC, the workshop recommended that <u>DGCF</u> extend the breakdown of species composition by AREA and GEAR for the 2014 estimates to cover the relevant WCPFC key species (by August 2015), and that this be continued in future years. At this stage, the breakdown should cover each BILLFISH species, ALBACORE TUNA and the neritic tuna species (as a group), with consideration of the KEY SHARK SPECIES later. The table below outlines the requirements. This table covers two objectives: (i) extends the species list to cover all key species of the WCPFC, and (ii) shows the relative proportion of oceanic tuna species to the total catch for each gear.

	2014 SPECIES COMPOSITION by WEIGHT FMA's 713/714/715						
Species / Species							
Group	LONGLINE	PURSE SEINE	POLE-AND-LINE	HANDLINE	TROLL	GILLNET	OTHERS
Skipjack Tuna							
Yellowfin Tuna							
Bigeye Tuna							
Albacore Tuna							
Striped Marlin							
Blue Marlin							
Black Marlin							
Swordfish							
Sailfish							
Neritic tuna							
Others							
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

- 5. <u>DGCF</u> and <u>P4KSI/RCFMC</u>, in collaboration with <u>WCPFC</u>, work towards obtaining more information from the GILLNET fishery, in particular, reviewing port sampling to determine the reliable species composition of oceanic tuna taken by this gear and through communication with the provincial offices and other stakeholders involved in this fishery.
- 6. WCFPC requested that <u>DGCF</u> compile and submit Aggregate catch/effort data (in the specified format and for the WCPFC Area only) from the available 2014 logbook data to ensure they satisfy the WCPFC Scientific Data Submission obligation before mid-July 2015 (which will then be reported to the 11<sup>th</sup> WCPFC Scientific Committee and the 11<sup>th</sup> WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee).
- 7. <u>WCPFC</u> requested the <u>DGCF</u> to produce an English version of the Fisheries data and estimates validation process that DGCF currently holds in Bahasa-Indonesia version only.

# REPORT OF THE SIXTH WPEA – PHILIPPINES NSAP TUNA DATA REVIEW WORKSHOP

21 - 22 May 2015 Iloilo, Visayas, Philippines



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) has been involved in supporting tuna fishery data collection in the Philippines since 2006, initially through the Indonesia and Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP) and more recently through the *West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management (WPEA OFM)* project (funded by the Global Environment Facility - GEF), which began in 2010 (see <a href="http://www.wcpfc.int/doc/2009/wpea-ofm-project-document">http://www.wcpfc.int/doc/2009/wpea-ofm-project-document</a>). The activities to be carried out under the WPEA project contribute towards the following objective:

"To strengthen national capacities and international cooperation on priority transboundary concerns relating to the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the west Pacific Ocean and east Asia (Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam)"

The WPEA OFM project covers, inter alia, the following key areas

- (i) strengthen national capacities in fishery monitoring and assessment,
- (ii) improve knowledge of oceanic fish stocks and reduce uncertainties in stock assessments,
- (iii) strengthen national capacities in oceanic fishery management, with participant countries contributing to the management of shared migratory fish stocks,
- (iv) strengthen national laws, policies and institutions, to implement applicable global and regional instruments.
- (v) this second WPEA Phase differs from Phase 1 in several respects:
  - a. it is falls under a larger programme, and is one of 5 regional projects, and,
  - b. it now includes consideration of the impact of climate change on tuna fisheries
  - c. a greater focus on EAFM and fisheries certification,

The Philippines domestic fisheries are widespread, diverse and numerous, and the logistics for undertaking data collection to obtain representative indications for use in WCPFC scientific work presents a challenging task. The catch, effort and size data collected at landing centers collected in the Philippines through the BFAR National Stock Assessment Project (NSAP) provide fundamental information for tuna stock assessments and therefore, ensuring the appropriate quality and coverage of these data through the annual tuna data review workshop is a key activity of the WPEA OFP project.

The breakdown of species catch estimates by gear type for the Philippines domestic fisheries has been one of the most significant gaps in the provision of data to the WCPFC, and the annual tuna data review workshop also serves to produce tuna catch estimates that are subsequently used in the annual Philippines tuna catch estimates workshop.

# 2. REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FIFTH WORKSHOP

The Workshop briefly reviewed each of the recommendations from the fifth workshop and noted the current status/update, in particular, which recommendations would be covered by specific agenda items in this sixth workshop.

Peter Williams presented the recommendations from the previous workshop; there were no comments on the status of the recommendations and the workshop noted that there are some recommendations now completed, some recommendations to be discussed further and some recommendations to be carried over.

# 3. NSAP PORT SAMPLING DATA REVIEW

The main focus of these workshops is to (i) review NSAP port sampling data collected in each region and (ii) compile data to use in the annual catch estimates review workshop to be conducted in the following week. The following sections briefly cover the key points from each presentation and subsequent discussion.

# 3.1 WCPFC Requirements for data

An introductory presentation on the WCPFC requirements for scientific data and current issues with Philippines tuna data was presented, covering the following areas:

- Why collect data?
- Data-reporting obligations to the WCPFC
- Philippines submissions of data to WCFPC
- Why NSAP Data are so important
- Current issues with Philippines tuna data
- Workshop structure and expected outcomes

The purpose of this introductory session was to inform participants of their role and the importance in providing (the NSAP) data to the WCPFC and how the workshop would proceed to review their data.

The presentation noted that NSAP data collection has provided a significant contribution to resolving problems in Philippines catch estimates in recent years, including

- Provision of reliable Species composition by gear for annual catch estimates
- Highlighting the different characteristics between purse seine and baby purse seine operations and catch
- Highlighting the different characteristics between large-fish HL and hook-and-line
- Providing validation of catch volumes for municipal gears (e.g. hook-and-line)

It was noted that, although there is still room for improvement, the main outputs of this data workshop improve year on year, are considered in the following Catch Estimates Workshop. The latter workshop in turn provides information to the WCPFC via the National Part 1 report, supporting the modelling of stock assessments for tuna in the West and Central Pacific Ocean.

# 3.2 Tuna Catch Estimates by Species and Gear Type in each NSAP Region

Recent (2014) data collected from the NSAP in each region data were presented. Presentations from each region were structured in a similar manner and covered the following key areas:

- Main tuna fishing grounds and landing centers
- Seasonality in fishery
- Estimated number of vessels
- Estimated catch by species from NSAP and non-NSAP landing sites in the region
- Disposal of tuna catch (% breakdown)
- Problems in estimates or collecting data

A list of presentations is contained in <u>APPENDIX 5</u> and a list of the tuna catch estimates for each Gear/Region was compiled from the presentations and further discussion. The following points of interest were noted from these presentations:

- o 5 fishing grounds region 1
- o It was recognized that there:
  - is a need to conduct rapid assessments for Non-NSAP landing sites.
  - > are still coastal barangays not monitored by NSAP.
  - > are no catch estimates for Non-NSAP
  - is a need to conduct a total Boat and Gear Inventory
- o The workshop asked if it was possible to estimate any increase or decrease in boats gears since previous boat gear estimates. However in response it was advised that there are no boat gear estimates available.
- It seems some barangays are not sampled; there is a focus on the major sites. However estimates for what were previously non-NSAP sites, are close to findings now that they are included as NSAP sites.

#### BFAR - NSAP 2

- o Three main fishing grounds were detailed in the presentation.
- It was noted that there was a possibility that tuna caught off the coasts of Cagayan, Batanes, and Isabela are being unloaded outside Region 2 or even outside of the Philippines.
- Tuna unloaded during non-sampling days are not recorded.
- o Tuna landing sites in this region are now fully covered by NSAP due to the expansion in coverage.
- Estimates for what were previously non-NSAP sites are close to those estimates produced now that they are NSAP sites.
- o Tuna CPUE in this region is higher in the summer months

#### BFAR - NSAP 3

- o Zambales:
  - ➤ Purse seine [commercial] landings showed a decrease in the first quarter in 2014 over 2013, though for the remaining months 2014 catches were higher.
  - Ring-net [commercial] landings were lower overall in 2014 compared to 2013.
  - For purse seine and ring net the principle catch is skipjack followed by yellowfin, whereas for hand-line [municipal] the catch is dominated by yellowfin then skipjack.
  - ➤ Interestingly, for multiple hand-line [municipal], in 2013 yellowfin was dominant followed by skipjack, but in 2014 the dominance was reversed.

#### o Aurora:

- ➤ Line gears major catch was yellowfin
- > Skipjack then yellowfin dominated the purse seine fishery
- > Ringnets and gillnets caught a high proportion of 'other species', of the name species skipjack was dominant.

#### BFAR - NSAP 4a - Lamon Bay

- 2014 was the first year that NSAP data collection has been implemented under the expansion of the NSAP, but only 7 months of data were collected and expect a full year for 2015.
- o Raised estimates were provided.
- There is a clear distinction between landing sites which support vessels catching oceanic tunas and those catching only the neritic species and this needs to be taken into account with respect to sampling coverage and the estimation of the oceanic tuna species.

#### BFAR – NSAP 4b - MIMAROPA

o Region 4b has 16 fishing grounds

- o The previous 15 NSAP sites have extended with an additional 43 NSAP sites giving a total of 58 sites.
- o The main tuna catching gears in 2014 are large-fish HL, HL with light and MHL
- o A large increase in tuna landings was noted for 2014 over 2013
- o It is known that there are some non-sampled tuna landing sites in Romblon.
- o The current status is that NSAP is now covering 90% of tuna landing sites in Palawan and 60% in Mindoro.
- o There was some confusion regarding the designation/definition of multi-hand line [MHL]. For the purposes of the WCPFC estimation process, the MHL and other hook-and-line gears catching small tunas are grouped into the category "small-fish" hook and line.

#### BFAR - NSAP 5

- Unraised estimates were presented for Region 5 but the raising was undertaken during the workshop. The estimates for the non-NSAP sites were provided.
- As in previous years, the seasonal peak in the catch of ALB (February) was noted in the large-fish handline fishery.
- o The following issues were identified for Region 5:
  - > Indifferent attitude of fishers, most of whom declined to be interviewed
  - Exact effort (# of boats, hauls, hours) was not determined for catches taken in the Pacific Ocean.
  - > Fishers did not use a permanent fish broker, the catch is brought to the household or the market.
  - Many tuna fishing vessels are unregistered.
  - ➤ Color coding is not used for tuna fishing vessels

#### BFAR - NSAP 6

- o Data is stratified by commercial vs municipal fishers
- o 41 of 81 sites are sampled, with a fishery that includes 14 gear types
- o There is a need to sample 5 new tuna sites in:
  - > Tinigbas, Pucio & Union, Libertad, Antique Culipapa & Bacuyangan, Hinoba-an
- o It was thought that the increase in HL landings for 2014 compared to 2013, was due to more minor sites providing additional hand line data. The fishery has evolved and increased in recent years too, hence this wasn't thought to be a reporting artefact.
- The clear increase in catch for 2014 compared to previous years was due to better coverage of landing sites due to the expansion of the NSAP. It was suggested that there may need to be some consideration of revising estimates for previous years to consider landings of large-fish HL that were not previously covered.
- O Noting that in the peak season 75% of the large-fish HL catch goes to General Santos, it may be that those receipts could be used to reconcile the catch estimates from Region 6 for large-fish Handline.

#### BFAR – NSAP 8

O Data collection was disrupted during 2014 due to the typhoon, but estimates were provided to the workshop. At this stage, there has been about 5 t. of tuna landings from the NSAP landing sites in 2015 and complete estimates will be provided at the 2016 workshop.

### BFAR - NSAP 11

- o Two fishing areas, Davao Gulf and the Philippine Sea.
- o Closed season for commercial fisheries in Davao Gulf July and August
- o Ringnet and handline are the dominant gears [59.87% and 30.67% respectively] in terms of catch
- o Research is currently being conducted on eggs and larvae distribution and abundance
- o Data is stratified into major vs minor landing sites [more than or less than 100 boat units], and by commercial and municipal.

- There was a query regarding how annual estimates were calculated, i.e. was the monthly average raised to give annual data. There was some discussion about the validity of such an approach if there was seasonality in the fishery. The tables will be revisited and amended as appropriate. This needs to be discussed further and unraised data may be applied in the review of consolidated data [Appendix 7].
- o The workshop was reminded that data gathered from 2004 to 2006 was used to determine the july/august closure in the Davao Gulf.
- O It was noted that there were much higher estimates than in previous years in the presentation due to the new stratified estimation process. Was this due to an increased number of boats? Are all the units 100% active all the time? Albacore catches for example appeared to be very high. Revised estimates were provided under agenda item 7 and a recommendation on the review of the estimation process was formulated.

#### BFAR – NSAP 12

- o There is an estimated 47% increase in tuna landings since 2013, to 121,971 mt in 2014, mainly due to higher levels of effort and catch from the HSP fishery.
- o The following issues were identified:
  - Catch estimates (species and gear type) are limited to monitored sites only.
  - ➤ Difficulty was experienced in estimating tuna catches from the Moro Gulf since some of the boats fishing here also land in Region 9
  - ➤ A total boat and gear inventory is lacking

#### **BFAR - CARAGA**

- The two main fishing grounds in terms of overall volume of tuna landings are the Surigao Sea and the Philippine Sea [48% and 43% respectively]
- o The NSAP expansion is now covering 80% of tuna landing sites.
- o The greatest proportion [61%] of landed catch in 2014 was skipjack, followed by yellowfin [24%]
- o The size range of landed fish was notably different in the Surigao Sea and the Philippine Sea
- o The following issues were raised:
  - Some Caraga commercial vessels are landing outside of the region where prices are higher e.g. Davao and Gensan.
  - > It is sometimes difficult to distinguish species caught and associated gears where the catch and gears are mixed.
  - > There are currently insufficient numbers of enumerators to cover the remaining non-NSAP sites.

#### **BFAR - ARMM**

- o Skipjack [73%] represented the principle landed catch.
- o There were many non-NSAP sites in the region ARMM but most of those sites are small and low priority in regards to potential tuna landing sites. The NSAP sites have been selected as they are the major tuna landing sites (and therefore cover the majority of tuna landings).
- There was a question on the misidentification of bigeye tuna and this was noted as an area for further work.
- Two issues were raised:
  - ➤ It is difficult to retain NSAP enumerators, who tend to look for better jobs
  - The relatively high turn-over of NSAP enumerators increases the possibility of misidentification of species; this is especially true when distinguishing between small yellowfin and bigeye.

#### **General Comment**

The expansion of NSAP sites in 2014 has made a positive difference to reported catch estimates; and in general the new data corroborates the estimates for what were previously non-NSAP sites. Exceptionally Region 6 showed a great increase in hand-line catches of yellowfin following the NSAP expansion, which shows just one of the benefits of expanded sampling to identify gaps that were not previously covered. In conclusion, the workshop acknowledged the value of the expansion of the NSAP sampling to both remove the uncertainty and confirm where possible in the estimates for the non-NSAP sites, and also improve previous notions of what was happening in the non-NSAP sites.

#### 3.3 Review of the consolidated NSAP data and NSAP Tuna size data

A comprehensive description of the consolidated region's data compiled by the central NFRDI/BFAR office in Manila was provided (Ms Garvilles). The presentation looked in detailed at the catch and size composition by GEAR and species for each region and provided a very useful comparison between of the catch composition and volume, and differences in size composition amongst all regions.

The WCPFC representative acknowledged the usefulness of the information presented by the regional offices, but in particular, the BFAR/NFRDI presentation which consolidated all of the regions data and formed the basis for the estimates compiled for each GEAR (**APPENDIX 7**).

#### 3.4 Preliminary Audit of NSAP Data by Region and Gear

The preliminary audit was prepared and presented by SPC (Peter Williams). It reviewed and identified any potential inconsistencies and problems in the data provided, the national NSAP tuna samples by GEAR and SPECIES including target coverage; species and size composition by REGION and GEAR; recommendations and future work. In addition this year CPUE time series by gears by quarter were also presented

The main comments, suggestions and recommendations discussed were as follows:

- May be possible to reduce variance in the CPUE by gear graphs by sorting gears at greater detail e.g. separate those that are targeting different spp/groups.
- Is it worth pursuing CPUE at the national level by gear type to compare by regional CPUE for example to better identify trends over time?
- Following a query from the workshop, it was clarified that data entry "outstanding" did not mean it was very good, rather it meant that the data was missing for whatever reason.
- In relation to the increasing use of payaos, the workshop asked if gear changes may be correlated with changes in CPUE. This is considered to be a comprehensive dedicated study outside the scope of this group. BFAR is especially concerned about the potential negative effect of payaos.
- **Recommendation:** It was suggested that CPUE could be presented by region, noting that for a comparative study, it would be important for the Regions to agree stratifications e.g. gear, municipal vs commercial sectors etc. e.g. hook and line are mixed then. It was agreed that it would be very useful if differences in CPUE were identified and characterized at a regional level. The workshop agreed that the provisions of CPUE data should be encouraged but not obligatory, given that some regions did not currently have the capacity to deliver this analysis at present.
- It was reported that payaos are increasing being deployed without associated management plans and information on catch is not readily available because fishermen have a incentive to deny fishing on payaos [they are required to pay a percentage of the value of the catch from payaos as part of the program to maintain the payaos].

# 4. PROGRESS ON A CONSULTANCY ON CRITERIA FOR OPTIMUM SITE SELECTION

Consultants presented on the status of a project "Consultancy to Criteria for Selection of Optimum Sample Size and Individual Landing Sites for Port Sampling and Data Collection to Improve the Accuracy of Total Annual Tuna Catch Estimates of the Philippines." [APPENDIX 8].

Whilst acknowledging that the current large number of NPAS sites is considered to be extremely valuable, the presentation detailed the project objectives which were to identify a minimum number of sites to provide acceptable data without sacrificing accuracy. The methodology was described and the workshop was advised of progress to date. The workshop was advised that the selection of sites will not be based on PSA-BAS alone, but PSA-BAS data will be

considered. The basis of the study will depend on NSAP data. Currently the main selection criterion identified is the amount of tuna catch landed

## 5. CATCH ESTIMATES DERIVED FROM NSAP AND NON-NSAP SITES

The workshop participants reviewed the consolidated catch estimates for each GEAR, broken down by REGION and SPECIES, but with most of the time spent considering the estimates of tuna catch by gear for landing centers in each region that were <u>not</u> covered by NSAP. Estimates for non-NSAP landing sites had improved since the last workshop but there remained improvement in many areas. The workshop recommended that a study to review the NSAP Sampling Procedure and Extrapolation of Catch Estimation to Non-NSAP Area in the Philippine Tuna Fisheries will be implemented in some regions to further improve tuna catch estimates in non-NSAP areas.

Participants noted that better estimates could be obtained for 2014 due to expansion of NSAP monitoring, particularly in new key landing sites for tuna. Tuna catch estimates for each region and gear for the non-NSAP sites were compiled from discussions and are contained in <u>APPENDIX 8</u>, which also contain the estimates for the NSAP-monitored landing sites and comments on estimates, where necessary.

#### 6. REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED WPEA – NSAP ESTIMATES

The workshop reviewed the 2014 consolidated tuna catch estimates from NSAP sites and non-NSAP sites [APPENDIX 6].

It was noted that where no catch was included in the table – this may actually reflect that there was no data however there was catch. It was agreed that it would be more accurate to provide a guestimate of catch where data is lacking, that would be more accurate and useful than the current 'no catch' value.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND WORKSHOP CLOSE

The workshop participants reviewed and agreed on a list of 4 main recommendations based on discussions made during the two days (<u>APPENDIX 3</u>). All participants agreed to action the recommendations relevant to their organisation/region over the coming year.

The WCPFC are committed to holding this type of workshop on an annual basis in the next few years (even in the absence of WPEA funding) to review the data collected by the NSAP and identify priority areas for improved coverage and data quality. It was acknowledged that the NSAP data do not produce annual catch estimates. However, NSAP data provide key information for determining the annual catch estimates for the Philippines-domestic fleets by gear, which is the objective of the subsequent workshop conducted in the same week. The importance of the NSAP data to producing annual catch estimates meant that a workshop to review NSAP data will be required on an annual basis over the short term, so the next workshop should therefore be scheduled for May 2016.

#### APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA

# 6<sup>th</sup> WPEA – NSAP Tuna Data Review Workshop

Amigos Hotel, Iloilo City 21 - 22 May 2015

- 1. Registration
- 2. Welcome Message
- 3. Introduction of Participants
- 4. Rationale of the Workshop
- 5. Review Progress on recommendations from 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop (May 2014)
- 6. NSAP Port Sampling Data Review
  - a. Brief review of WCPFC Data Requirements
  - b. Presentation of NSAP Data by Region
    - i. Brief regional presentation
    - ii. Summary of 2014 tuna catch data
    - iii. For BFAR-NSAP Regional Offices that have the following fishing methods:
      - HANDLINE with LIGHT
      - FLOATING-HANDLINE
      - Other variations of this fishing method (*please specify*)
  - c. Presentation of Consolidated NSAP Regional Data summary (BFAR/NFRDI)
  - d. NSAP Tuna Size Data Review (BFAR/NFRDI Manila and WCPFC/SPC)
    - i. Size data by REGION and GEAR
      - Large-fish Handline
      - Small-fish Handline
      - Large Purse seine
      - Ringnet/small Purse seine
      - Other gears
- 7. Progress on the Consultancy on Criteria for Optimum Site Selection
- 8. Review of Consolidated WPEA NSAP Estimates
- 9. Recommendations / Workshop Close

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## APPENDIX 3 – FIFTH WPEA/NSAP Tuna Data Review Workshop RECOMMENDATIONS

# RECOMMENDATIONS

20-21 May 2015 Iloilo City, Philippines

1. The estimates derived from the NSAP landing sites have a good level of certainty while the estimates from the non-NSAP landing sites are mostly uncertain. The workshop discussed and recommended the following indicators should be used in the presentation of NSAP estimates by REGION and GEAR in the future:

1	Estimates from NSAP data
2	No NSAP data/coverage – Estimated from RAPID ASSESSMENT
2	No NSAP data/coverage – Estimated from gear/Vessel
3	INVENTORY
4	No NSAP data/coverage – Estimated from other methods
_	No NSAP data/coverage— Evidence of catch for this gear, but
5	No NSAP data/coverage— Evidence of catch for this gear, but no data or method to estimate catch

- 2. The workshop recommended regional offices include a section in their presentations next year to outline the methodology (with an example) of how they estimate the catch by GEAR and SPECIES for the non-NSAP sites. The next workshop will have a specific agenda item to review the methodologies to estimate catch for non-NSAP sites with the objective of deciding on a standard approach to be used by all regions thereafter.
- 3. The workshop noted that there was still some Regional NSAP data for tuna fisheries yet to be provided to **BFAR/NFRDI**. Regional BFAR-NSAP offices agreed to provide scanned copies of monthly NSAP raw data every 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the following month to ensure that NSAP tuna fisheries data (other than the WPEA data) are provided and entered in the NSAP Database system at NFRDI.
- 4. In regards to preparing and presenting CPUE graphs in the future, the workshop recommended that
  - a. Future regional presentations continue to include slides on NSAP catch history (e.g. last 5 years data by gear and by species) and CPUE (or effort) trends per month along with catch trends;
  - b. Regional offices were encouraged to attempt to produce CPUE graphs that considered further breakdown within the GEAR TYPE, such as distinguishing between SET TYPE (free-school versus FAD for PS and RN), distinguishing between targeting (tuna or small pelagics, for example) and distinguishing between types of hookand-line; it was noted that this work is not mandatory;
  - c. WCPFC/SPC expand on the consolidated national-level gear/species CPUE graphs presented this year to consider the factors mentioned in the point (b.) above and include graphs that compare each region's CPUE by GEAR/SPECIES.
  - 5. The workshop recommended that BFAR/NFRDI consider developing the terms of reference for a study on the use, effectiveness and management of FADs in Philippine waters.

# APPENDIX 4 – Target estimates for national tuna size and species composition sampling

Number of fish to sample

GEAR	TOTAL TUNA	SKIPJACK	YELLOWFIN	BIGEYE
Large-fish Handline	26,000	0	24,000	2,000
Small-fish Hook-and-				
line	38,000	12,000	24,000	2,000
Ringnet	16,500	12,000	4,000	500
Purse seine	26,000	18,000	7,000	1,000
Each of the other				
Gears	14,000	6,000	6,000	2,000

## Notes

These target estimates should ideally represent the minimum level of sampling required for regional stock assessments. They should be considered as a guide to setting sampling target levels at the NSAP Region level and they will be continually reviewed and enhanced in the future, particularly with respect to available resources.

# APPENDIX 5 – LIST OF PRESENTATIONS

1. WCPFC data requirements and current issues with the	Prepared and presented by SPC (Peter Williams)
Philippines catch data	
2. Region 1 – Luzon	REGION 1
3. Region 2 – Batanes/Cagayan	REGION 2
4. Region 3 – Zambales	REGION 3
5. Region 4a – Lamon bay	REGION 4a
6. Region 4b - MIMAROPA	REGION 4b
7. Region 5 – Bicol	REGION 5
8. Region 6 – Visayas	REGION 6
9. Region 11– Davao	REGION 11
10. Region 12 - Gensan	REGION 12
11. Region CARAGA	REGION CARAGA
12. Region ARMM	REGION ARMM
13. Review of the consolidated NSAP Data for 2013	BFAR/NFRDI (Elaine Garvilles)
14. Preliminary AUDIT of NSAP data by Region and Gear	Prepared and Presented by SPC (Peter Williams) and BFAR/NFRDI (Elaine Garvilles)
15. Catch estimates derived from NSAP and non-NSAP sites	BFAR/NFRDI (Elaine Garvilles)

APPENDIX 6 – 2014 Tuna Catch Estimates from NSAP sites and non-NSAP sites

Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET		TOTAL	Comments			
					INF - 201					
PURSE SEINE - 2014										
D	NSAP + estimates for areas not covered by NSAP  egion Source of estimate SKJ YFT BET ALB TOTAL Comments									
Region	Source of estimate NSAP	346.81	402.97	BEI	ALB	749.78				
1	Salomague fish port	340.81	402.37			0.00				
-	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.00				
	NSAP	3,121.35	1,860.33	110.35		5,092.03				
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0,222.00	2,000.00			0.00				
	NSAP					0.00				
4A	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					69.40				
	NSAP	9.84				03.40				
4B	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	3.04								
	NSAP	71.96	161.50	19.15	-	252.61				
5	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				-	0.00				
	NSAP	2,429.19	959.49	123.98		3,512.66				
6	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.00				
8	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.00				
11	NSAP					0.00				
	NSAP	32,352.70	7,822	656.47		40,831.43				
12	Private landing wharfs	10,039.84	2,427.44	203.72		12,671.00				
12	non-NSAP landing sites estimate									
ARMM	NSAP		1			0.00				
7	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.00				
CARAGA	NSAP					0.00				
C/ (I/) (C/ (	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.00				
		48,371.70	13,633.99	1,113.67	0.00	63,178.91				
	NSAP	79%	19%	2%						
	2014	50,059.68	12,103.47	1,015.76		63,178.91				
	2013	35,678	7,596	487		43,761				
		82%	17%	1%						
	2012	40,912	10,936	1,319		53,166				
		77%	21%	2%						
	2011	39,670	10,505	928		51,103				
		78%	21%	2%						
	2010	32,734	8,170	495		41,398				
	2000	79%	20%	1%		20.001				
	2009	23,556	4,002	502		28,061				
		84%	14%	2%						
	GSC	42,392.54	10,249.70	860.19		53,502.43				
	outside GSC	7,667.14	1,853.77	155.57		9,676.48				

Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	ALB	TOTAL	Commen
				RINGN	ET - 201	4	
			NSAP -		areas not cove		
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	ALB	TOTAL	Commen
	NSAP	338.870	108.026				Ringnet and baby ringnet
1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
2	NSAP	493.790	157.000		62.260	650.790	
2	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
3	NSAP	1,143.120	672.080	131.590		1,946.790	
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
44	NSAP	557.331	446.100	31.955		1,035.386	
4A	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
4-MIMAROPA	NSAP	82.680	33.330	4.400		120.410	
4-MINAROPA	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	80.740				80.740	
5	NSAP	133.611	58.633	12.442	0.020	204.687	
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
	NSAP	1,048.640	209.070	3.850		1,261.560	
6							
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
8	NSAP					0.000	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	3,457.434	1,233.570	741.840		5,432.844	
9	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
11	NSAP	370.000	105.800	0.000		475.800	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	1,420.180	1,039.550	0.000	0.000	2,459.730	
	NSAP	22,557	4,238	297		27,092.000	
12	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
	Private landing wharfs	8,398.511	1,577.909	0.000		10,087.000	
CARAGA	NSAP	280.700	32.130	34.800		347.630	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					0.000	
ARMM	NSAP	578.350	3.630	0.000	0.270	582.250	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	3,342.860	20.980		1.560	3,363.840	
		44,283.818	9,935.808	1,257.877		45,501.353	
	NSAP	83%	16%	1%			
	115.1	37,885	7,118	499		45,501	
	2013	30,714	6,829	449		37,991	
		81%	18%	1%			
	2012	23,255	5,590	655		29,500	
		79%	19%	2%		•	
	2011	21,667	5,677	578		27,922	
		78%	20%	2%		•	
	2010	20,338	6,106	344		26,789	
		76%	23%	1%		,	
	2009	18,153	4,467	177		22,796	
		80%	20%	1%		,	
		6,929.253	1,301.865	201.815			
		30,956	5,816	297			
	·	30,330	3,310	251			Complete, Independent estimate
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET		TOTAL	Commen
12	Cannery receipts	12,175	2,857	32.		15,032	Commen

Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments				
			HANDLIN	F (large-	fish) - 201	4				
NSAP + estimates for areas not covered by NSAP										
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments				
	NSAP	108.908	156.867	0.459	266.234					
1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000					
2	NSAP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000					
2	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					(included in hook-and-line)				
3	NSAP	82.370	192.170	11.340	285.880					
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000					
40	NSAP	97.550	2,423.010	1.160	2,521.720	HL separated from HK using National NSAP database				
4B	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.410		0.180	0.000					
-	NSAP	80.3	319.0	18.1	417.4	INCLUDES non-NSAP ALB = 54.01 t. ; .0037 - oth				
5	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0					
	NSAP	1,877.860	6,803.480	93.020	8.774.360	Previous years under-reported				
6		,-	.,		-,	based on rapid assessment 3,021 t. of BET originally but changed				
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	1,139.980	3,949.360	39.490	5,128.830	to species comp from NSAP sites				
0	NSAP			0.000	0.000					
8	non-NSAP landing sites estimate			0.000	0.000					
11	NSAP	162.020	308.740	3.470	474.230	13.21 t. ALB				
11	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	103.800	2,095.800	30.520	2,230.120	502.32t ALB				
	NSAP	2.000	10,320.000	511.000	10,833.000	14 t - Alb				
12	Private landing wharfs				0.000					
CARAGA	NSAP	151.240	513.980	5.140	670.360					
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000					
ARMM	NSAP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000					
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000					
		3,806.473	27,082.360	713.871	31,602.113					
		12%	86%	2%						
		3,806	26,925	713	31,445					
	2013	708	12,052	767	13,527					
		3%	94%	3%						
	2012	439	14,449	508	15,396					
		3%	94%	3%	.,					
	2011	62	10,577	225	10,864					
	2011	1%	97%	2%	10,004					
	2010				44.20=					
	2010	137	13,885	364	14,385					
		1%	97%	3%						
	2009	102	7,768	330	8,200					
		1%	95%	4%						
					10,833.000	<u> </u>				
Di	C	CKI		e, Independer		Ic				
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments				
12	PFDA				6,200	accounts for fish coming from other areas overland				

Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments
			IOOK-ANI			
				•	not covered by	
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments
	NSAP	139.6	135.6	1.9	277	
1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
_	NSAP	6.05	5.89	5.81	17.75	
2	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
3	NSAP	1,013	729	0	1,741	
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
4A	NSAP	84.09	89.88	18.72	192.69	16.66
44	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
4B	NSAP	195	2,067	94	2,356	HK separated from HL using National NSAP database; 1.38t. ALB
40	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	36	0	0	36	
5	NSAP	59	27	14	100	0.12 t. ALB
J	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0	
6	NSAP	901	1,716	1	2,618	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
8	NSAP	0	0	0	0	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	1,659	2,518	0	4,177	Used 2011 study estimates
9	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				1,000	
10	NSAP					
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					
11	NSAP	21	61	0		7.1t ALB
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	178	163	0		3.62 t. ALB
	NSAP	220	303	26	549	Municipal outside GSCFP; 3 t. Of ALB
12	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					
			_			
ARMM	NSAP	23	3	1	27	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	90.47	11.40	3.59	105	
CARAGA	NSAP	1,749.7	605.8	380.2	2,736	
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0	0	0	0	
		6,373.968	8,433,801	547.627	15,355.396	
		42%	55%	4%		
		6,374	8,434	548	15,355	
	2013	7,277	7,705	340	15,323	l e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e
		54%	41%	5%		
	2012	6,533	5,055	597	12,184	
		54%	41%		,	
	2011	4,792	9,542	384	14,718	
	2011	33%	65%		14,710	
	2010					
	2010	1,764	3,085	501	5,350	
		33%	58%	9%		
	2009	1,519	2,744	186	4,449	
		34%	62%	4%		

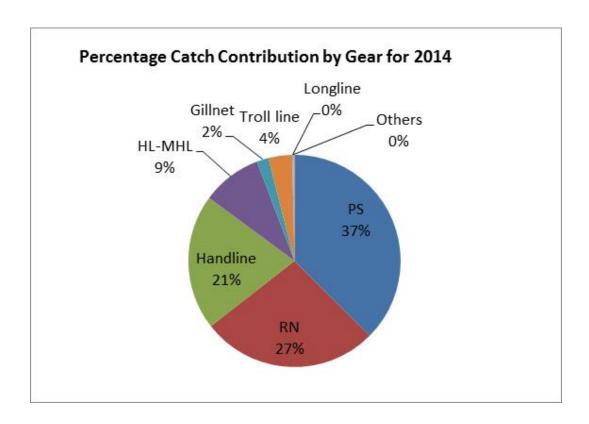
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	GILLNET - 2014  NSAP + estimates for areas not covered by NSAP										
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Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments					
1	NSAP	4.543	1.647	0.008	6.198						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
2	NSAP	94.000	263.090	5.100	362.190						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate										
3	NSAP	4.540	2.040	0.000		Gillnet, trammel net >>> Gillnet					
4A	NSAP	5.685	0.297	0.000	5.982						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate		0.000		0.000						
4B	NSAP	22.030	61.620	0.000	83.650						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate		0.000		0.000						
5	NSAP	18.531	7.672	6.275	32.478						
-	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
6	NSAP	1,382.740	22.660	12.440	1,417.840						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
8	NSAP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	504.347	375.008	0.000	879.355						
11	NSAP	1.830	0.240	0.000	2.070						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	7.020	2.420	0.000	9.440						
12	NSAP	45.000	7.000	0.000	52.000						
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate										
ARMM	NSAP	20.760	0.000	0.000	20.760						
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	118.360	0.000	0.000	118.360						
CARAGA	NSAP	33.330	0.170	0.000	33.500						
0, 10, 1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
		2,262.716	743.864	23.823	3,030.403						
		75%	25%	1%							
		2,263	744	24	3,030	_					
	2013	1,389	153	29	1,571						
		87%	12%	1%	•						
	2012	1,193	170	14	1,377						
		87%	12%	1%							
	2011	642	195	1	838						
		77%	23%	0%							
	2010	354	82	1	437						
		81%	19%	0%							
	2009	249	98	9	356						
		70%	28%	2%							

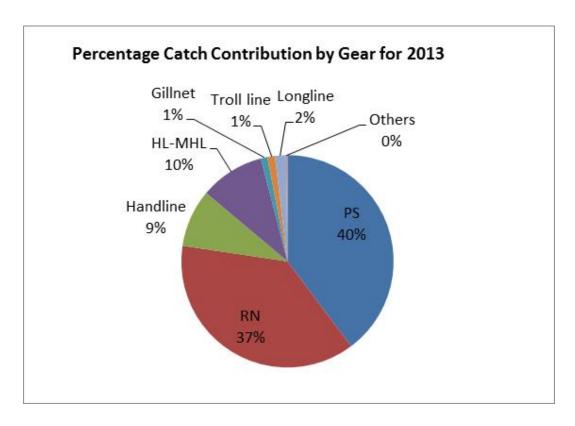
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Region   Source of estimate   SKJ   YFT   BET   TOTAL   Comments	
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non-NSAP landing sites estimate         0.000         0.000 No known troll activi           5         NSAP         0.209         0.183         0.457         0.849           6         NSAP landing sites estimate         0.000         0.320         84.550           non-NSAP landing sites estimate         0.000         0.000         0.000           8         NSAP         0.000         0.000         0.000           non-NSAP landing sites estimate         1015.331         754.949         0.000         1770.280           11         NSAP         823.910         301.010         0.290         1125.210         ALB 0.31t.           non-NSAP landing sites estimate         663.620         403.790         0.000         1067.410         ALB 11.95t.           NSAP         261.000         213.000         3.000         477.000	ity 
5         non-NSAP landing sites estimate         41.480         42.750         0.320         84.550           6         NSAP         41.480         42.750         0.320         84.550           8         non-NSAP landing sites estimate         0.000         0.000         0.000         0.000           9         non-NSAP landing sites estimate         1015.331         754.949         0.000         1770.280           11         NSAP         823.910         301.010         0.290         1125.210         ALB 0.31t.           11         non-NSAP landing sites estimate         663.620         403.790         0.000         1067.410         ALB 11.95t.           NSAP         261.000         213.000         3.000         477.000	
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12 non-NSAP landing sites estimate 0.000	
ARMM NSAP 14.660 21.230 6.230 42.120	
non-NSAP landing sites estimate 84.730 122.710 36.010 243.450	
NSAP 563.650 357.770 9.310 930.730 ALB 0.17 t.	
CARAGA   100	
3672-937 2382-90 60.017 625-144	
60% 39% 1%	
3,673 2,392 60 6,125	
2013 994 788 19 1,801	
63% 35% 1%	
2012 1,218 677 28 1,922	
63% 35% 1%	
47% 53% 0%	
2010 154 175 3 332	
46% 53% 1%	
<b>2009</b> 225 96 6 327	
69% 29% 2%	

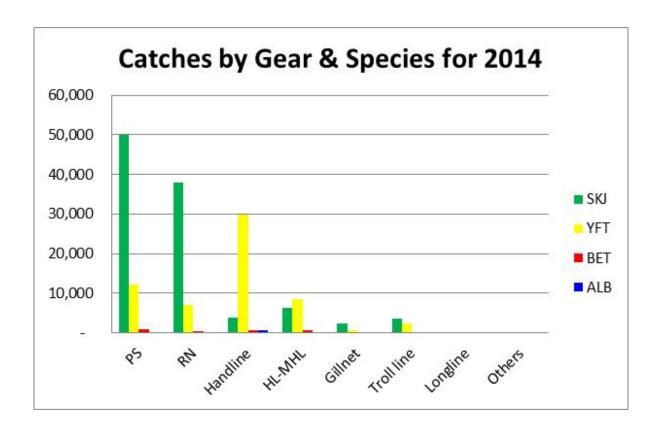
	LONGLINE - 2014 (inclds BSLL, DLL etc)							
		NSAP + esti	mates for areas	not covered	by NSAP			
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments		
1	NSAP	75.050	62.650	0.190	137.890			
1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000			
2	NSAP	23.550	20.320	2.010	45.880			
2	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000			
3	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000			
4A	NSAP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000			
	NSAP	3.440	0.000	1.590	5.030			
4B	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	6.870	0.000	3.140	10.010			
5	NSAP	0.369	0.013	0.022	0.404			
6	NSAP	1.200	37.800	0.080	39.080			
8	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000			
11	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					1.00 t - 2012		
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate					Yes - but no data - < 1 t.		
12					0.000			
					0.000			
ARMM	NSAP		4.190	0.430	4.620			
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate		24.220	2.480	26.700			
CARAGA	NSAP	0.330	0.970	0.000	1.300			
		110.479	24.973	7.462	242.914			
		45%	51%	3%				
		111	150	10	271			
	2013	335	2,239	1	2,575			
		58%	42%	0%				
	2012	320	228	0	548			
		58%	42%	0%				
	2011	236	219	0	455			
		52%	48%	0%				
	2010	30	11	0	41			
		72%	28%	0%				
	2009	154	144	0	298			
		52%	48%	0%				

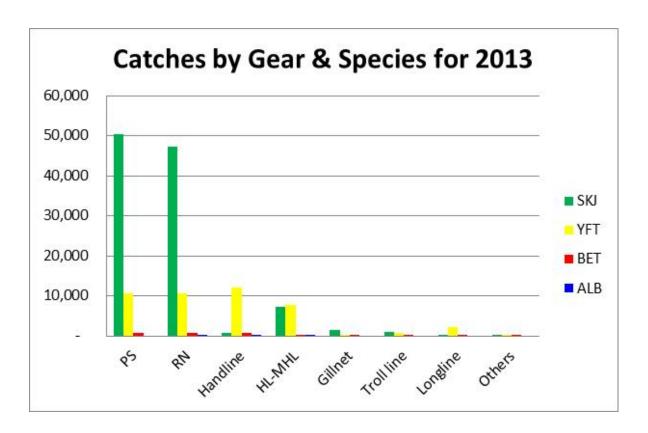
	OTHER GEARS - 2014								
		NS	AP + estimates	for areas not	covered by NS	SAP			
Region	Source of estimate	SKJ	YFT	BET	TOTAL	Comments			
1	NSAP	2.240	0.473	0.010	2.723				
1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000				
2	NSAP	0.000	0.380	0.000	0.380	Round haul seine			
2	non-NSAP landing sites estimate								
3	NSAP	31.630		0.300	31.930				
4A	NSAP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	?? Not specified			
4/1	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000				
4B	NSAP	10.130	16.220	0.000	26.350	?? Not specified			
40	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.040				
5	NSAP	1.310	0.588	0.344	2.242	Range of gears Muro-ami, Fish corral, Danish seine,			
J	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000				
6	NSAP	98.960	104.380	7.200	210.540	Gear = japanese set net and Danish Seine			
U	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	0.000	0.000		0.000				
8	NSAP				0.000				
O	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000				
11	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000				
	non-NSAP landing sites estimate				0.000				
12					0.000				
					0.000				
ARMM	NSAP	0.690	0.000		0.690	Bagnet			
AUMIM	non-NSAP landing sites estimate	3.990	0.000		3.990	Bagnet			
CARAGA	NSAP	0.740	0.020		0.760	Bagnet			
		149.730	122.061	7.854	279.645				
		54%	44%	3%					
		150	122	8	280				
	2013	192	158	0	350				
		67%	33%	0%					
	2012	347	172	1	520				
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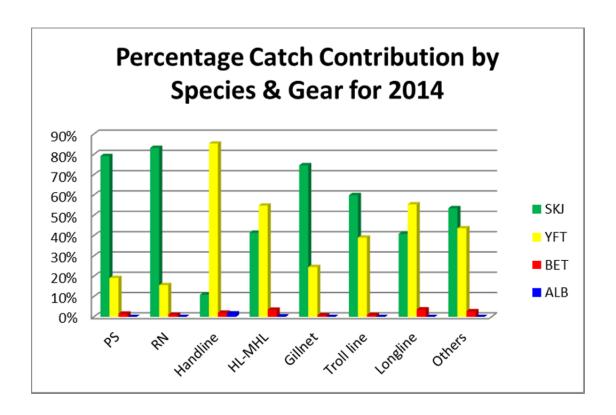
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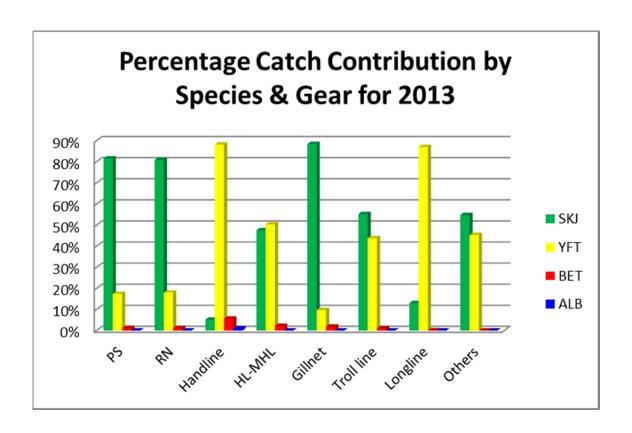












#### APPENDIX 8 – Project Status: CRITERIA FOR OPTIMUM SITE SELECTION

Criteria for Selection of Optimum Sample Size and Individual Landing Sites for Port Sampling and Data Collection to Improve the Accuracy of Total Annual Tuna Catch Estimates of the Philippines Summary of estimates by Gear and Species 2014 and 2013

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and gear types. If data is available, compliance with the 10% sub-sampling suggestion will also be evaluated. The proposed landing sites to be sampled will be identified based on the results of these analyses.

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#### 4. Illustration

At the time the following outputs were generated, NFRDI was still encoding some of the 2014 data. The team currently has the list of WPEA sites, but not the list for all 682 NSAP sites covered in 2014. This illustration only shows the first step in identifying the potential landing sites.

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**Table 2. List of NSAP-WPEA Sites by Region** 

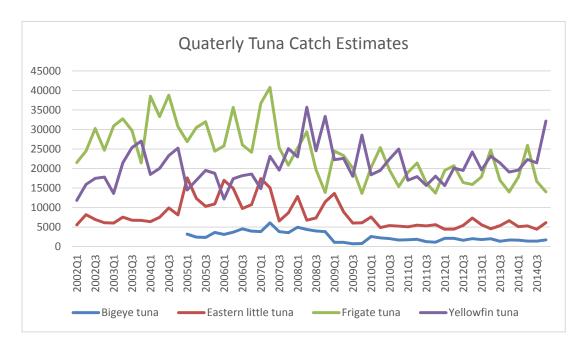
REGION	LANDING CENTER					
1	Balinga say, Bolinao, Pangasinan					
1	Luciente 1, Bolinao, Pangasinan					
3	Calibungan Landing Center, Tarlac					
	Subic Fishport, Zambales					
	Bgy. Bagong Silang, Oriental Mindoro					
	Brgy. Bancao Bancao/Jacana, Palawan					
	Brgy. Matahimik Fishport, Palawan					
4B	Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro (Brgy. II)					
	Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro (Brgy VII)					
	Poblacion, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro					
	Buenavista, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro					
	Batalay, Catanduanes					
	Cabugao, Catanduanes					
	Pananaogan, Catanduanes					
5	Pioduran, Albay					
	Buruanga Aklan, Fish Port of Alegria					
6	Talisayan, Anini-y, Antique					
	Rodsan Ngolos Guiuan, Eastern Samar					
	Sabang 1 Borongan, Eastern Samar					
	Sabang 2 Borongan, Eastern Samar					
	Sapao Beach Guiuan, Eastern Samar					
8	Rawis Fishport, Borongan, Eastern Samar					

REGION	LANDING CENTER				
	Manggagoy, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur				
CARAGA	Santan, Bungtod, Surigao del Sur				
Tandag, Bungtod, Surigao del Sur					
	Unidad/Aras-Asan, Surigao del Sur				
	Jamboree A, Davao Oriental				
11	Pob. Kinanga 1, Davao Occidental				
11	Pob. Kinanga 2, Davao Occidental				
	Lower Tagawisan, Davao Oriental				
	M-1, GSCFPC, South Cotabato				
	M-3, GSCFPC, South Cotabato				
12	M-2, GSCFPC, South Cotabato				
	Jolo, Sulu				
ARMM	Tapian D.O.S., Maguindanao				

#### 4.2 Philippine Statistics Authority Data on Fisheries

The dataset utilized in this analysis came from the Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species in the CountrySTAT database. The PSA quarterly catch dataset has only four species of tuna, namely: Big Eye tuna, Eastern little tuna, Frigate tuna, and Yellow Fin tuna. The available dataset runs from first quarter of 2002 until last quarter of 2014; however, the data on the quarterly catch of Big Eye tuna started in first quarter of 2005. The figure below shows the quarterly movement of the tuna catch by species.

Initial time series analyses show that eastern little, frigate, and yellow fin tuna exhibited seasonality. The eastern little tuna catch shows significantly lower catch during the first and third quarters as compared to the last quarter. Moreover, the frigate tuna catch during first and second quarters appear to be significantly higher than the last quarter of each year, with the first quarter being the quarter with the highest catch. Furthermore, the first and third quarters of the yellow fin catch tend to be significantly lower as compared to fourth quarter of each year, with the first quarter being the quarter with the lowest catch in each year. In the case of big eye tuna, seasonality appeared to be absent in the quarterly tuna catch data.



#### 4.3 Provinces with the Highest Tuna Catch by Species

South Cotabato, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu and Quezon are the top provinces which have the highest yellow tuna catch in 2014. While South Cotabato and Sulu have NSAP-WPEA sites, there are NSAP sites in regions 4A and 9 which may be explored for the provinces of Quezon and Zamboanga del Sur.

Table 3. Top Producing Provinces for Yellow Fin Tuna

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Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative %
South Cotabato	14333.61	14210.42	14076.3	23292.96	65913.29	65913.29	69.00%
Zamboanga del Sur	1052.92	1075.58	1439.83	1476.23	5044.56	70957.85	74.28%
Sulu	925.57	671.88	991.36	1808.52	4397.33	75355.18	78.89%
Quezon	342.7	788.27	645.36	627.87	2404.2	77759.38	81.40%
Eastern Samar	285.13	825.2	635.3	411.4	2157.03	79916.41	83.66%
Palawan	114.74	885.92	193.57	593.37	1787.6	81704.01	85.53%
Davao City	173.78	325.9	484.97	498.13	1482.78	83186.79	87.09%
Lanao del Norte	212.08	340.64	111.74	227.72	892.18	84078.97	88.02%
Iloilo	101.07	46.26	300	368.15	815.48	84894.45	88.87%
Metro Manila	129.96	198.24	269.03	160.84	758.07	85652.52	89.67%

For frigate tuna, 12 provinces give about 80% of the total annual catch in 2014. These provinces are Sulu, Quezon, Zamboanga del Sur, Metro Manila, South Cotabato, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga City, Cebu, Camarines Sur, Palawan, Iloilo and Lanao del Norte. Of these 12 provinces Sulu, South Cotabato and Palawan currently have NSAP-WPEA sites.

**Table 4. Top Producing Provinces for Frigate Tuna** 

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative %
Sulu	4187.31	5158.56	3461.52	2649.48	15456.87	15456.87	20.76%
Quezon	2427.51	4379.56	2091.74	2225.23	11124.04	26580.91	35.70%
Zamboanga del Sur	1428.01	1675.53	1533.42	1534.03	6170.99	32751.9	43.98%
Metro Manila	877.2	3480.32	739.64	488.62	5585.78	38337.68	51.49%
South Cotabato	1188.23	2366.1	1189.76	487.95	5232.04	43569.72	58.51%
Misamis Occidental	809.78	1354.29	1222.63	79.7	3466.4	47036.12	63.17%
Zamboanga City	1409.24	571.4	392.75	761.95	3135.34	50171.46	67.38%
Cebu	676.02	781.21	501.18	415.2	2373.61	52545.07	70.57%
Camarines Sur	404	625.01	696.96	544.02	2269.99	54815.06	73.61%
Palawan	371.82	778.62	519.28	436.34	2106.06	56921.12	76.44%
Iloilo	277.6	83.92	128.52	977.62	1467.66	58388.78	78.41%
Lanao del Norte	202.38	649.6	290.52	267.38	1409.88	59798.66	80.31%

In the case of big eye tuna, the top provinces are Davao City, Quezon, Sulu, Iloilo, Albay, South Cotabato, Leyte and Zamboanga del Sur.

Table 5. Top Producing Provinces for Big Eye Tuna

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Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative
Davao City	159.76	356.48	431.95	308.44	1256.63	1256.63	20.34%
Quezon	53.68	277.61	306.69	321.63	959.61	2216.24	35.87%
Sulu	609.61	55.85	62.43	74.79	802.68	3018.92	48.86%
Iloilo	359.43	25.91	34.79	90.95	511.08	3530	57.13%
Albay	109.15	106.39	130.33	150.18	496.05	4026.05	65.16%
South Cotabato	61.21	87.42	82.58	100.62	331.83	4357.88	70.53%
Leyte		4.25	61.64	263.67	329.56	4687.44	75.86%
Zamboanga del Sur	17.81	108.39	49.07	94.11	269.38	4956.82	80.22%
Lanao del Norte	23.84	84.72	35.46	34.82	178.84	5135.66	83.11%
Occidental Mindoro	66.25	20.52	34.63	19.24	140.64	5276.3	85.39%

Finally, for eastern little tuna, the top producing provinces are Sulu, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga City, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Norte, South Cotabato and Albay.

Table 6. Top Producing Provinces for Eastern Little Tuna

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative
Sulu	2063.01	2502.18	1998.59	2903.69	9467.47	9467.47	45.12%
Zamboanga del Sur	973.24	607.3	1073.05	1355.47	4009.06	13476.53	64.23%
Zamboanga City	141.44	714.4		590.47	1446.31	14922.84	71.13%
Misamis Occidental	519.76	65.05	97.57	78.64	761.02	15683.86	74.75%
Zamboanga del Norte	210.47	47.21	185.77	87.43	530.88	16214.74	77.28%
South Cotabato	145.9	305.73	2.02	34.2	487.85	16702.59	79.61%
Albay	42.95	48.47	169.54	178.96	439.92	17142.51	81.71%
Cagayan	46.63	184.9	157.19	37.34	426.06	17568.57	83.74%
Basilan	74.45	41.78	123.58	85.04	324.85	17893.42	85.28%
Cebu	27	165	85	40	317	18210.42	86.80%

For all species, the top provinces are South Cotabato, Sulu, Zamboanga del Sur, Quezon, Metro Manila, Zamboanga City, Misamis Occidental, Palawan, Eastern Samar and Iloilo.

**Table 7. Top Producing Provinces for All Four Species** 

Province	Yellow Fin	Frigate	Big Eye	Eastern	TOTAL	Cumulative Total	Cumulative
South Cotabato	65913.29	5232.04	331.83	487.85	71965.01	71965.01	36.50%
Sulu	4397.33	15456.87	802.68	9467.47	30124.35	102089.4	51.78%
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Quezon	2404.2	11124.04	959.61	0	14487.85	132071.2	66.99%
Metro Manila	758.07	5585.78	0	153.9	6497.75	138569.0	70.29%
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Given this list of top producing provinces, the landing sites under each province will further be analyzed. In the case of Region 8, the 2013 data will be used as a basis. Currently there are no NSAP sites in Region 8, but the possibility of having NSAP sites again in the region in the future cannot be discounted.

The same procedure will be done on the landing sites covered in 2014, i.e., top producing landing sites will be determined, but this will be done with greater detail considering the gear type and species.

Attachment D

#### EIGHTH PHILIPPINES/WCPFC ANNUAL TUNA FISHERIES CATCH ESTIMATES REVIEW WORKSHOP

25-26 May 2015

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 1. The workshop recommended that <u>WCPFC/SPC</u> (in collaboration with <u>BFAR/NFRDI</u>) develop an instructions document (initially an electronic version) clearly outlining how to undertake the catch estimation process, including data review process, for purse seine, ringnet and large-fish Handline gears. This document should include, *inter alia*, flow-charts describing the steps involved, what needs to be included/excluded and responsibilities in compiling and providing data to be used in the catch estimation process (for example, see ANNEX A). In particular, the following should be included:
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- Initial Runs Using PSA-BAS Data

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- Lastly, cost and accuracy will be evaluated once the 2015 NSAP data is available

### **Top Producing Provinces for Skipjack**

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative %
South Cotabato	3245955	2863656	2050115	2054634	10214360	10214359.99	82.39%
Zamboanga del Sur	85072.02	66601.98	89427.86	85520.59	326622.5	10540982.44	85.02%
Zamboanga City	87769.04	140508.2	4982.35	84357.75	317617.4	10858599.81	87.58%
Sulu	37420.61	82782.42	78383.07	75469.7	274055.8	11132655.61	89.79%
Eastern Samar	30812.39	64273.69	61462.5	43640.95	200189.5	11332845.14	91.41%
Metro Manila	20769.03	44366.2	55922.8	26418.98	147477	11480322.15	92.60%
Quezon	18590.76	29502.33	9688.42	29878.39	87659.9	11567982.05	93.30%
Iloilo	48973.4	7856.1	5966.4	20224.97	83020.87	11651002.92	93.97%
Zambales	28543.18	11864.93	13875.84	18653.7	72937.65	11723940.57	94.56%
Sultan Kudarat	13921.68	18926.93	19142.5	19911.1	71902.21	11795842.78	95.14%

### **Top Producing Provinces for Yellow Fin Tuna**

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulat ive Total	Cumulat ive %
South							
Cotabato	14333.61	14210.42	14076.3	23292.96	65913.29	65913.29	69.00%
Zamboanga							
del Sur	1052.92	1075.58	1439.83	1476.23	5044.56	70957.85	74.28%
Sulu	925.57	671.88	991.36	1808.52	4397.33	75355.18	78.89%
Quezon	342.7	788.27	645.36	627.87	2404.2	77759.38	81.40%
Eastern							
Samar	285.13	825.2	635.3	411.4	2157.03	79916.41	83.66%
Palawan	114.74	885.92	193.57	593.37	1787.6	81704.01	85.53%
Davao City	173.78	325.9	484.97	498.13	1482.78	83186.79	87.09%
Lanao del							
Norte	212.08	340.64	111.74	227.72	892.18	84078.97	88.02%
Iloilo	101.07	46.26	300	368.15	815.48	84894.45	88.87%
Metro Manila	129.96	198.24	269.03	160.84	758.07	85652.52	89.67%

### **Top Producing Provinces for Frigate Tuna**

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulati ve Total	Cumulati ve %
Sulu	4187.31	5158.56	3461.52	2649.48	15456.87	15456.87	20.76%
Quezon	2427.51	4379.56	2091.74	2225.23	11124.04	26580.91	35.70%
Zamboanga del Sur	1428.01	1675.53	1533.42	1534.03	6170.99	32751.9	43.98%
Metro Manila	877.2	3480.32	739.64	488.62	5585.78	38337.68	51.49%
South Cotabato	1188.23	2366.1	1189.76	487.95	5232.04	43569.72	58.51%
Misamis Occidental	809.78	1354.29	1222.63	79.7	3466.4	47036.12	63.17%
Zamboanga City	1409.24	571.4	392.75	761.95	3135.34	50171.46	67.38%
Cebu	676.02	781.21	501.18	415.2	2373.61	52545.07	70.57%
Camarines Sur	404	625.01	696.96	544.02	2269.99	54815.06	73.61%
Palawan	371.82	778.62	519.28	436.34	2106.06	56921.12	76.44%
Iloilo	277.6	83.92	128.52	977.62	1467.66	58388.78	78.41%
Lanao del Norte	202.38	649.6	290.52	267.38	1409.88	59798.66	80.31%

### **Top Producing Provinces for Big Eye Tuna**

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumulative Total	Cumulative %
Davao City	159.76	356.48	431.95	308.44	1256.63	1256.63	20.34%
Quezon	53.68	277.61	306.69	321.63	959.61	2216.24	35.87%
Sulu	609.61	55.85	62.43	74.79	802.68	3018.92	48.86%
Iloilo	359.43	25.91	34.79	90.95	511.08	3530	57.13%
Albay	109.15	106.39	130.33	150.18	496.05	4026.05	65.16%
South Cotabato	61.21	87.42	82.58	100.62	331.83	4357.88	70.53%
Leyte		4.25	61.64	263.67	329.56	4687.44	75.86%
Zamboanga del							
Sur	17.81	108.39	49.07	94.11	269.38	4956.82	80.22%
Lanao del Norte	23.84	84.72	35.46	34.82	178.84	5135.66	83.11%
Occidental							
Mindoro	66.25	20.52	34.63	19.24	140.64	5276.3	85.39%

### **Top Producing Provinces for Eastern Little Tuna**

Province	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Annual	Cumula tive Total	Cumula tive %
Sulu	2063.01	2502.18	1998.59	2903.69	9467.47	9467.47	45.12%
Zamboanga del							
Sur	973.24	607.3	1073.05	1355.47	4009.06	13476.53	64.23%
Zamboanga							
City	141.44	714.4		590.47	1446.31	14922.84	71.13%
Misamis							
Occidental	519.76	65.05	97.57	78.64	761.02	15683.86	74.75%
Zamboanga del							
Norte	210.47	47.21	185.77	87.43	530.88	16214.74	77.28%
South Cotabato	145.9	305.73	2.02	34.2	487.85	16702.59	79.61%
Albay	42.95	48.47	169.54	178.96	439.92	17142.51	81.71%
Cagayan	46.63	184.9	157.19	37.34	426.06	17568.57	83.74%
Basilan	74.45	41.78	123.58	85.04	324.85	17893.42	85.28%
Cebu	27	165	85	40	317	18210.42	86.80%

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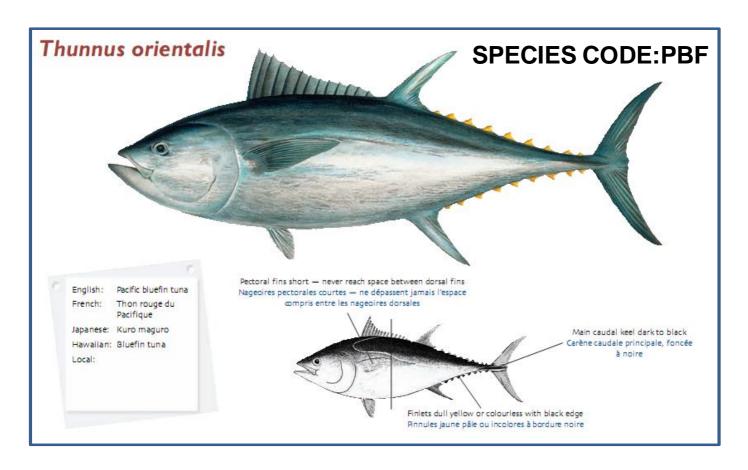
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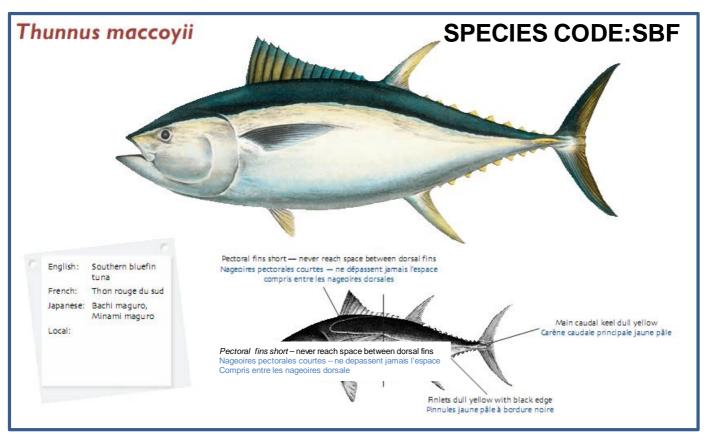
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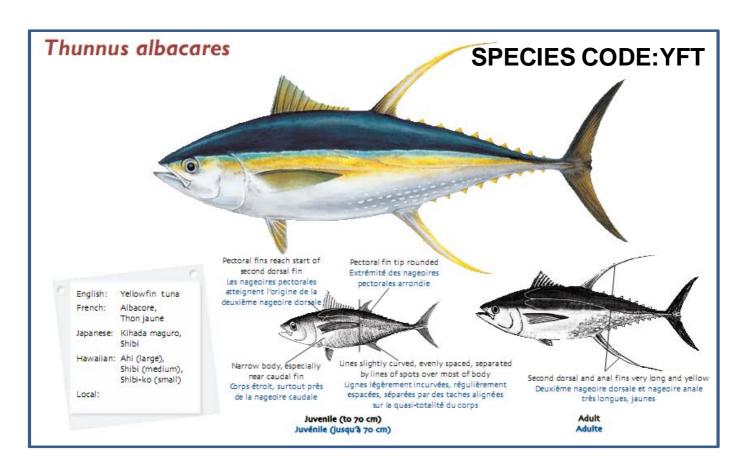
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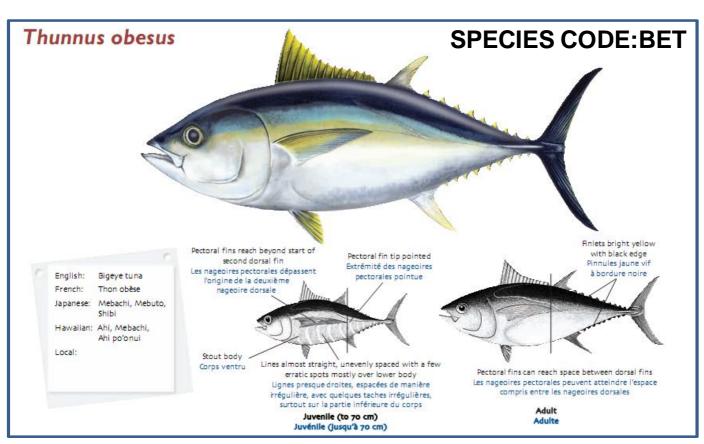
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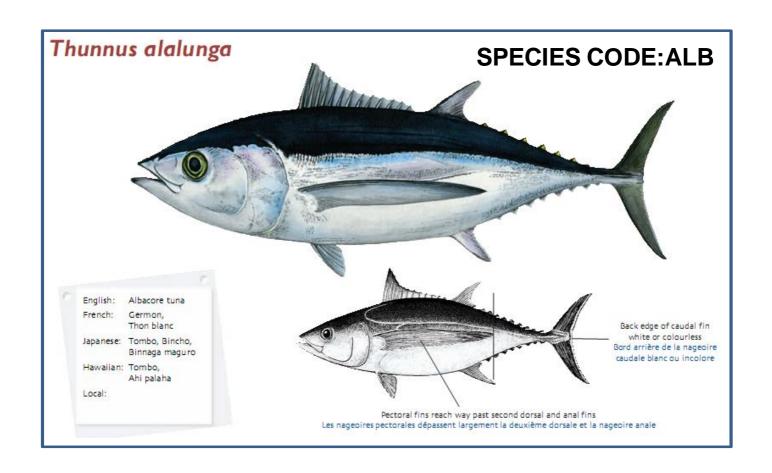
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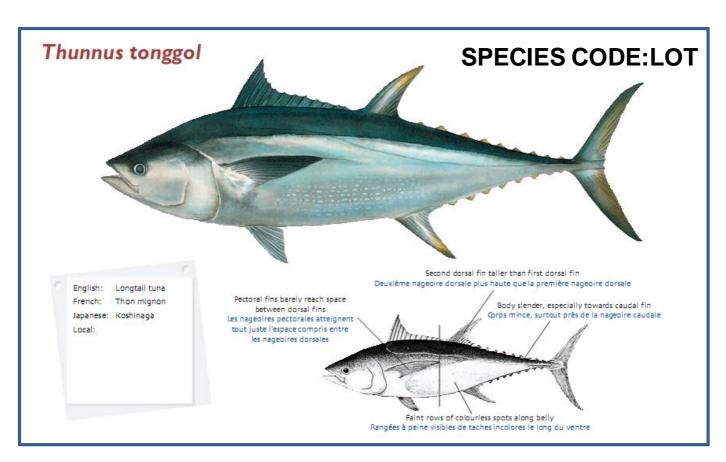


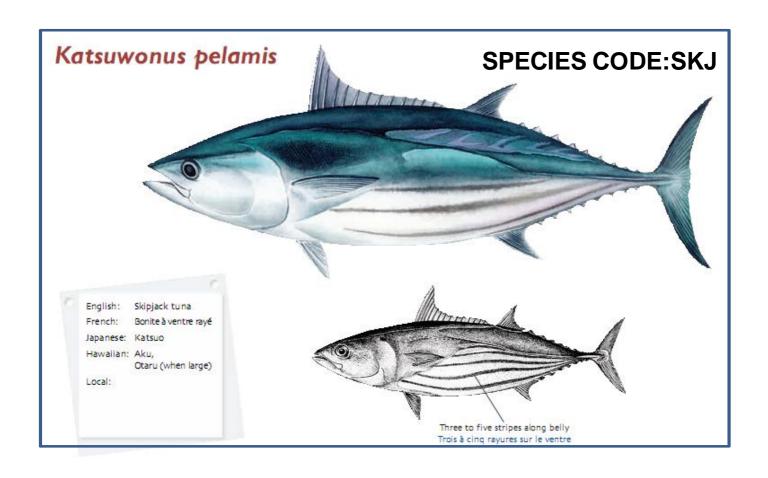


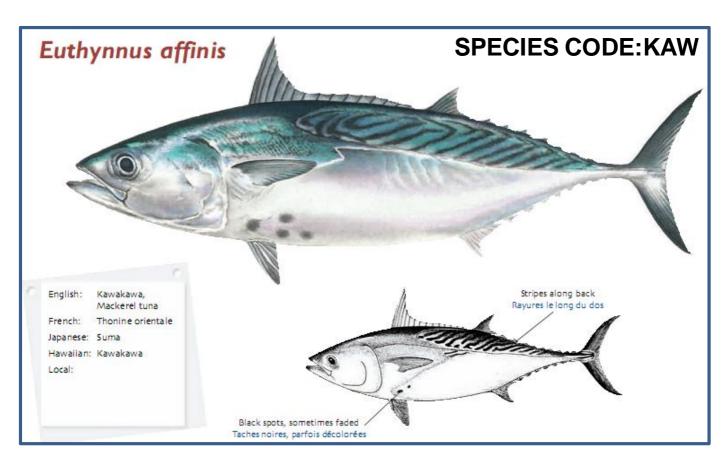


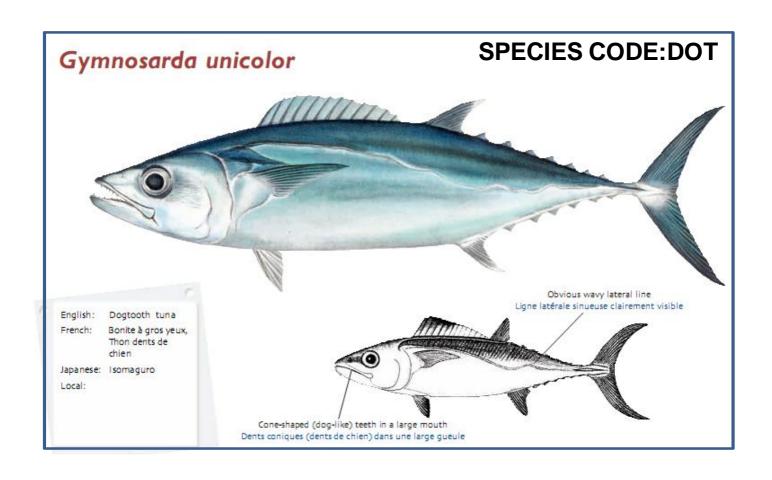


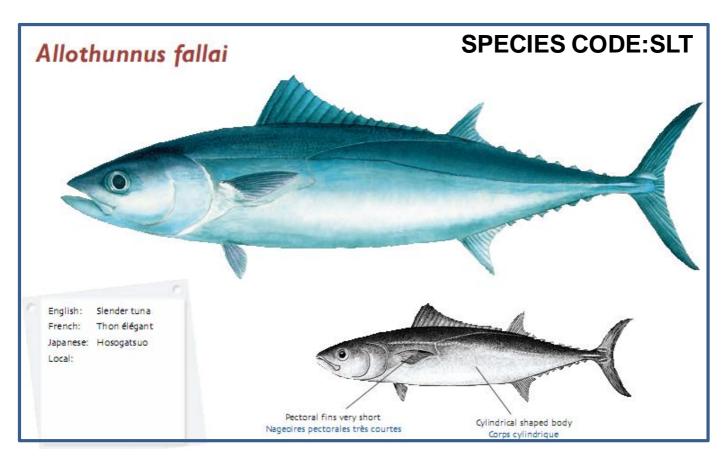


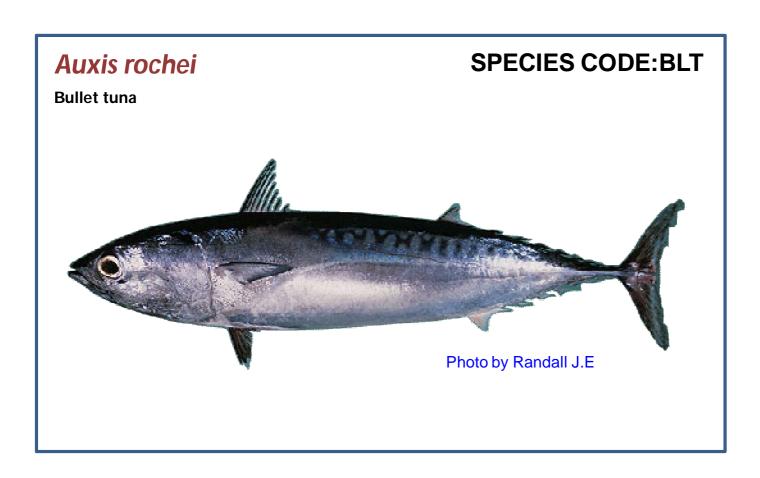


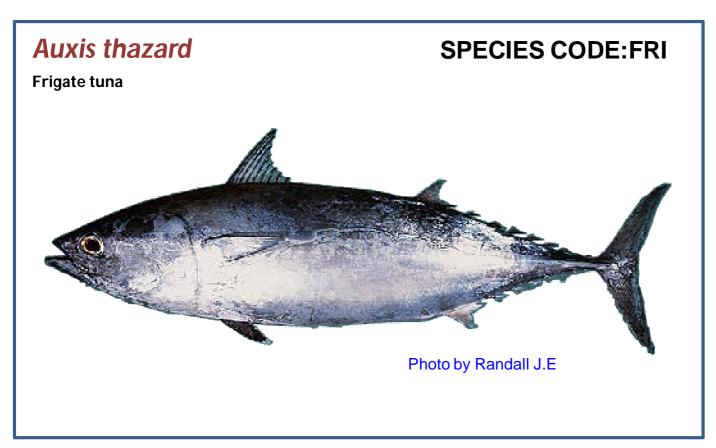




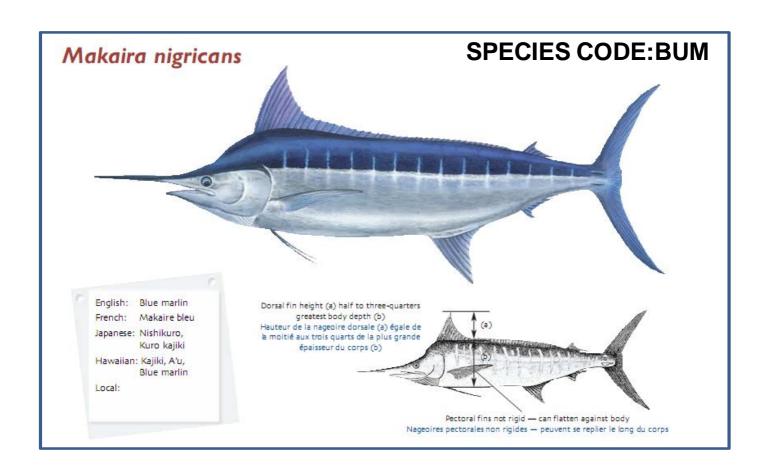


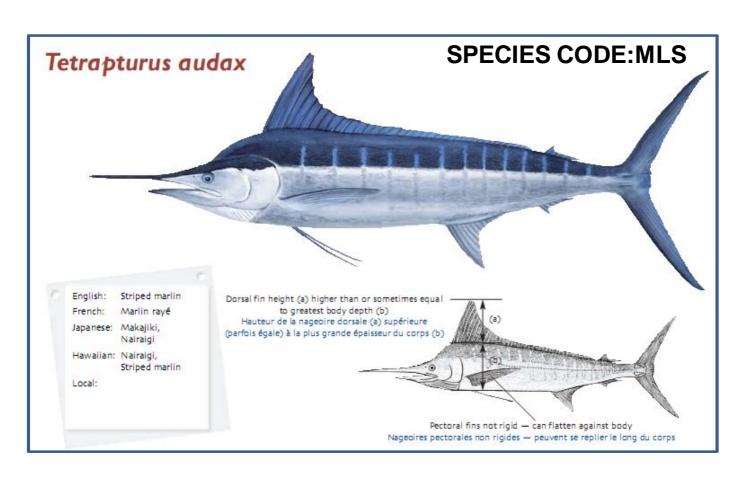


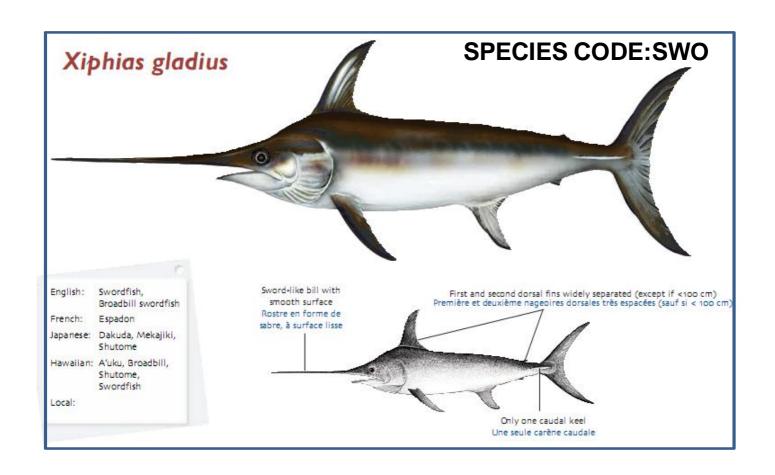


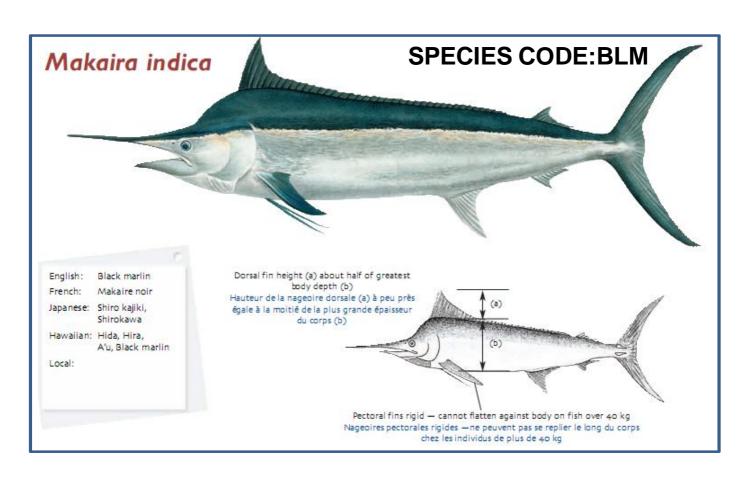


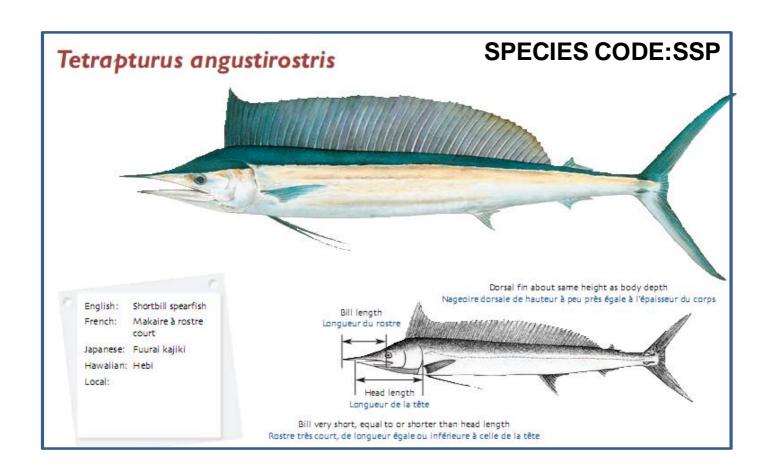
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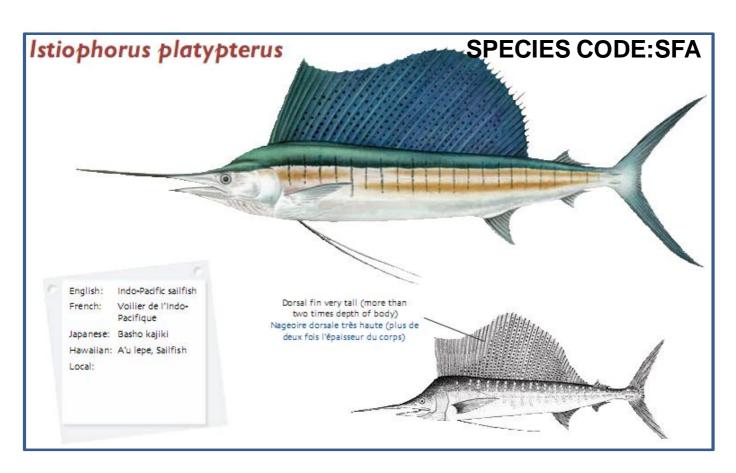




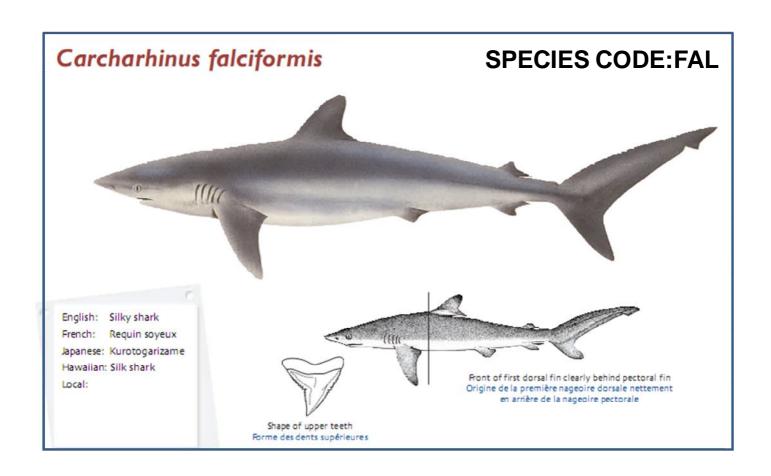


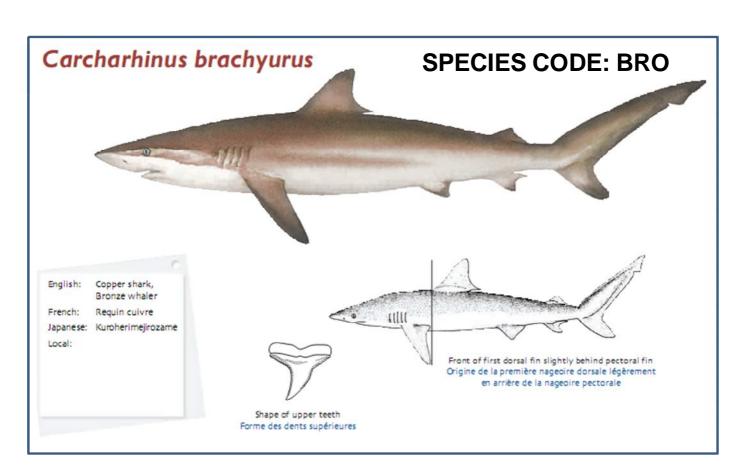


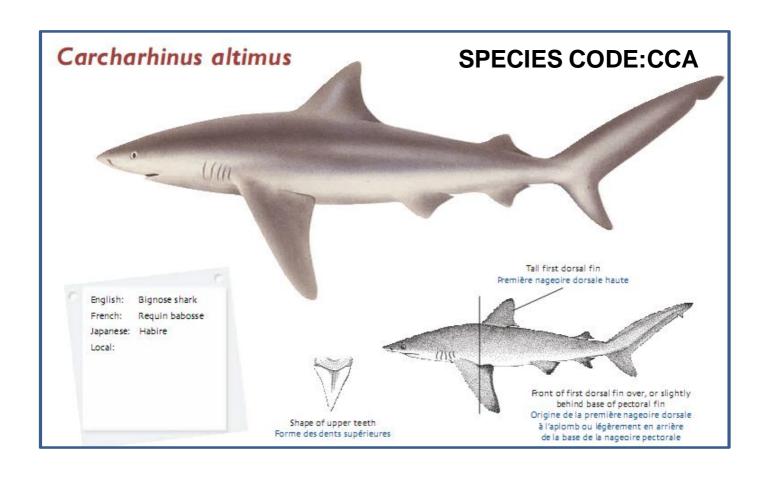


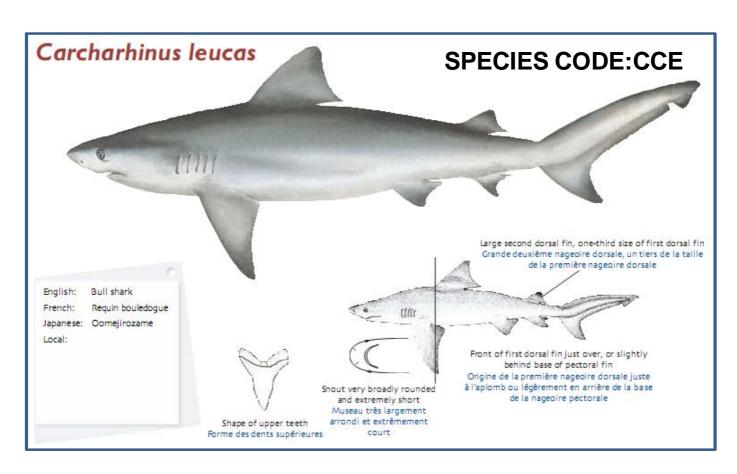


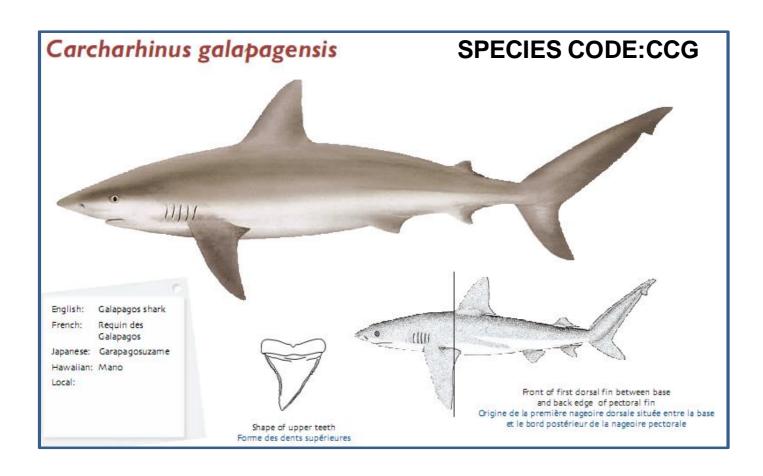
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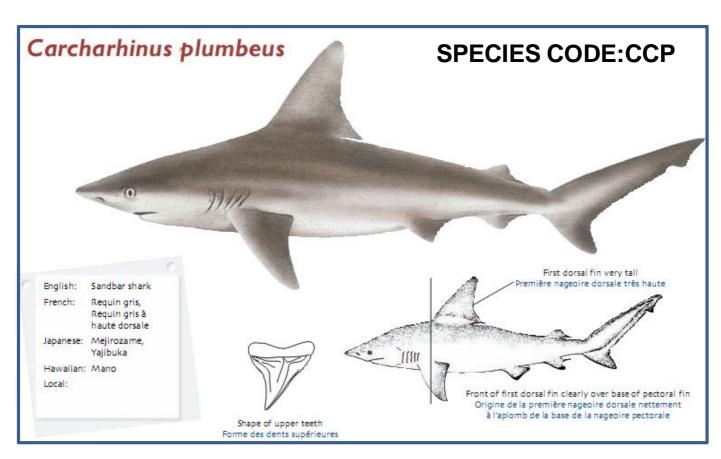


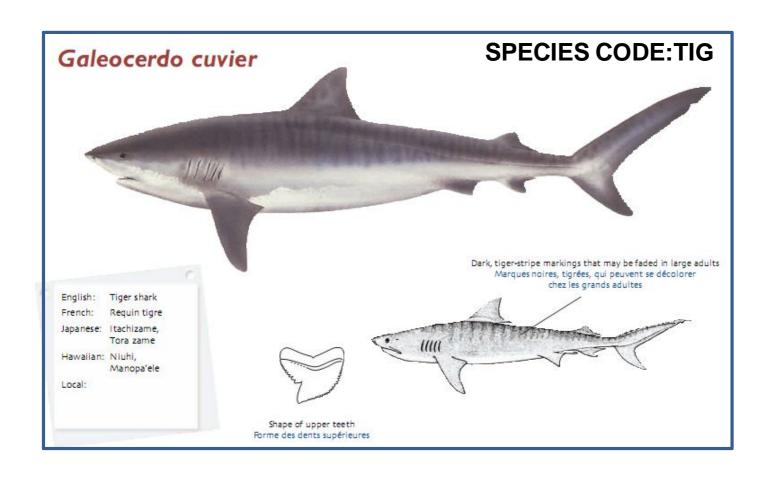


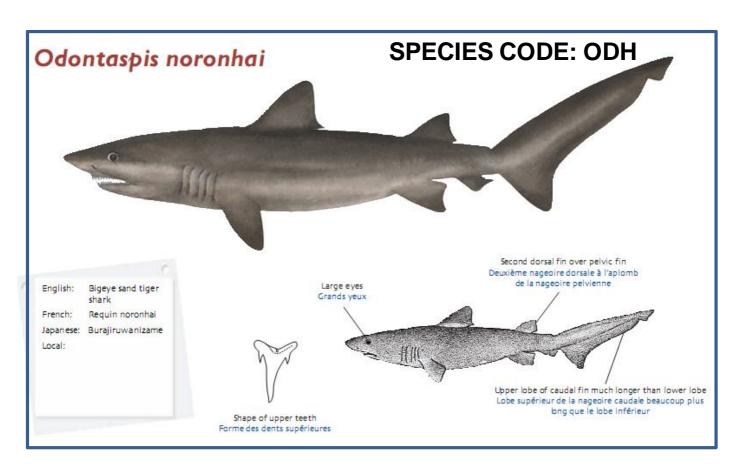


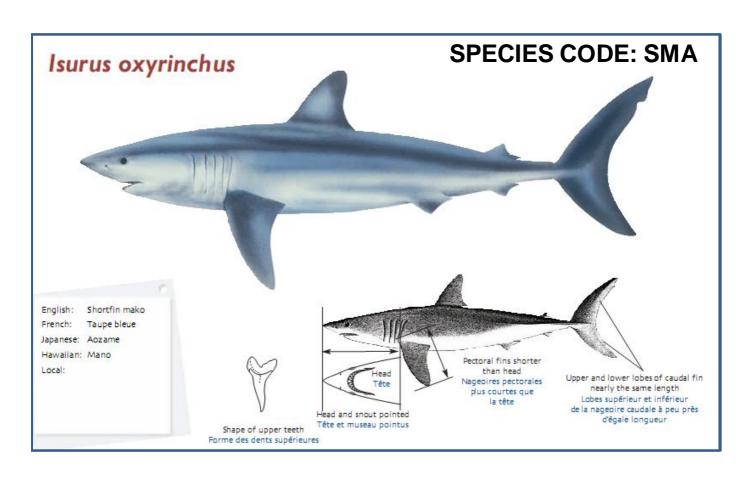


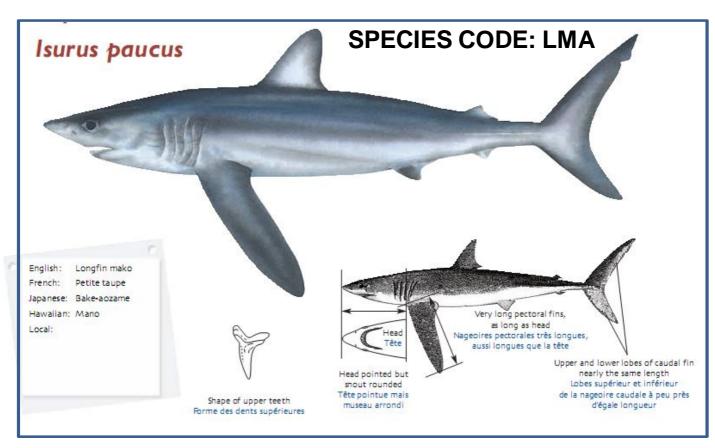


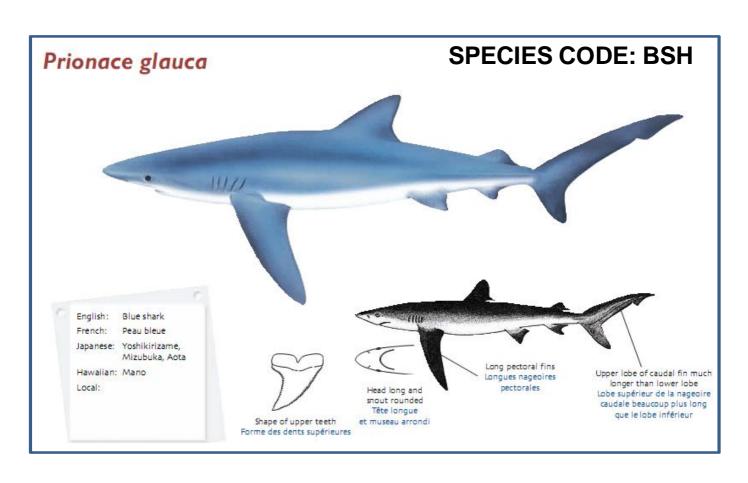


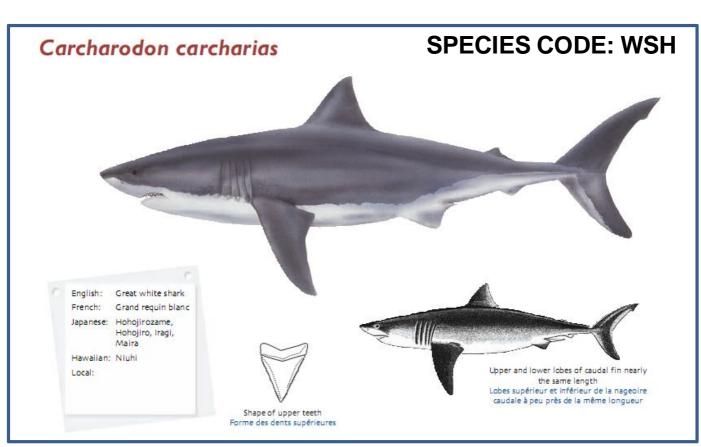


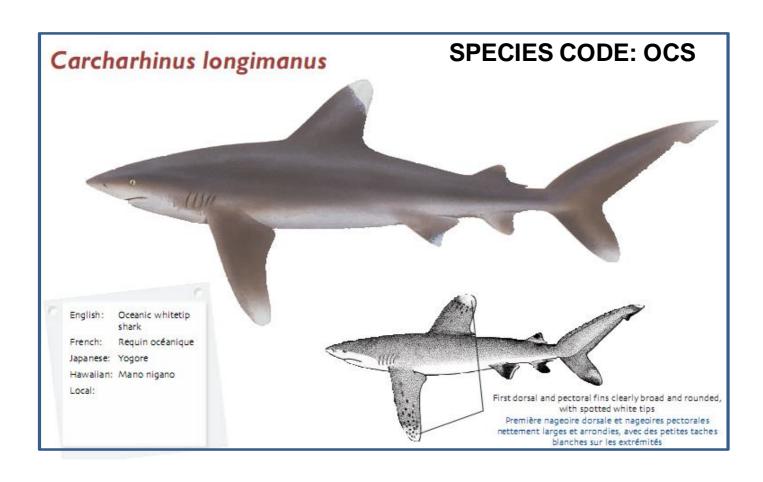


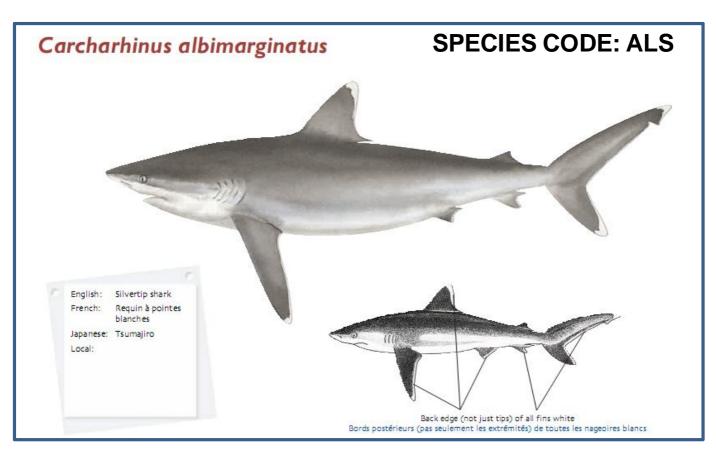


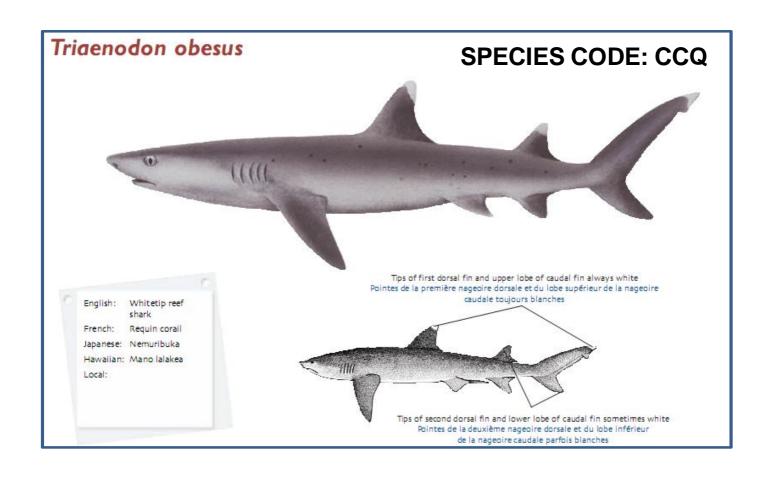


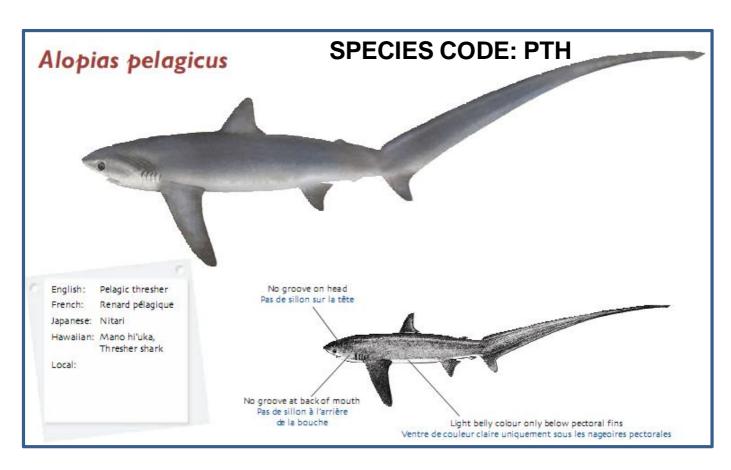


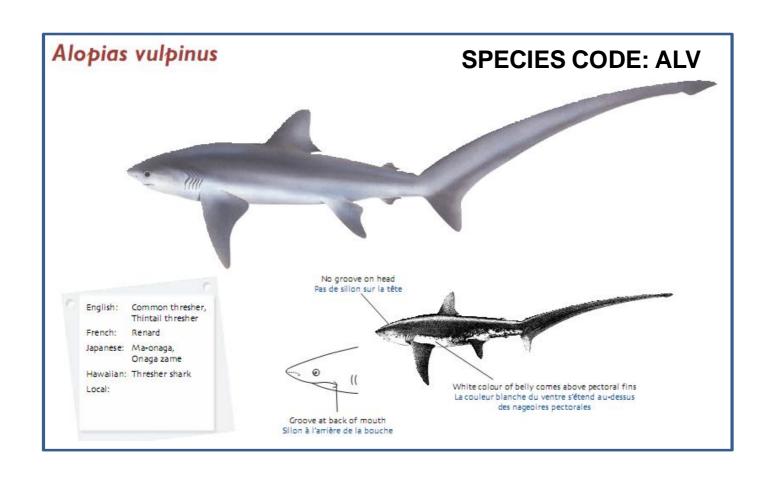


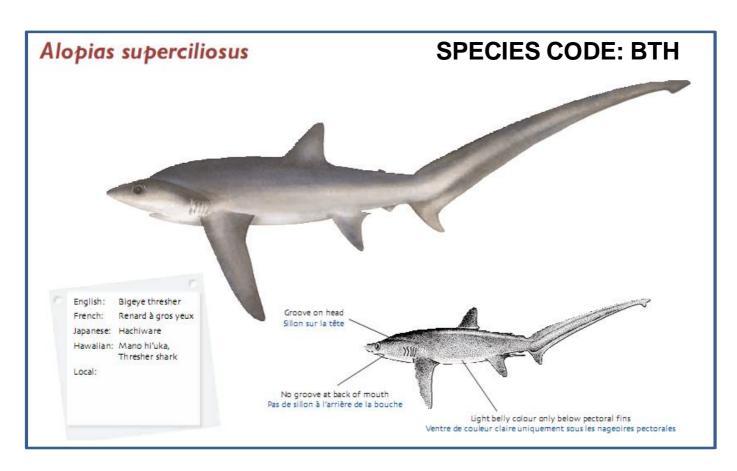


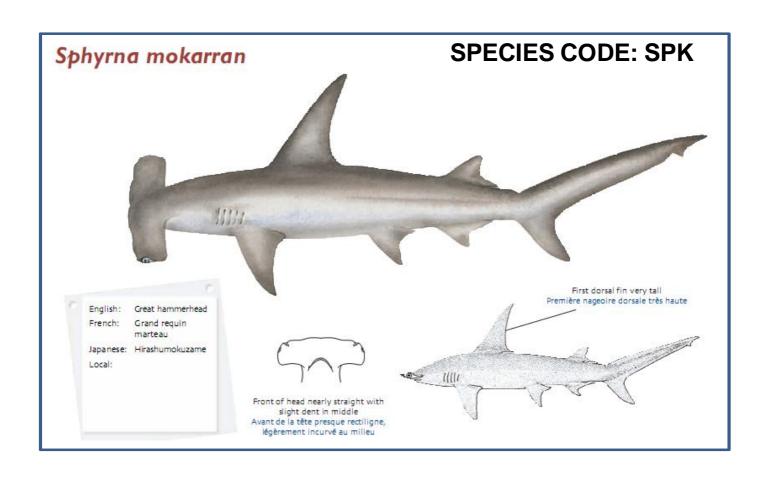


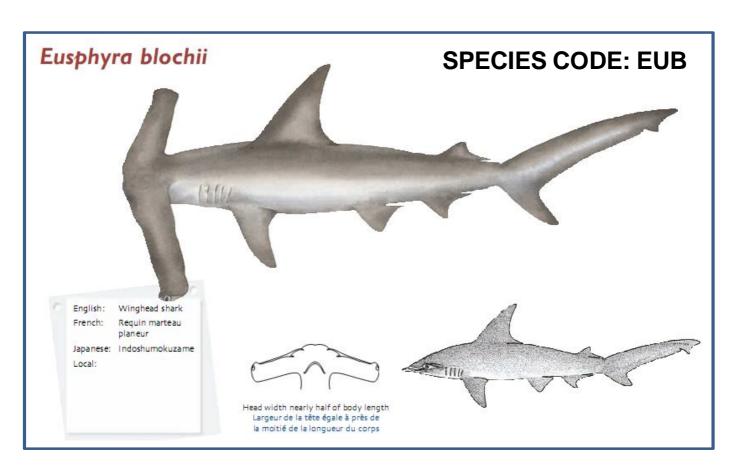


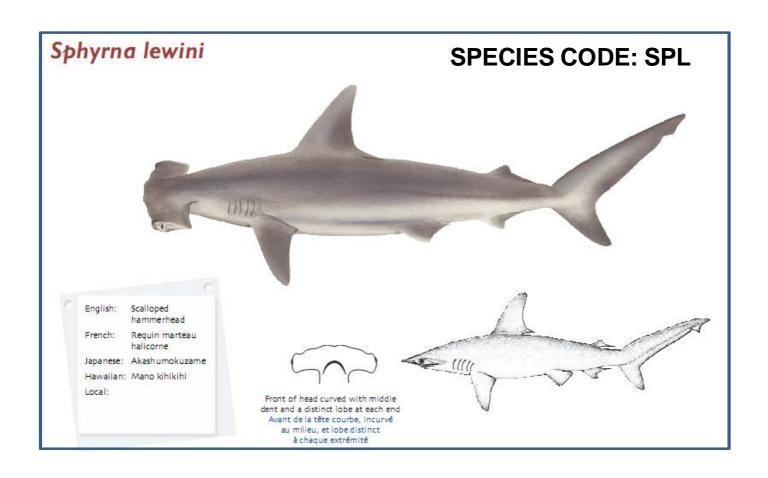


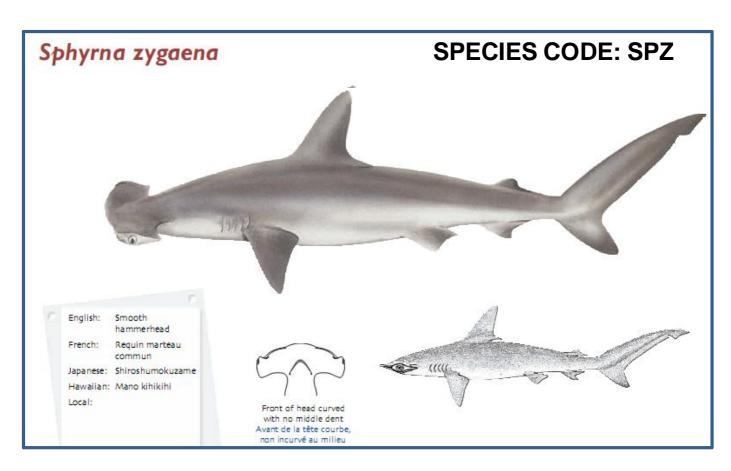


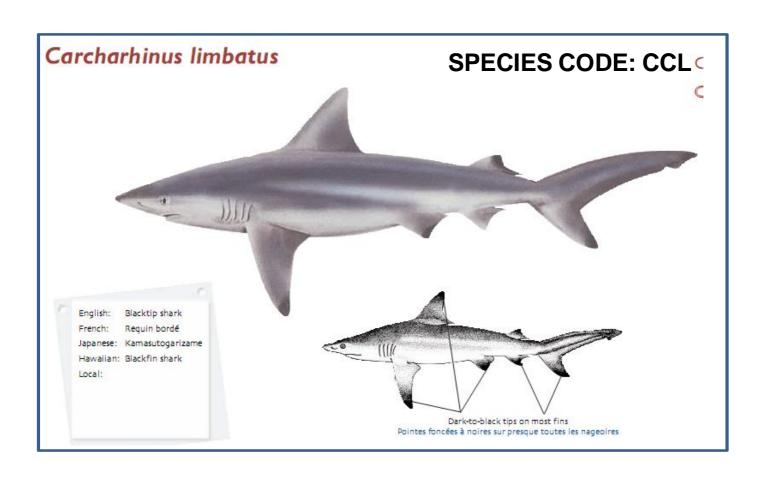


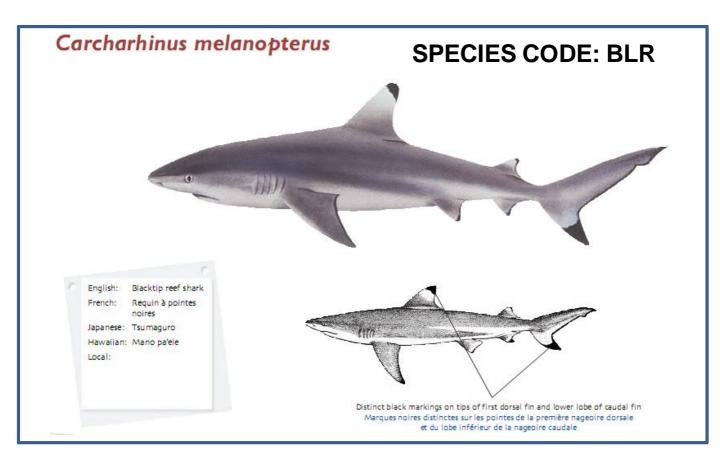


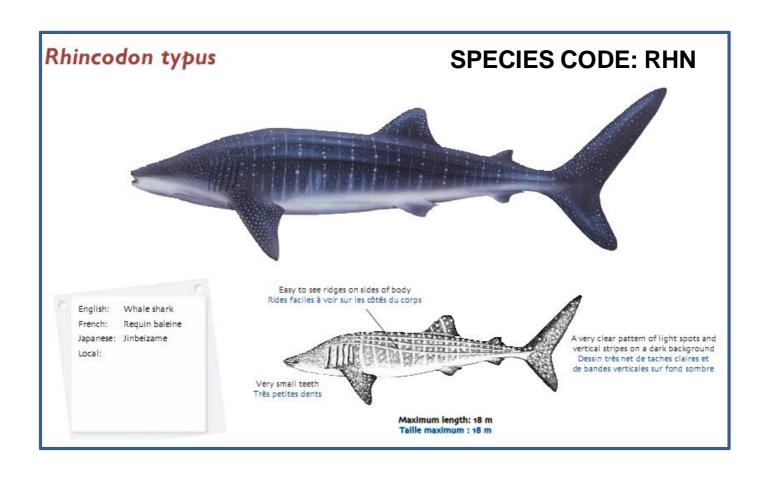


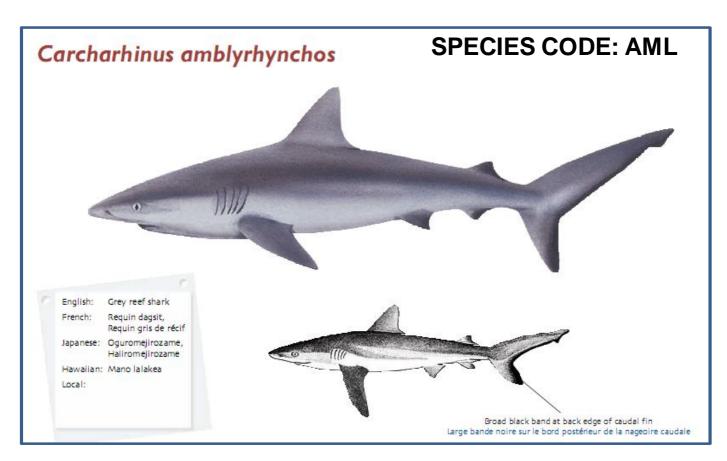


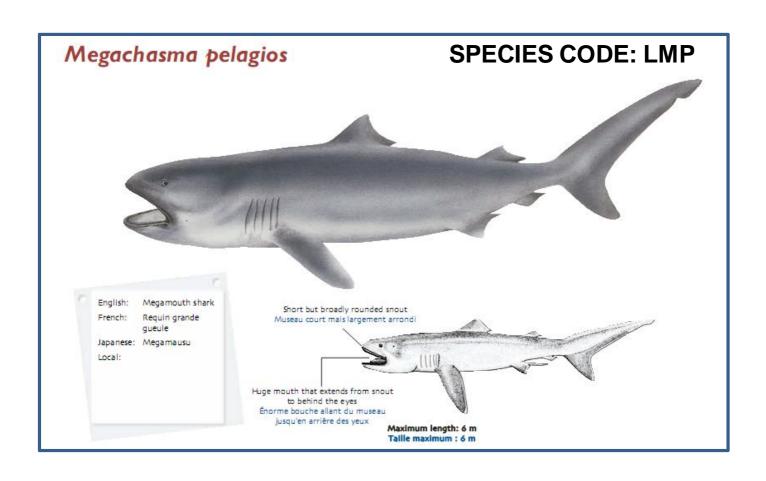


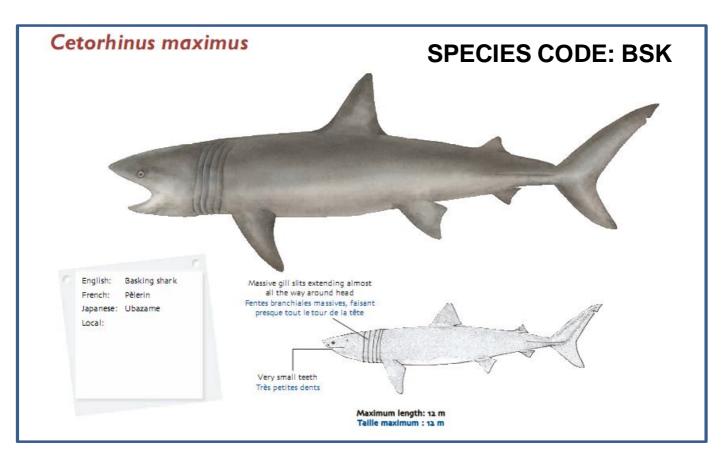


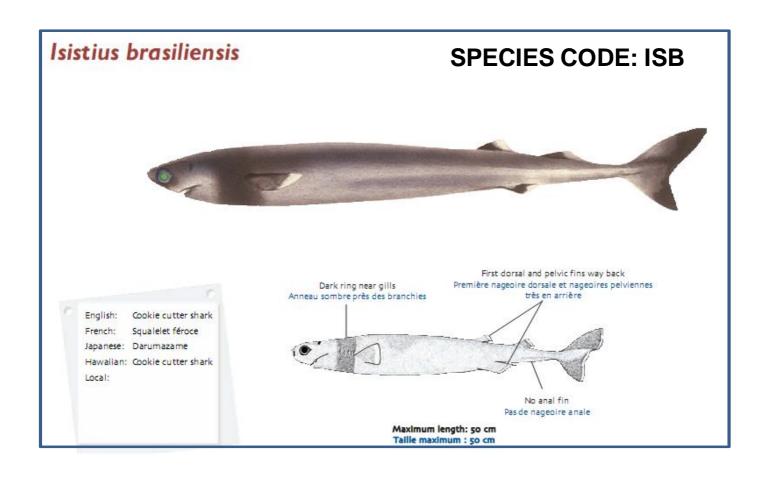


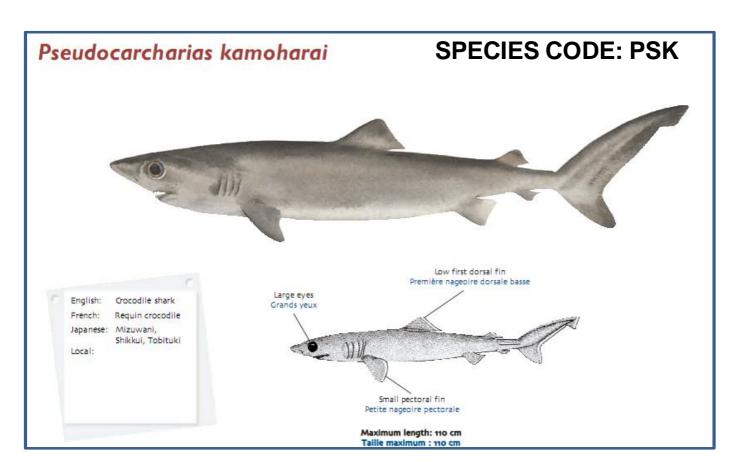


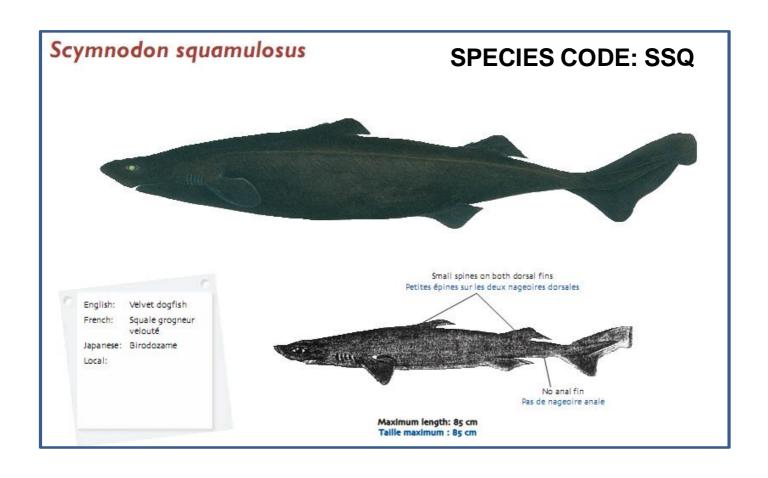


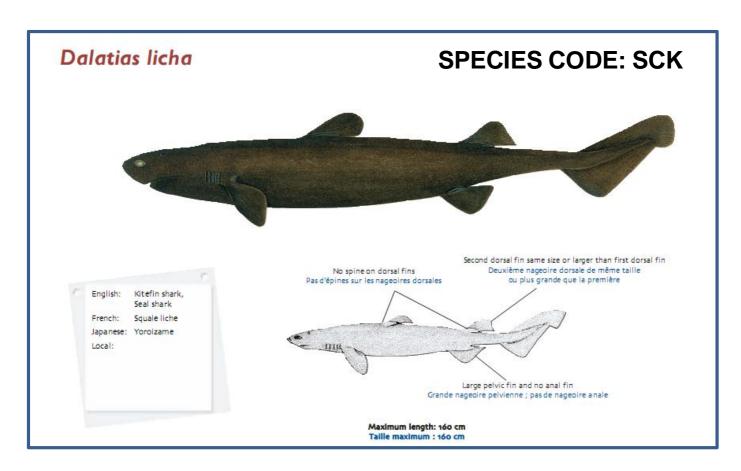




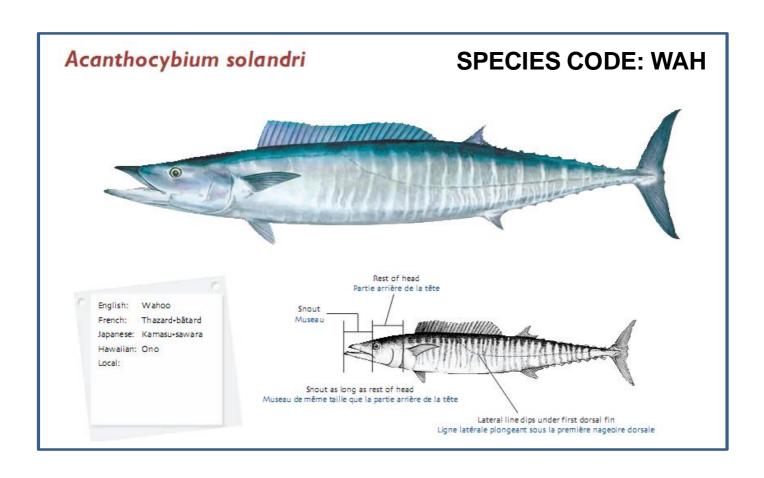


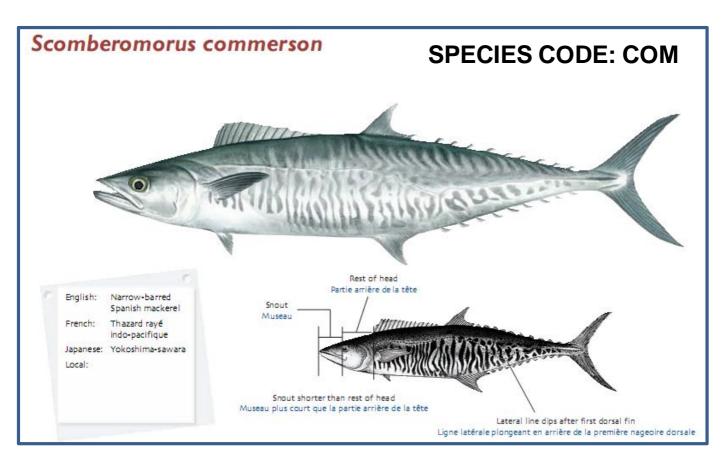


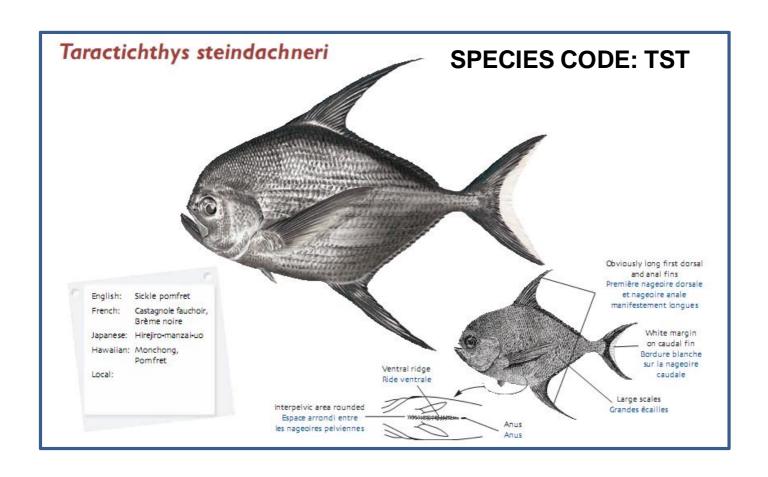


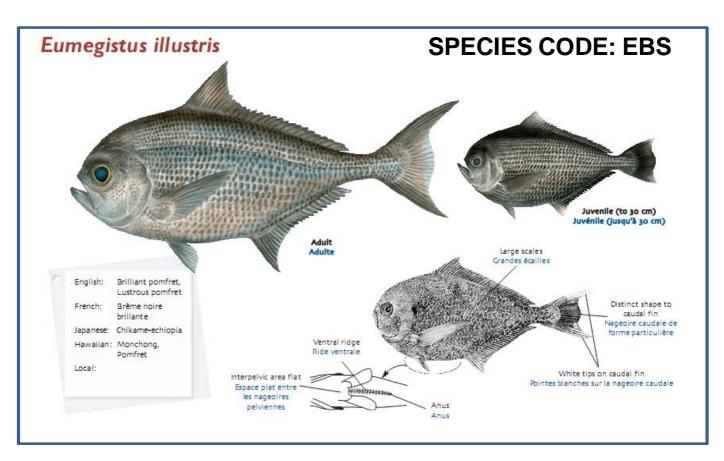


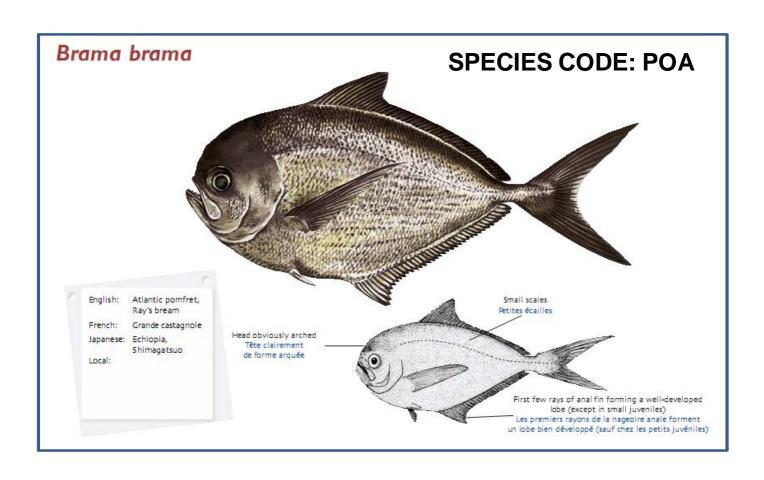
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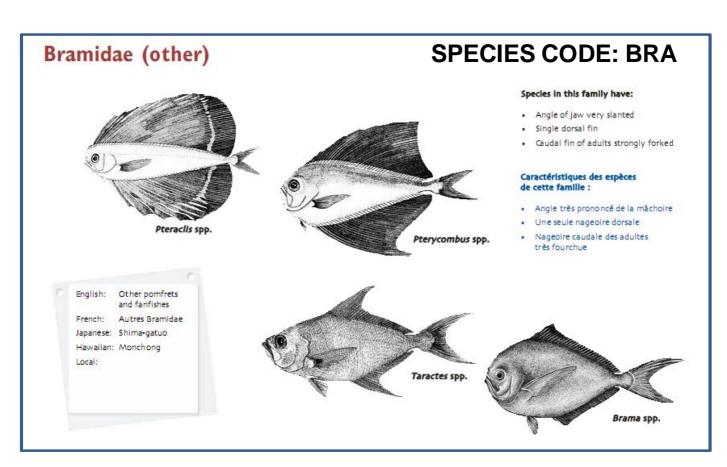


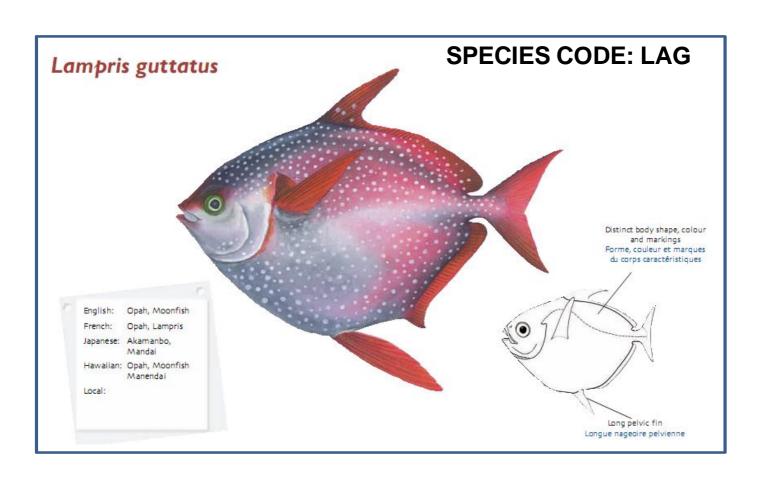


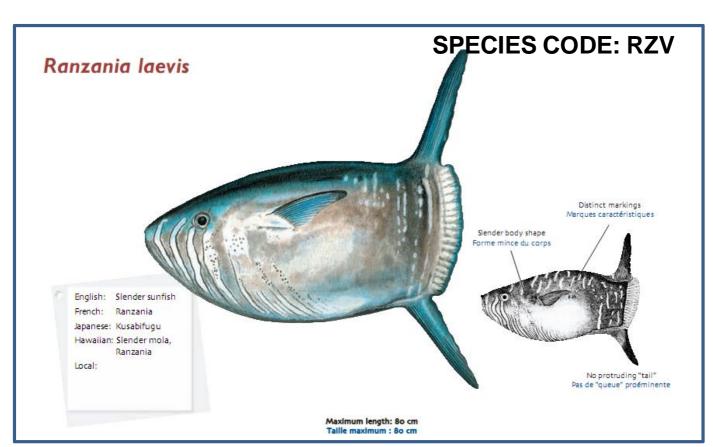


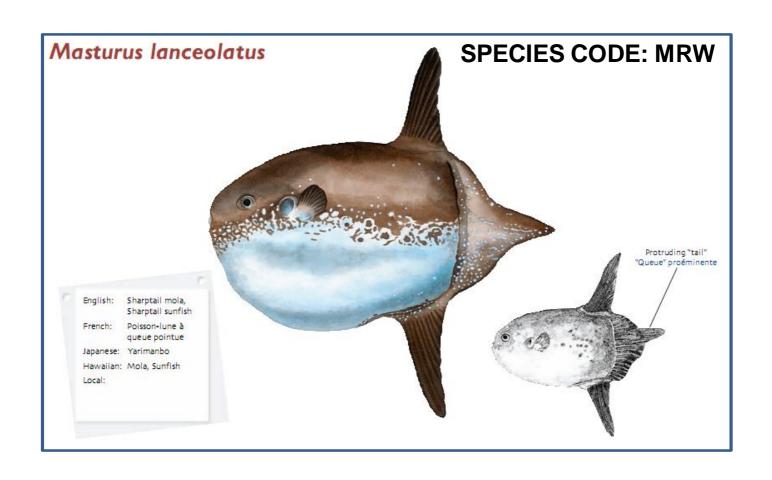


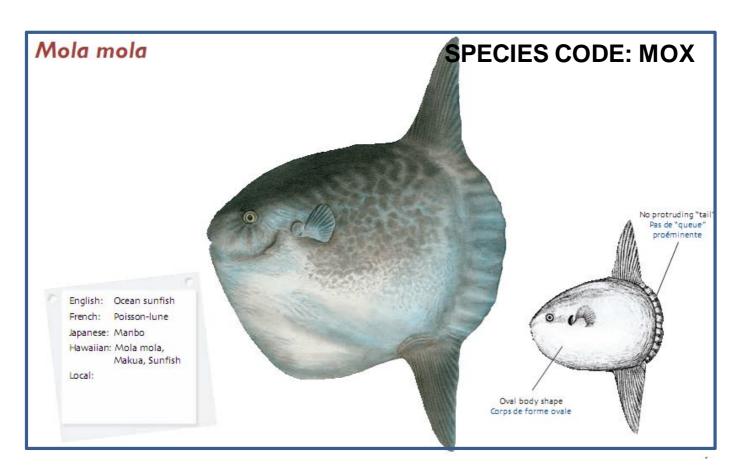


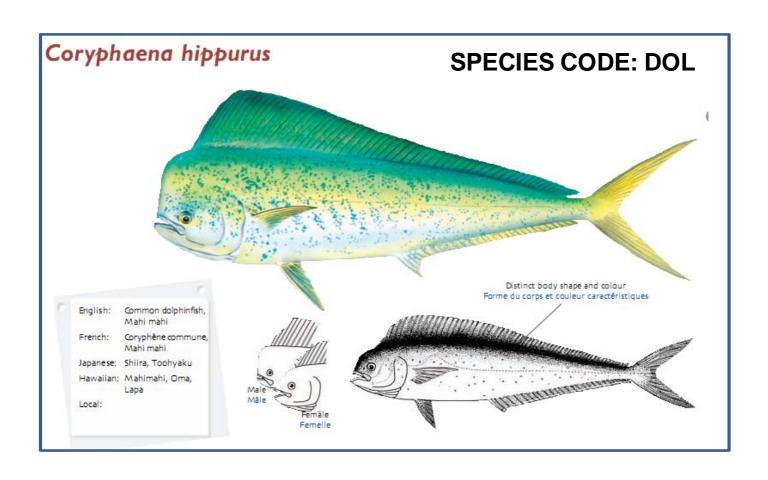


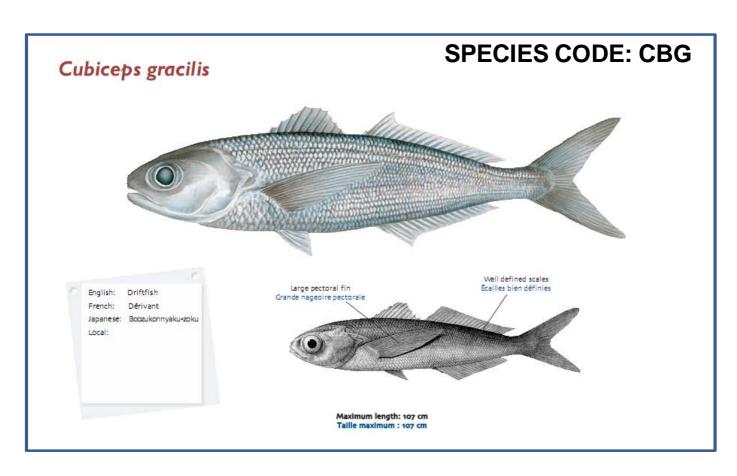


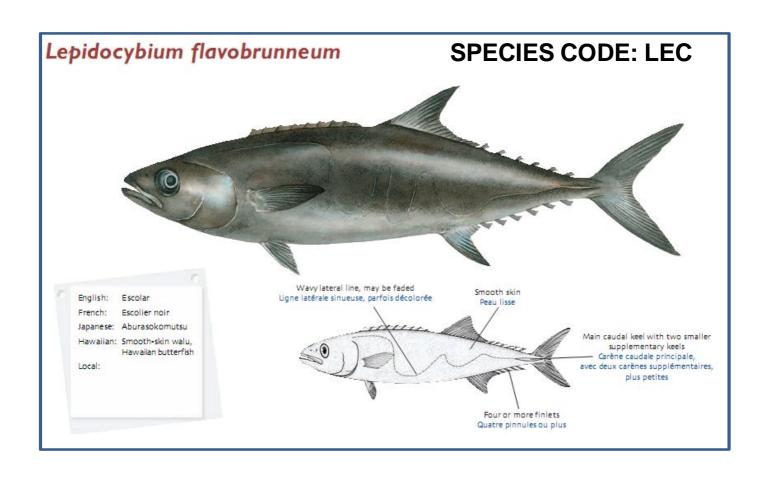


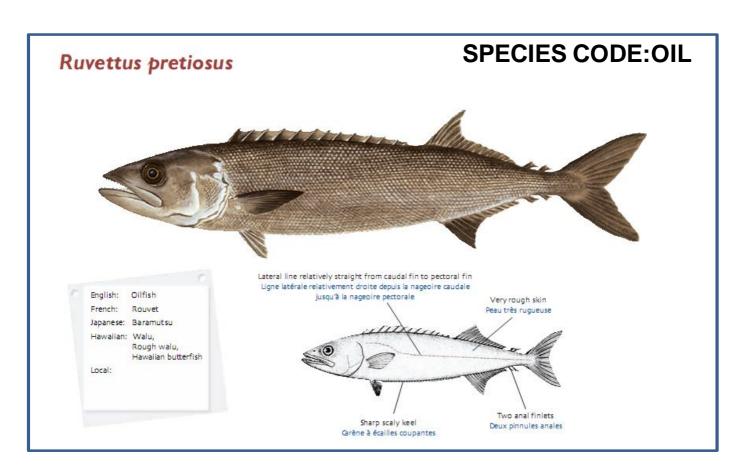


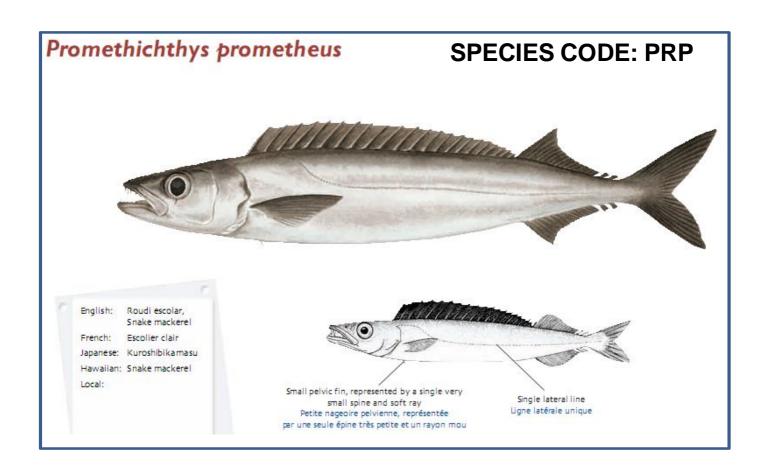


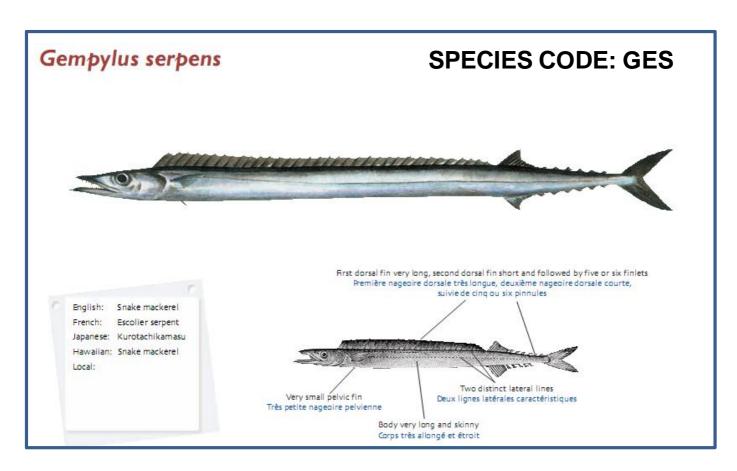


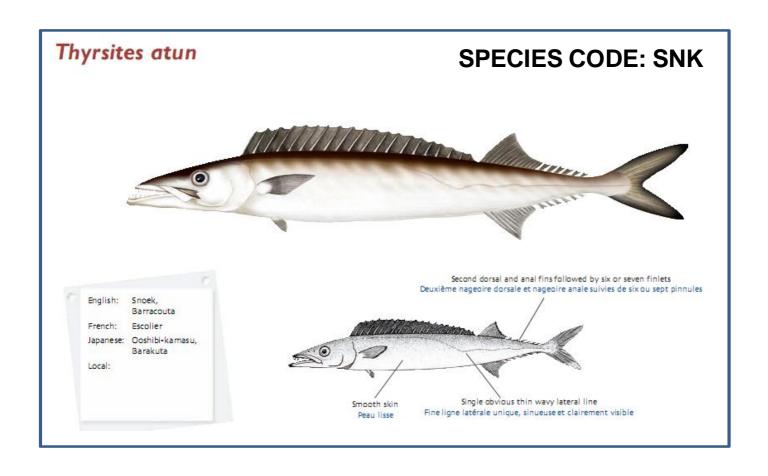


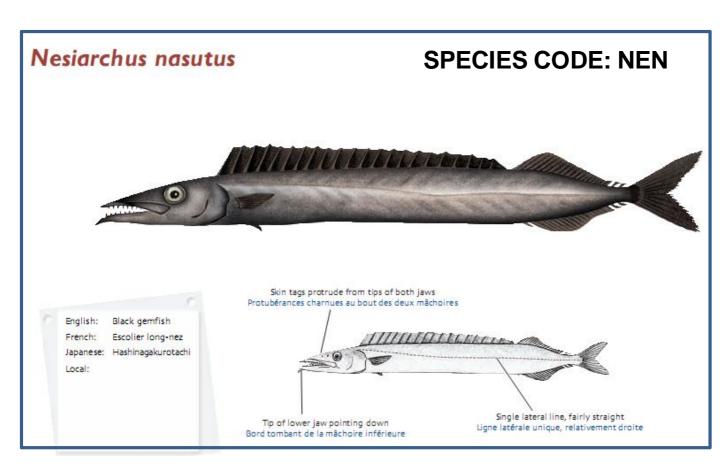


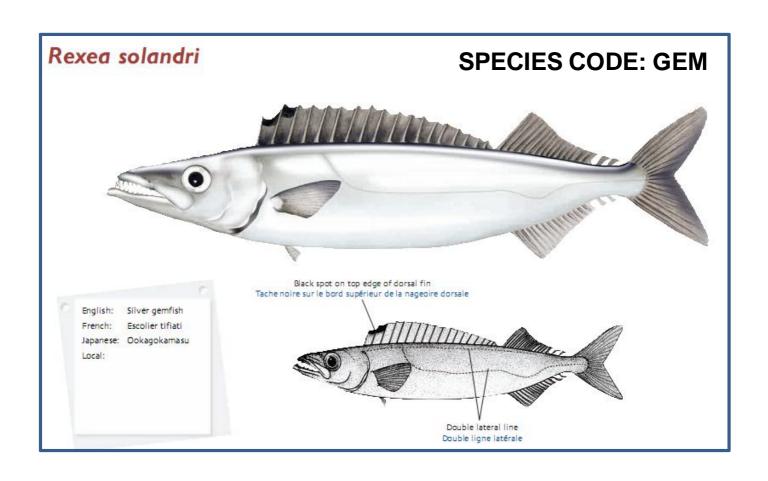


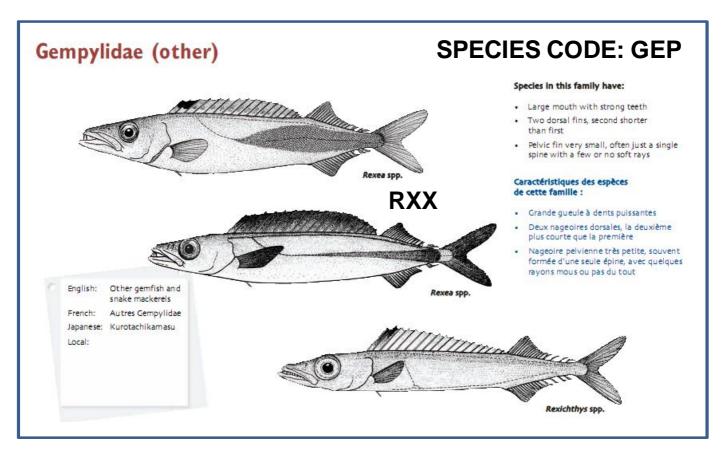


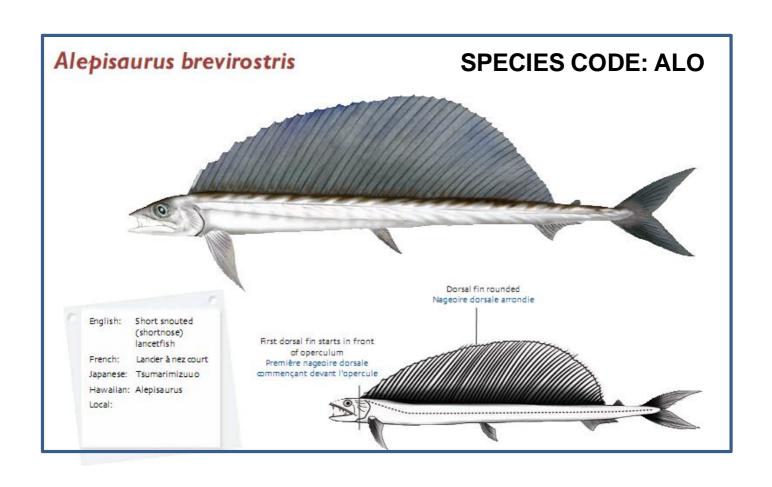


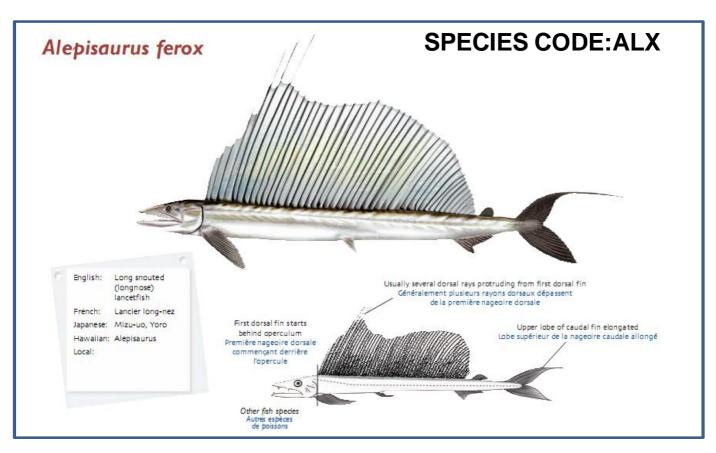


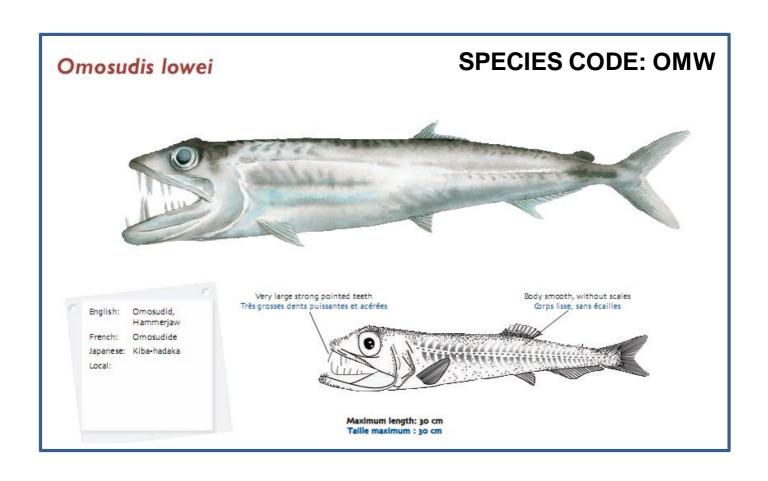


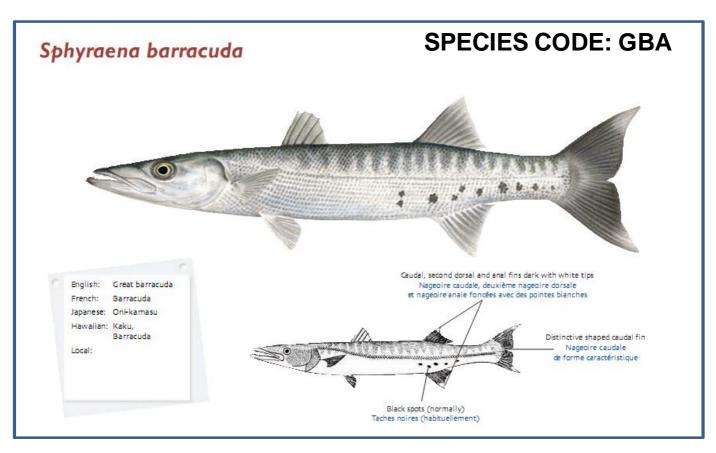


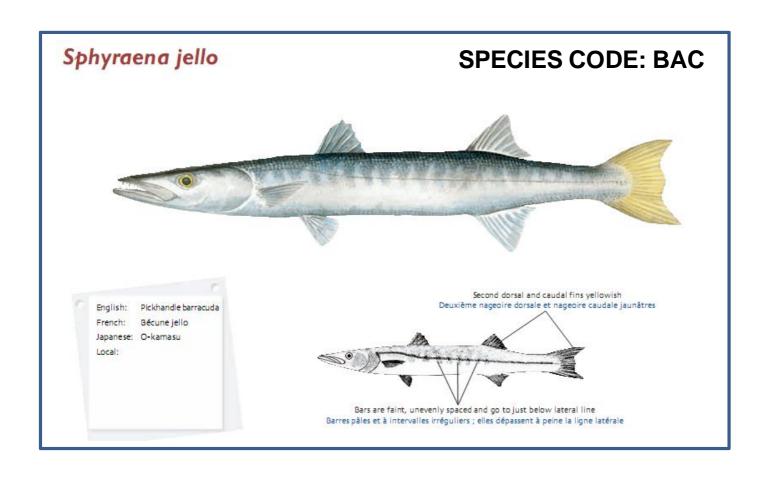


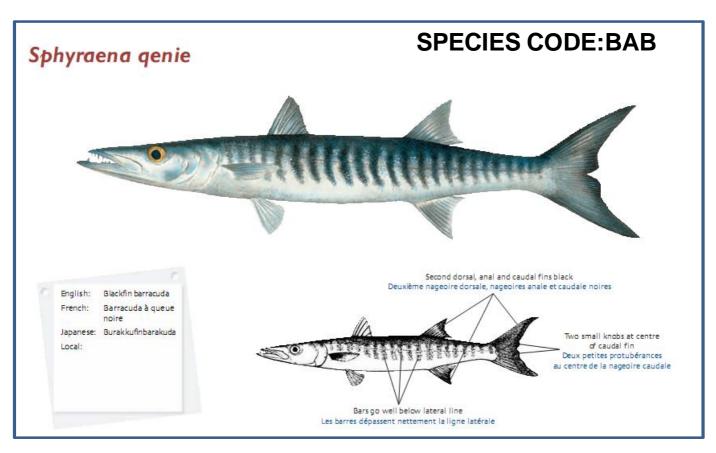


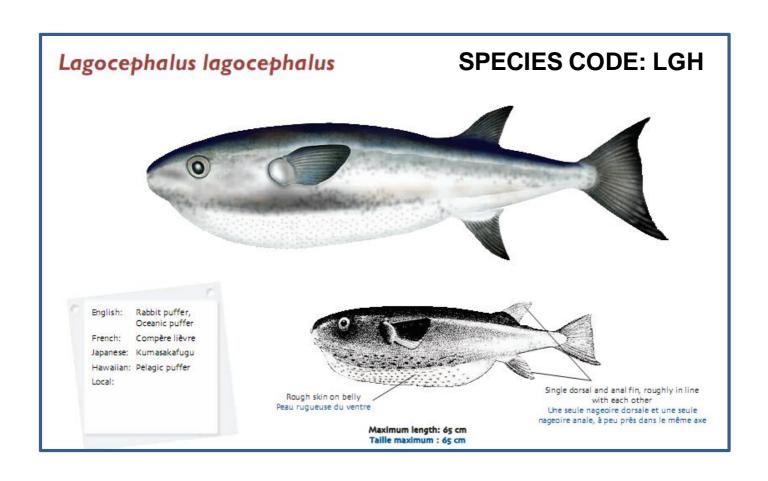


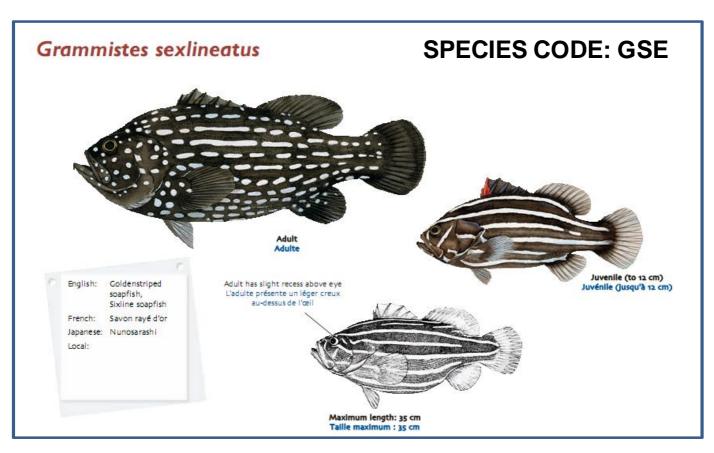


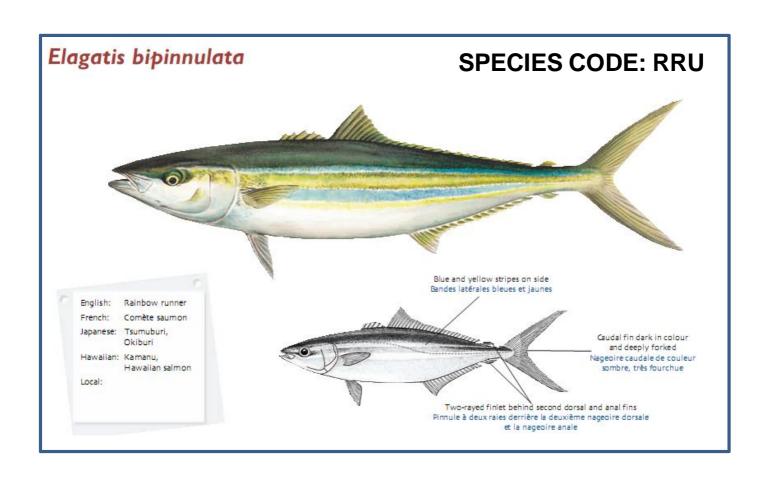


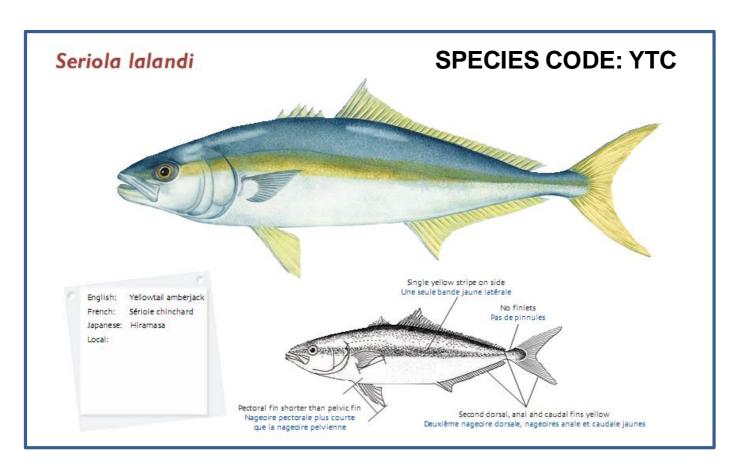


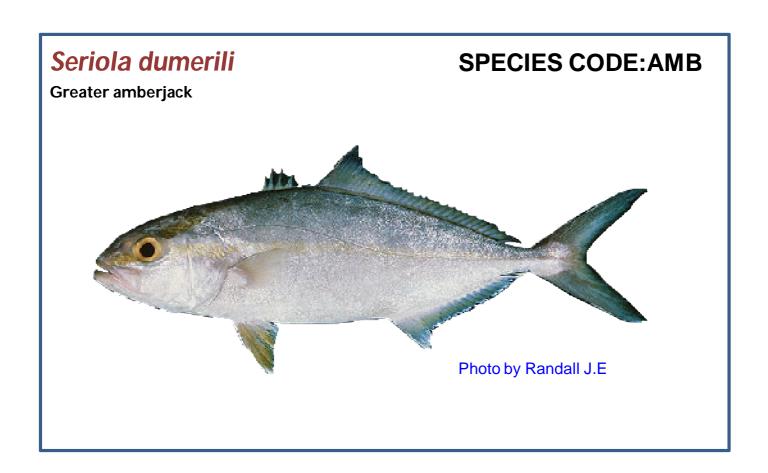


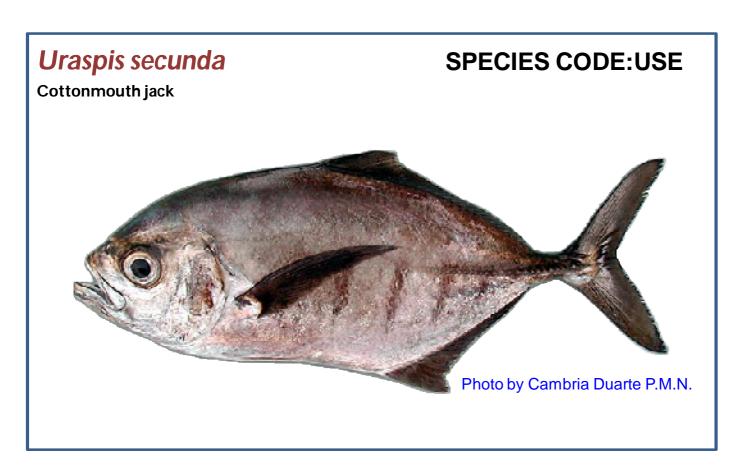


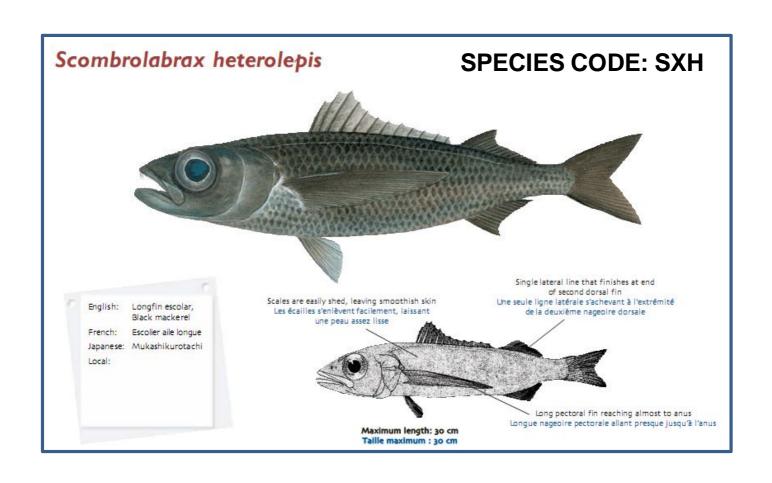




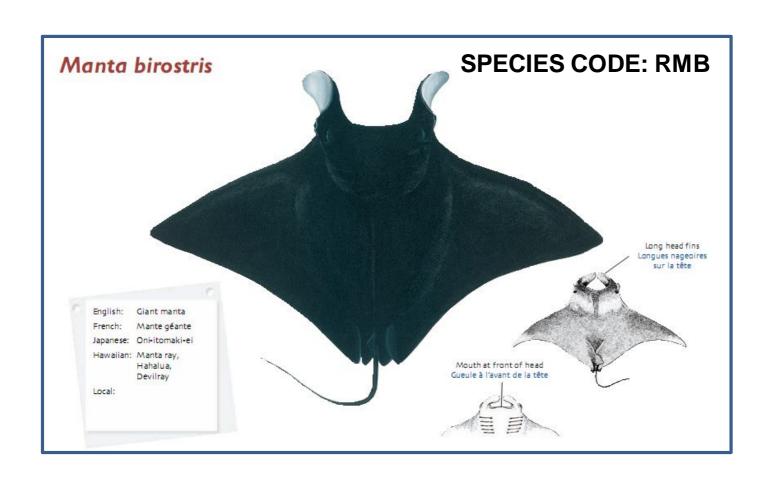


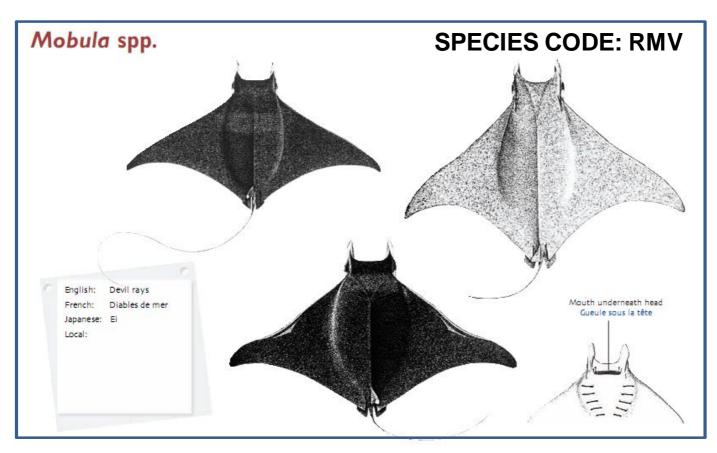


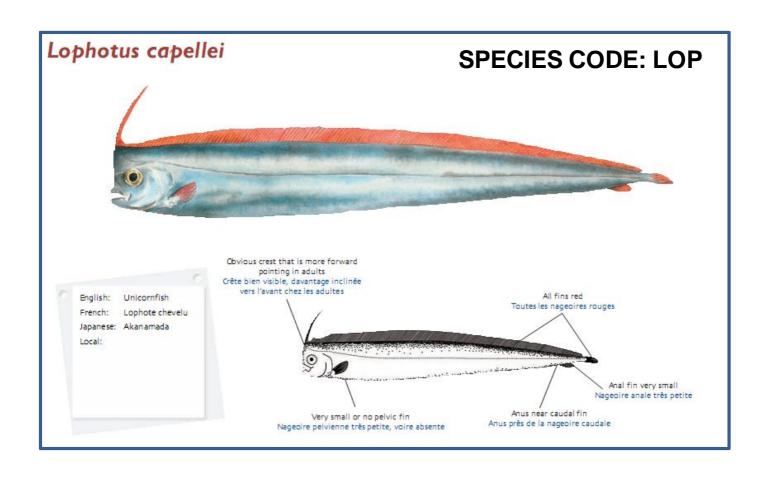


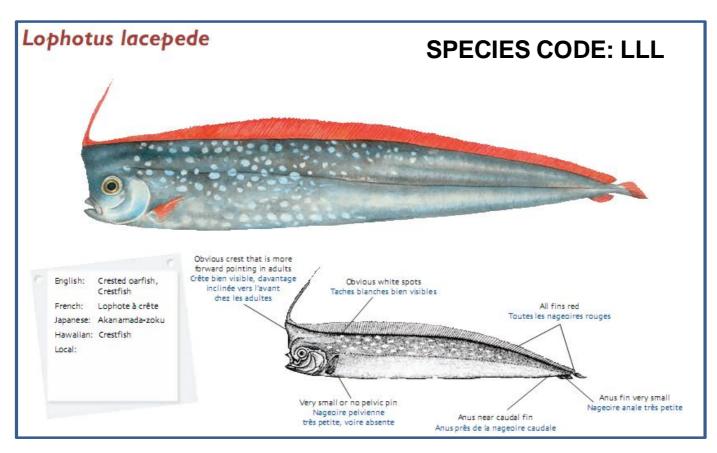


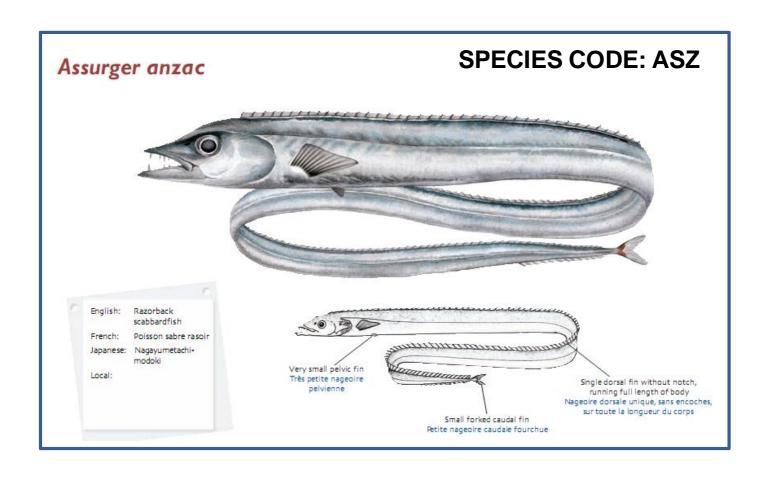


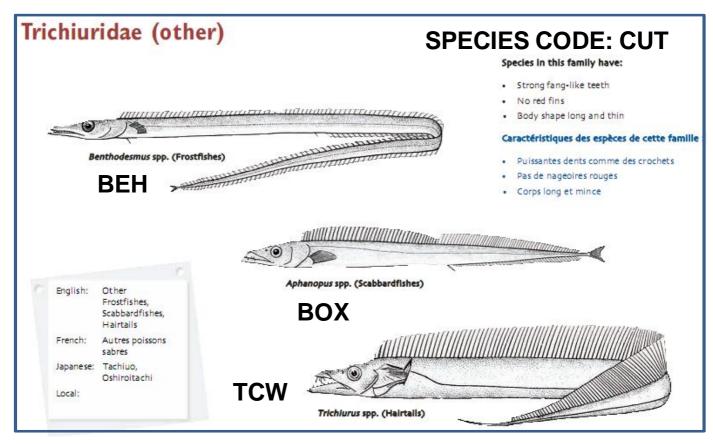


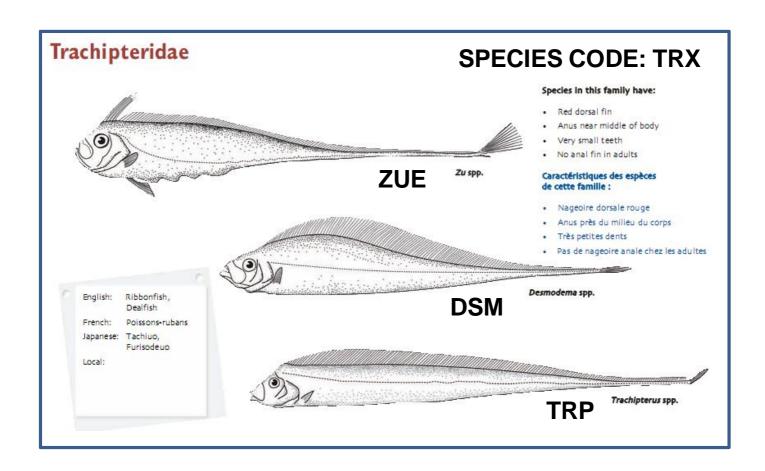


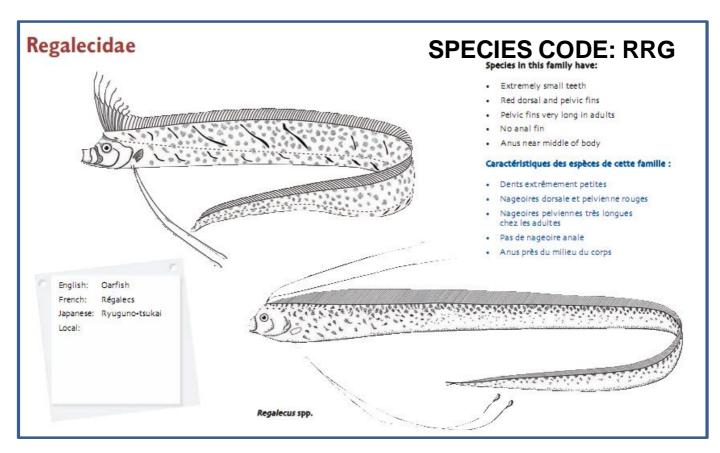


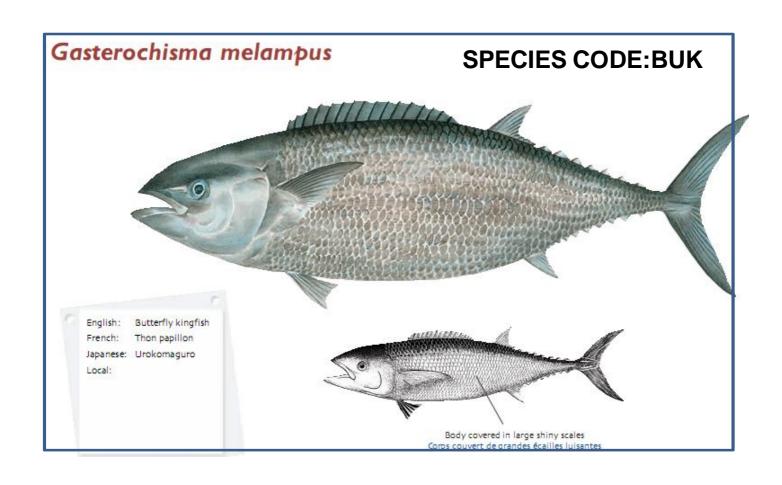


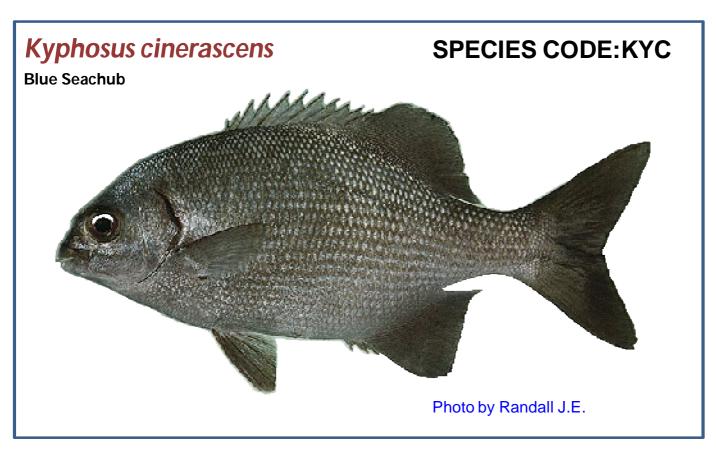


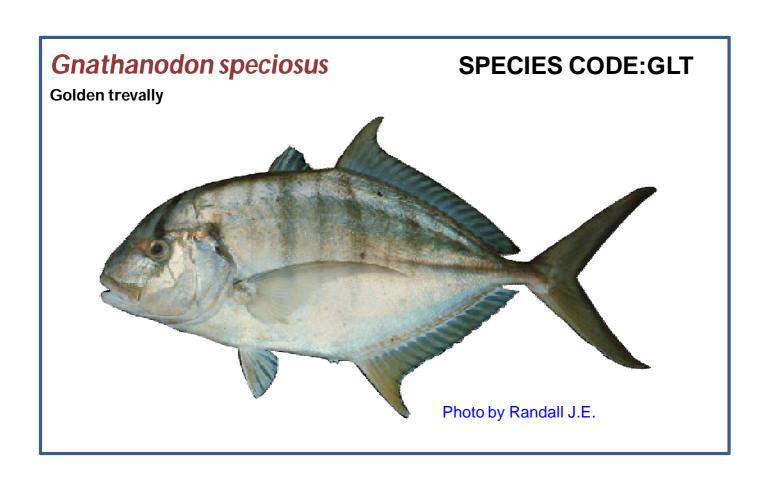


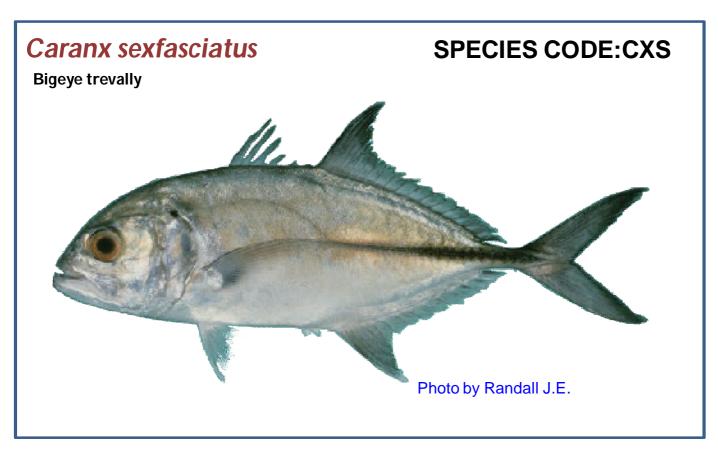


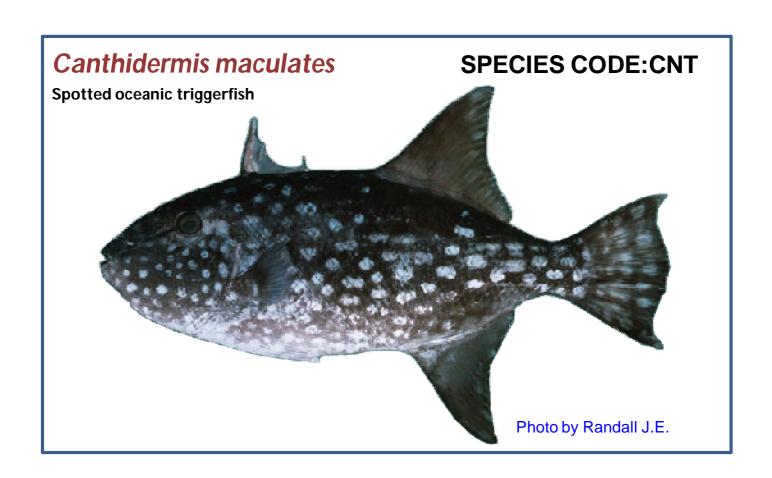


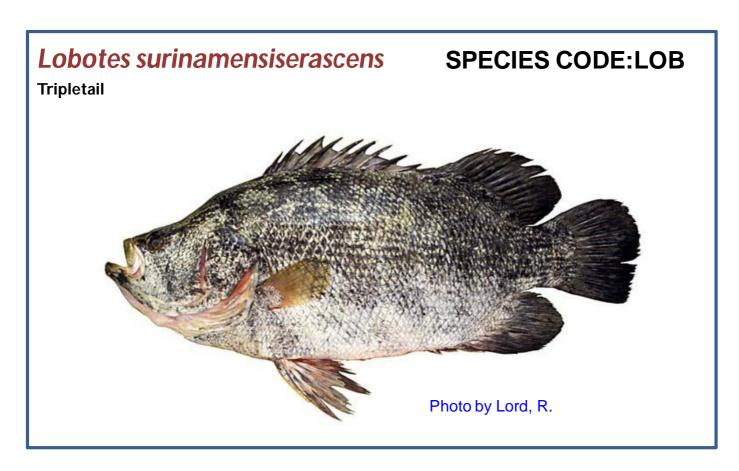


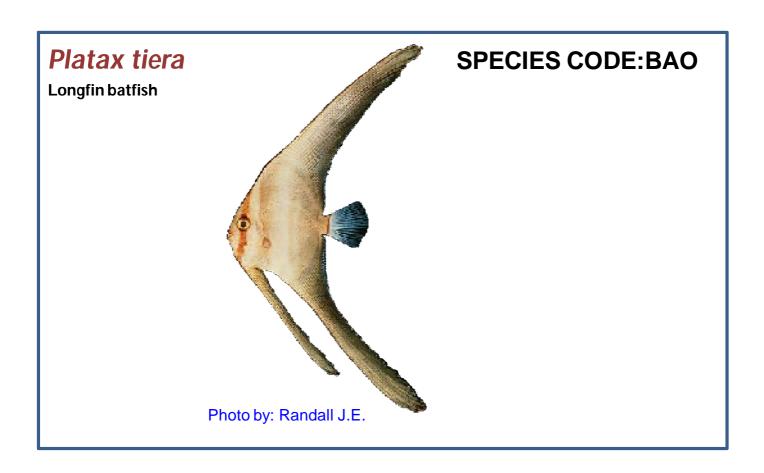


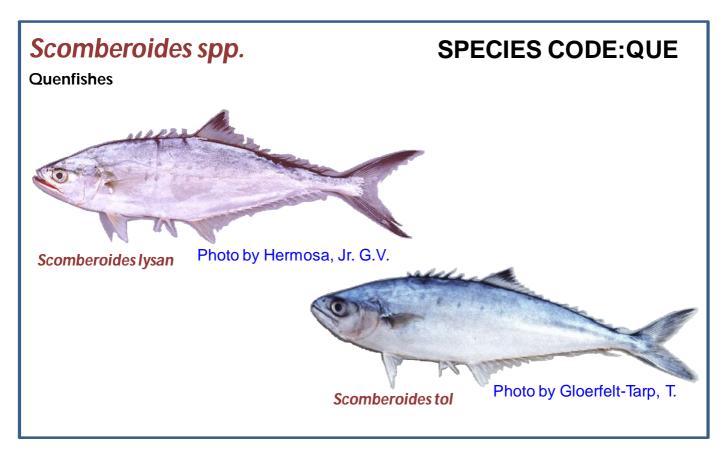




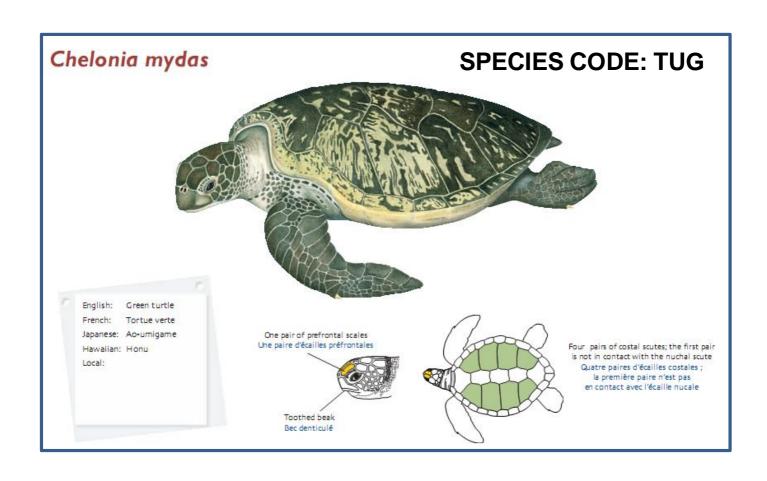


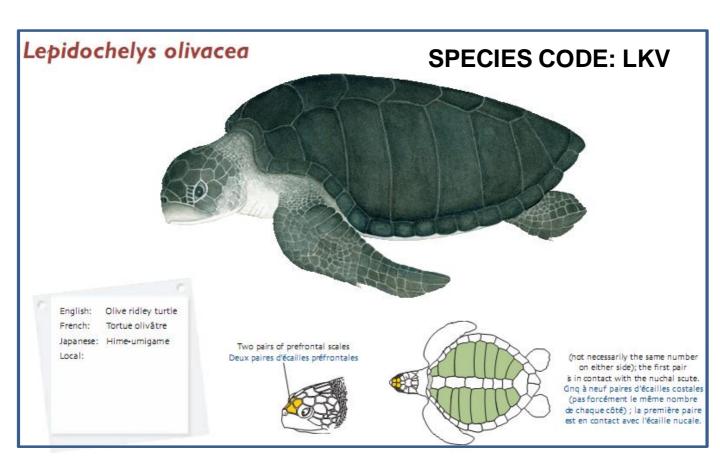


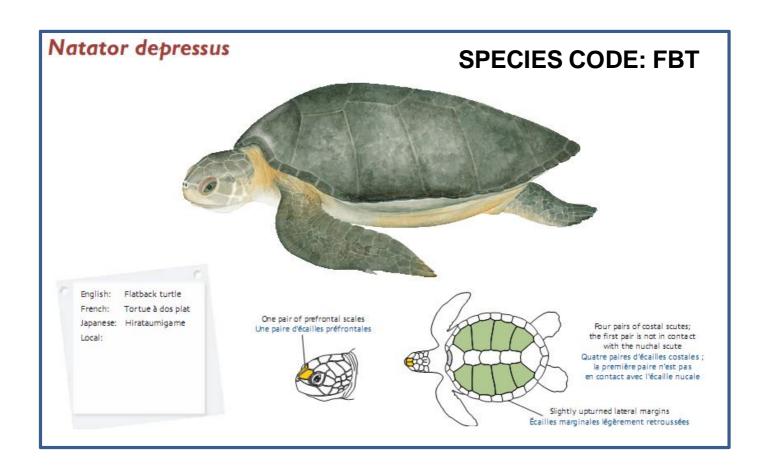


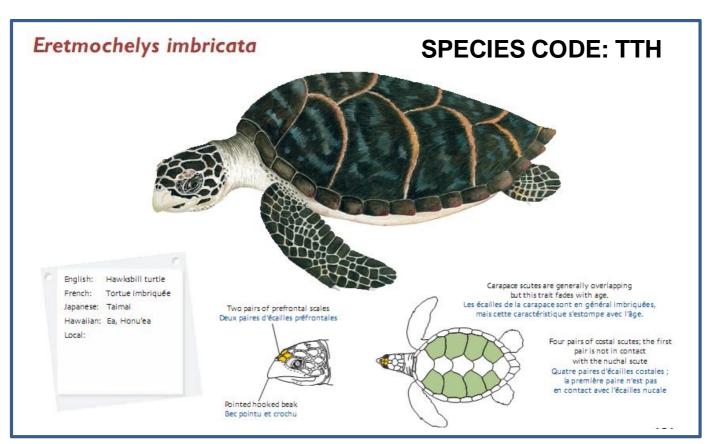


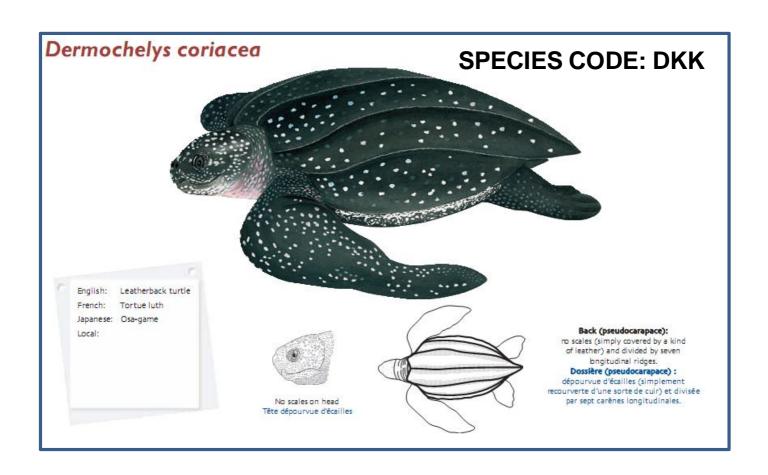
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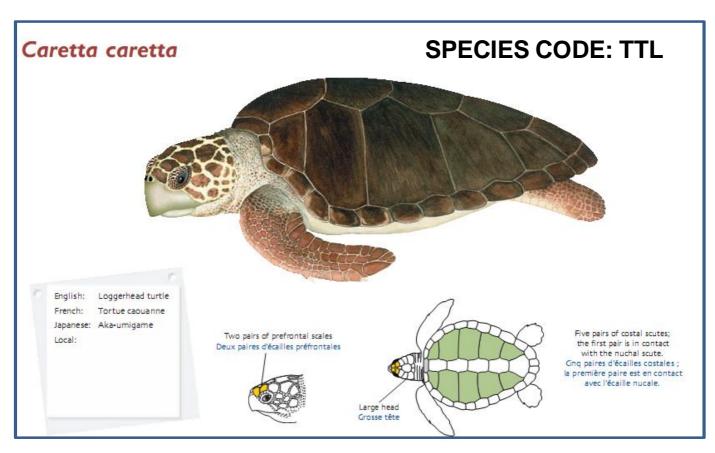




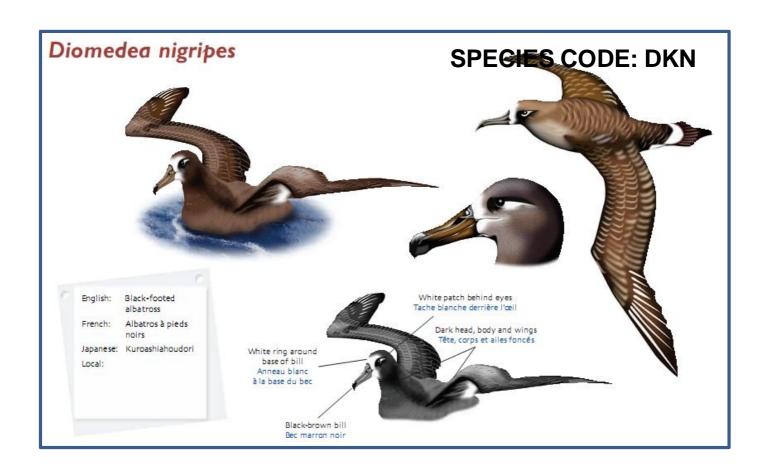


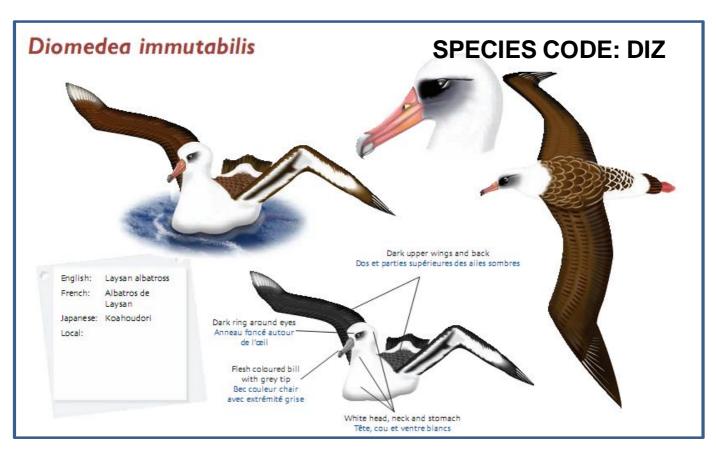






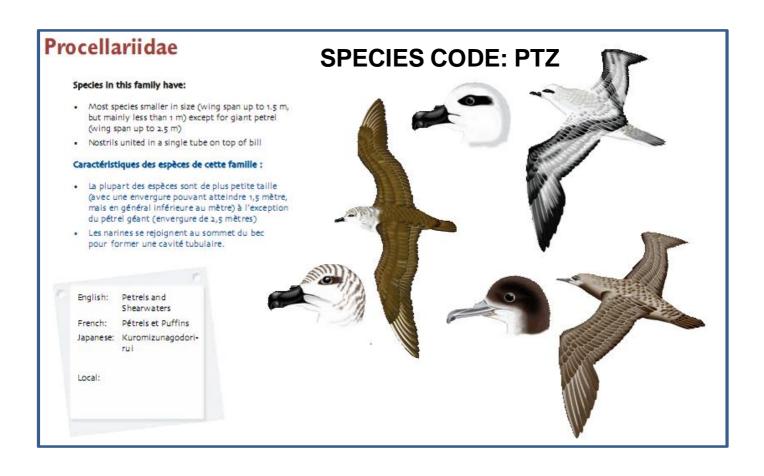
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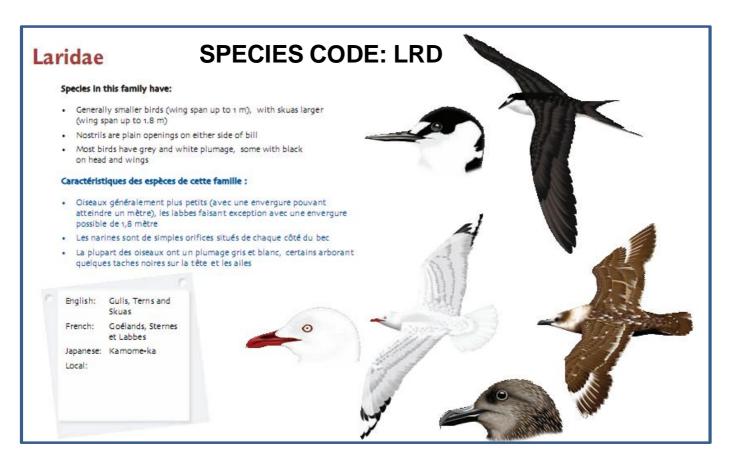




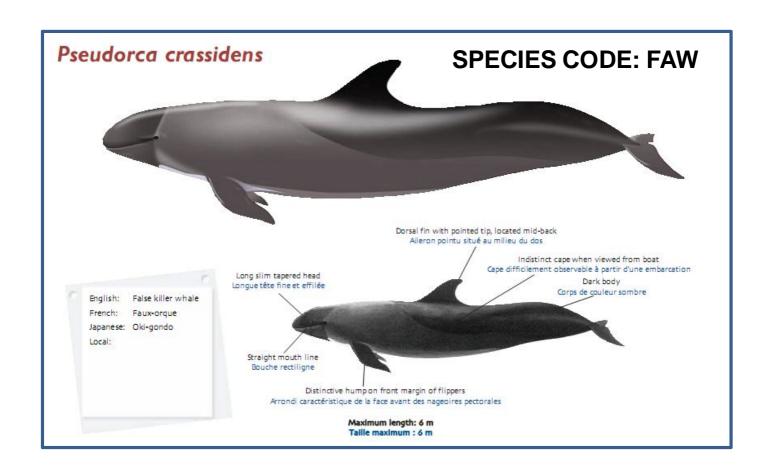


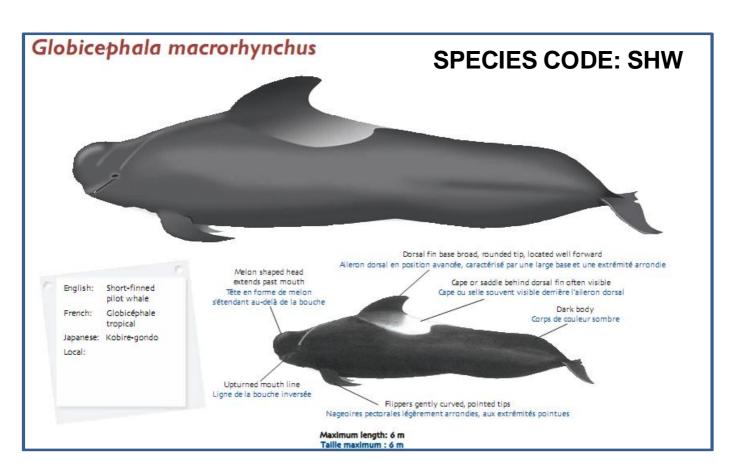


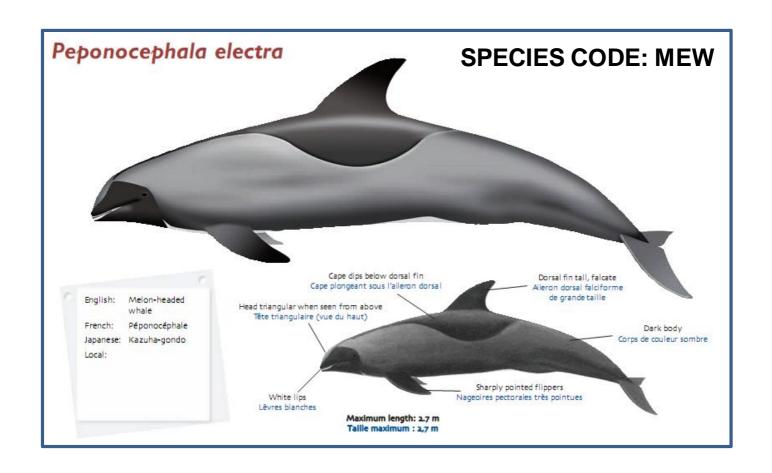


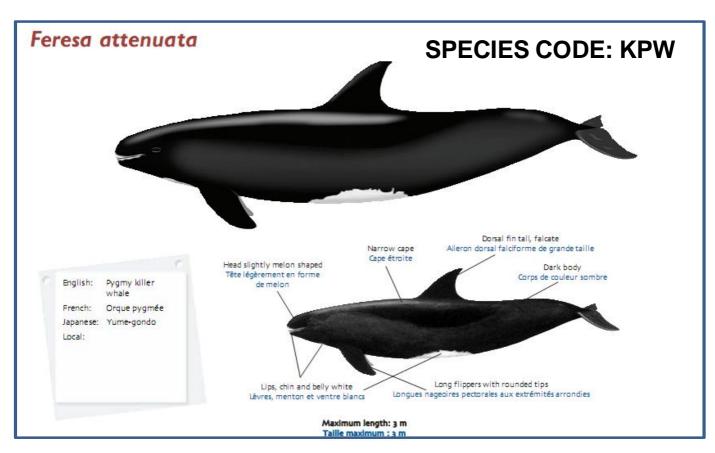


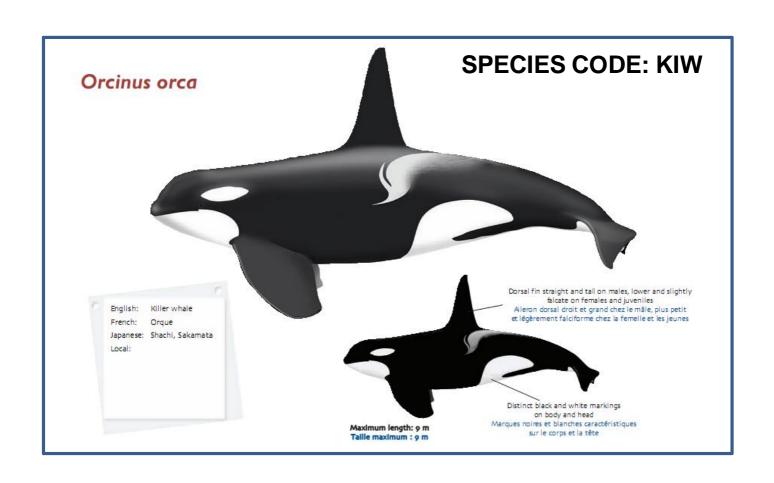
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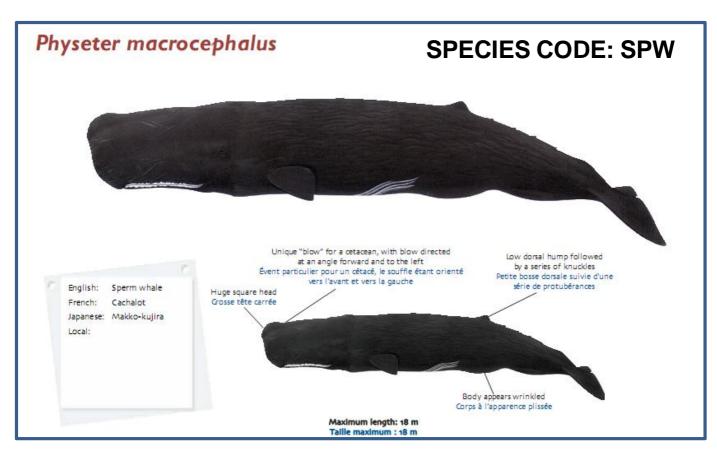


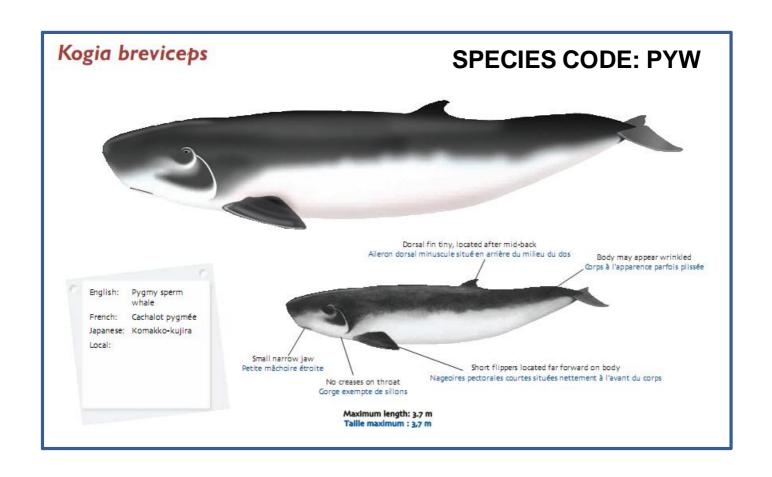


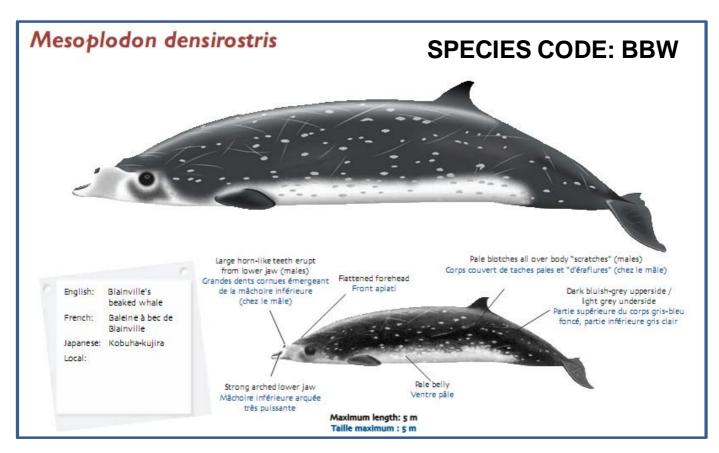


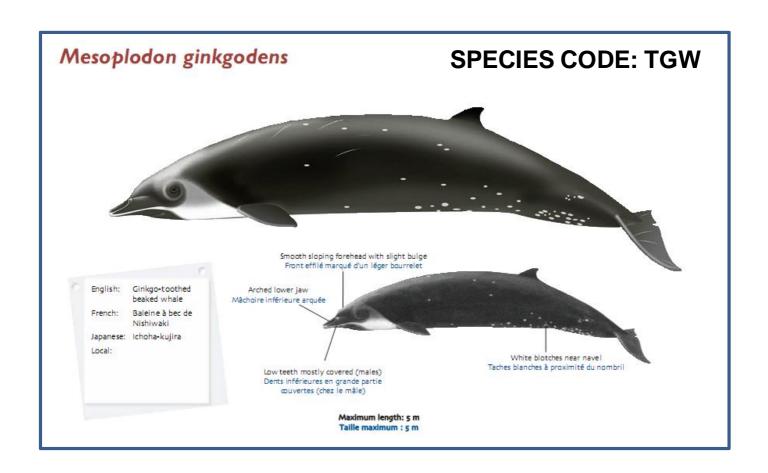


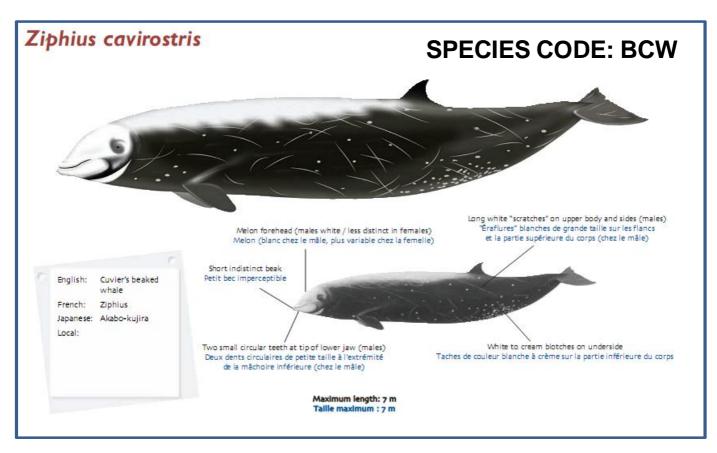


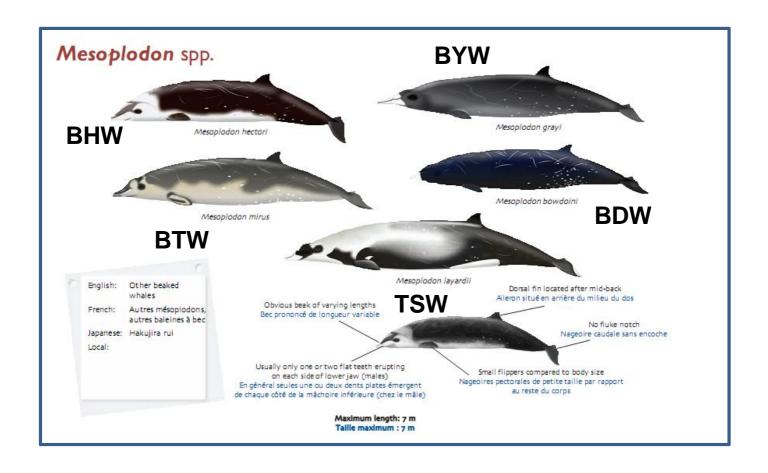




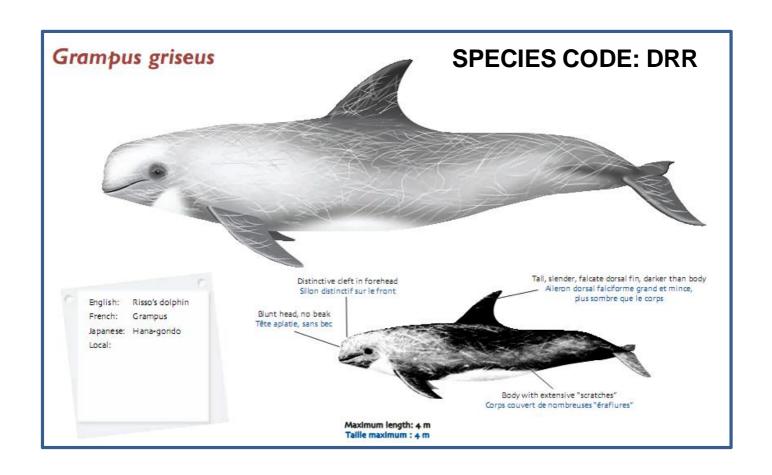


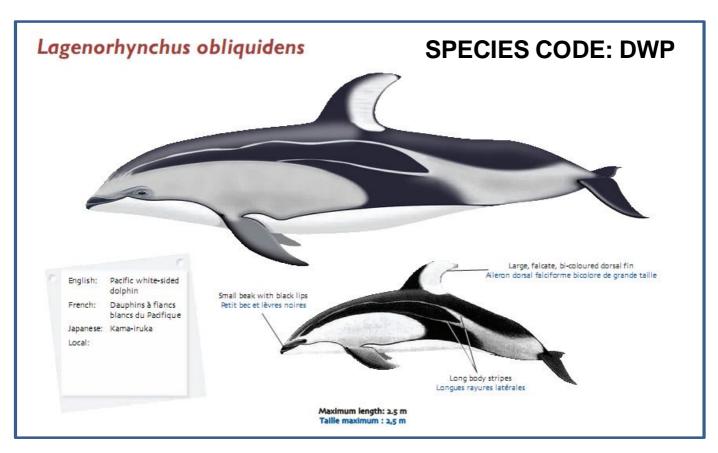


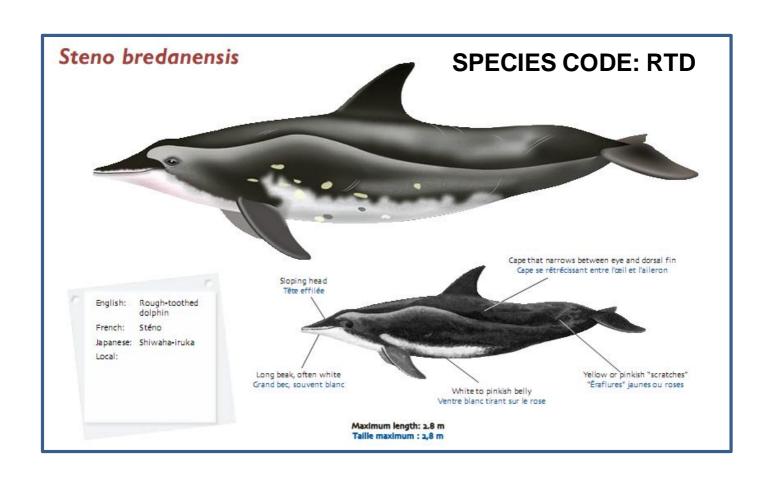


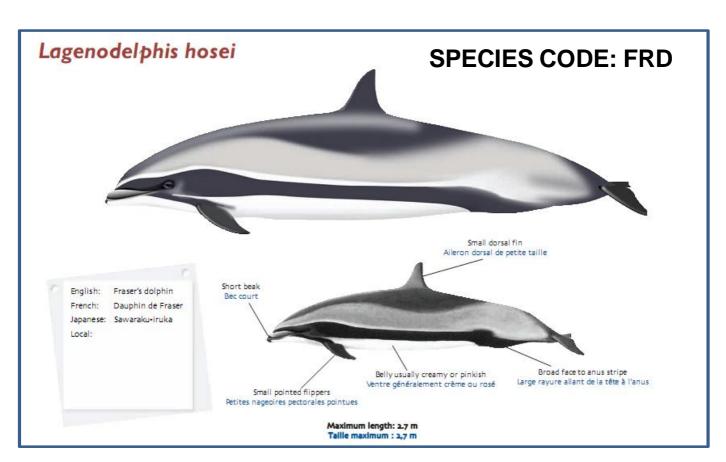


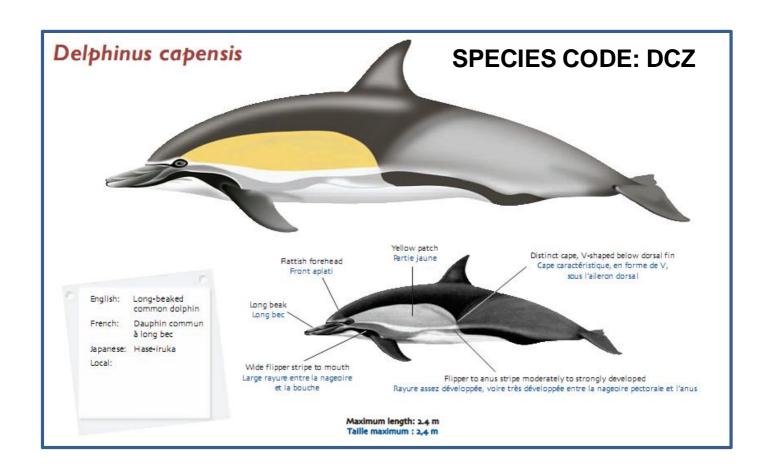
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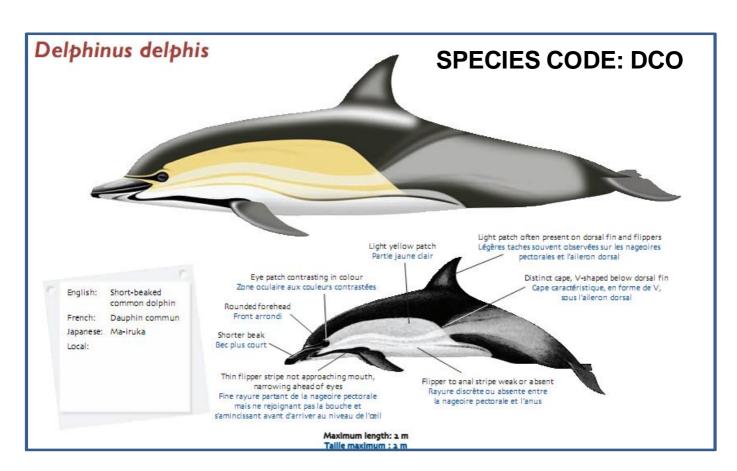


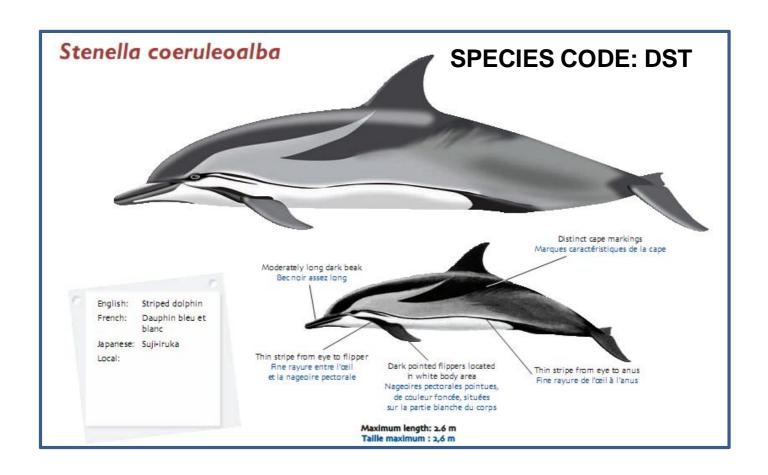


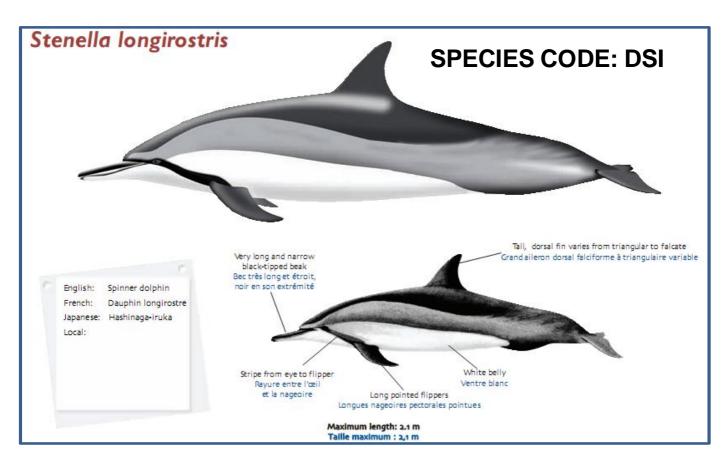


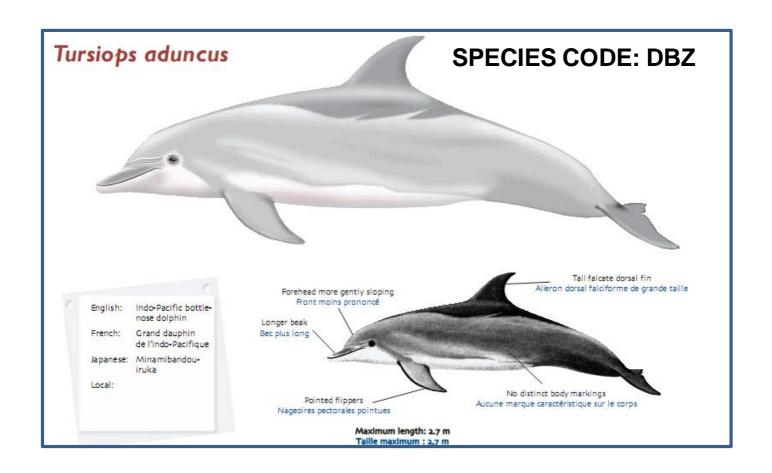


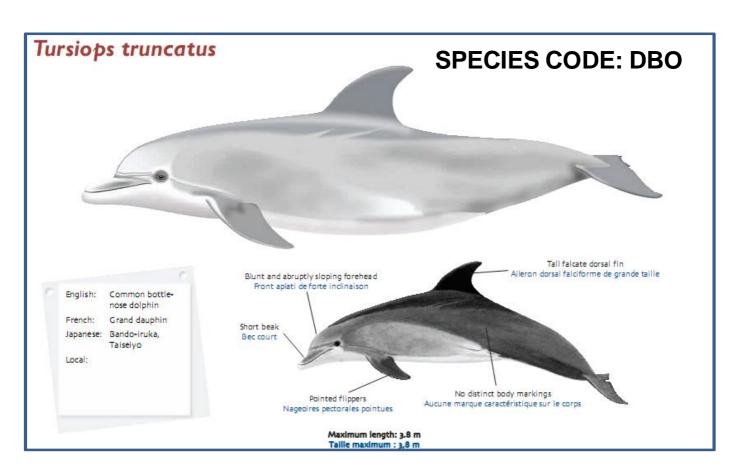


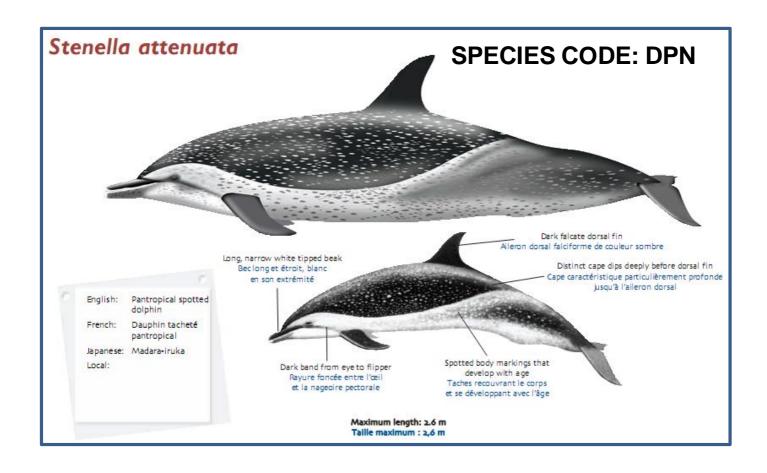












## DAMAGED FISH

#### Toothed whale damage Dégâts dus aux baleines à dents

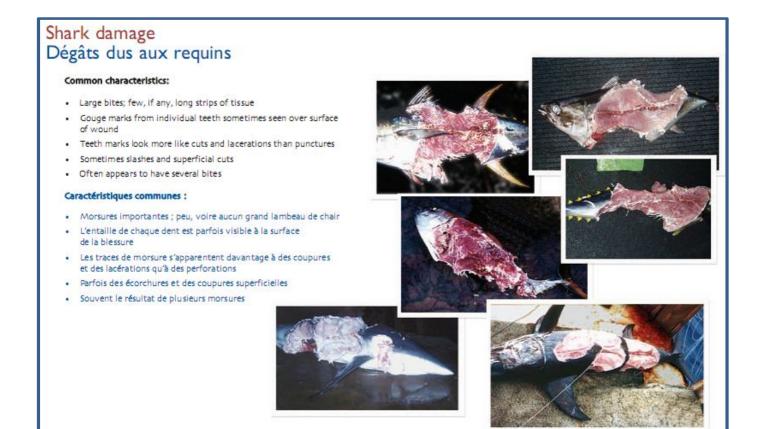
#### Common characteristics:

- Jagged bite edges often accompanied by long strips of skin and tendons
- · Often only the fish's head or mouthparts left on hook
- · "Crushed and torn" appearance
- · Tooth puncture marks widely spaced
- . Damage often found on multiple fish in same set
- · Usually appears to be a single bite

#### Caractéristiques communes :

- Contours irréguliers laissés par une morsure et souvent accompagnés de longs morceaux de peau et de tendons
- Souvent, seules la tête ou des parties de la bouche restent accrochées à l'hamecon
- · Apparence écrasée et déchiquetée
- Traces de morsure très espacées
- Dégâts généralement constatés sur plusieurs poissons d'une même calée
- · Généralement, le résultat d'une seule morsure





#### Cookie cutter shark damage Dégâts dus aux squalelets féroces

#### Common characteristics:

- · Circular or oval shaped wounds with clean edges
- · Hemispherical and highly concave
- Can be found anywhere, but more common on lower rear of body

#### Caractéristiques communes :

- · Blessures circulaires ou ovales aux bords nets
- · Hémisphérique et très concave
- Peut se situer sur n'importe quelle partie du corps, mais le plus souvent sur la partie inférieure











#### Seabird damage Dégâts dus aux oiseaux

#### Common characteristics:

- · Jagged wound edges and surfaces
- · Many short strips of skin and muscle left on wound edges
- Many scratch marks from beaks on skin around wound edge and on fish's body
- . Usually occur on softer parts of fish's body

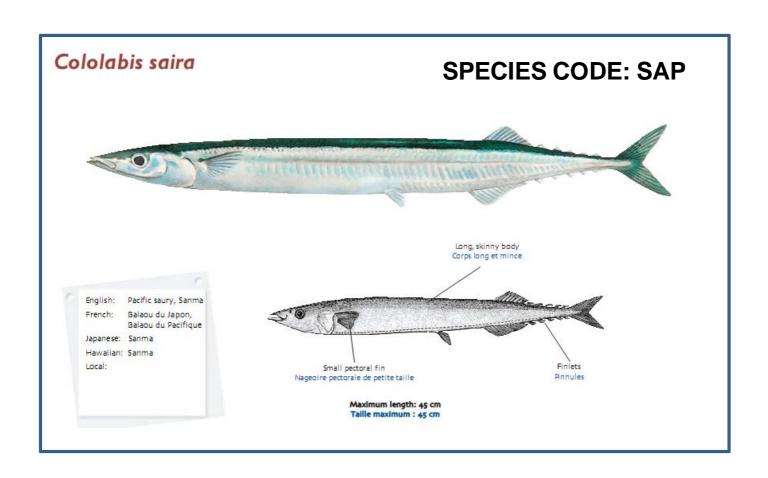
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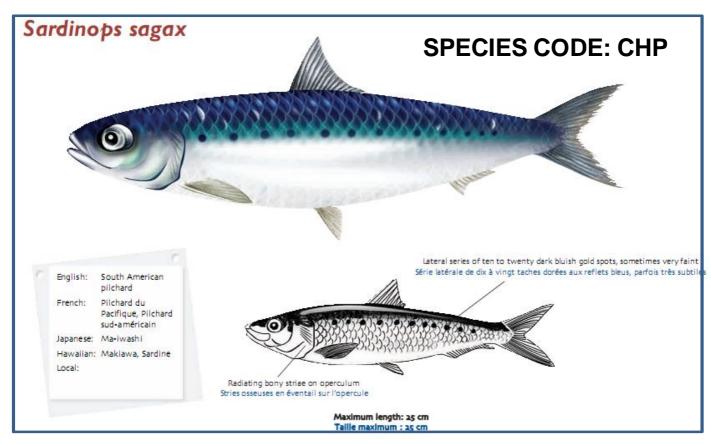
- Surface et bords irréguliers de la blessure
- De nombreux lambeaux de peau et de muscle subsistent sur les bords de la blessure
- De nombreuses marques de coups de bec sur la peau au bord de la blessure et sur le corps du poisson
- . Se situe en général sur les parties les plus souples du corps du poisson

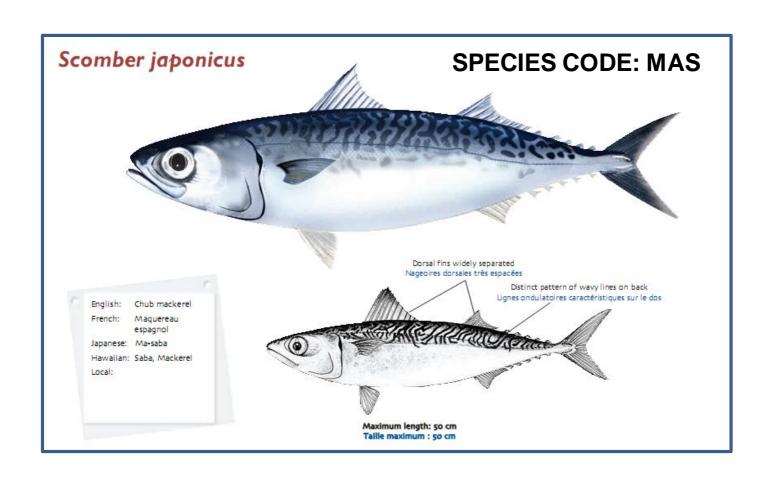


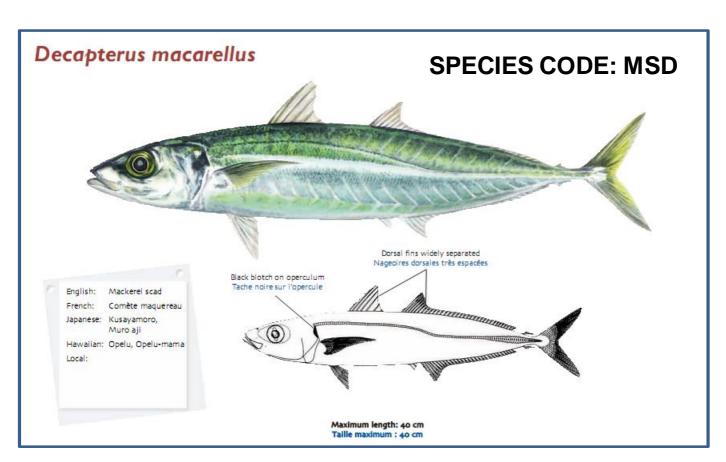


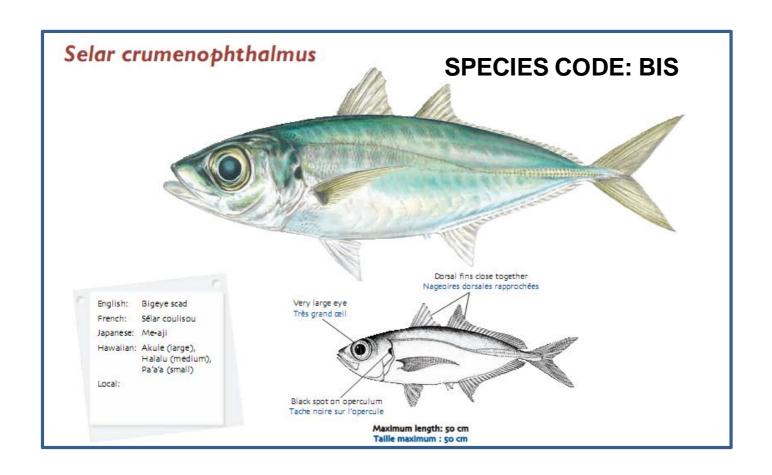
## **BAIT FISH**

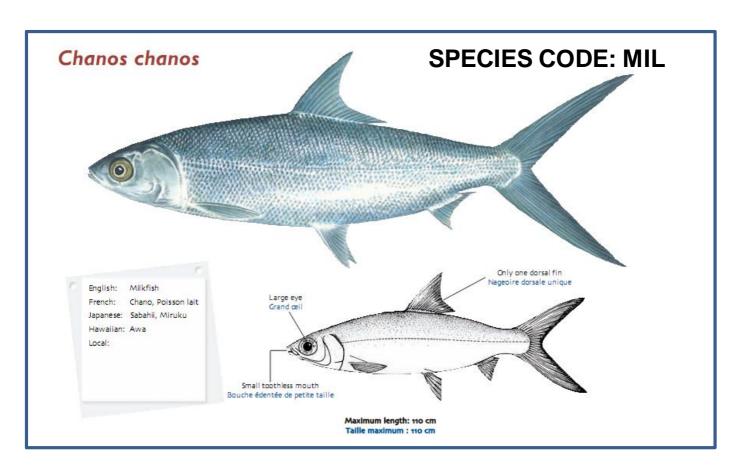


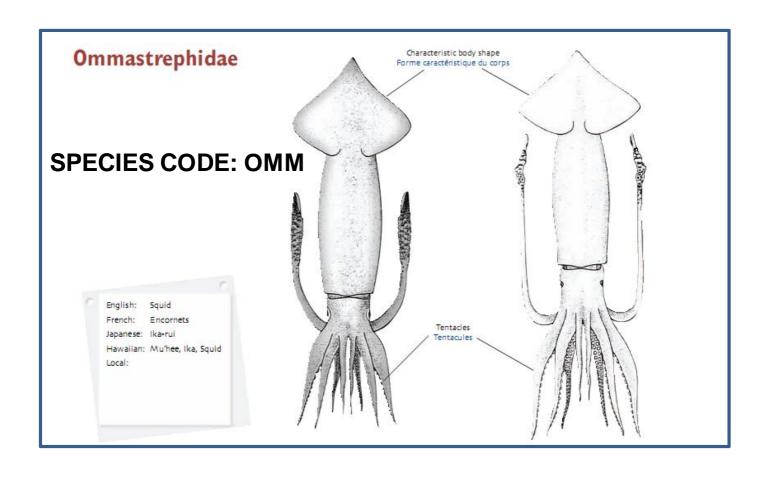




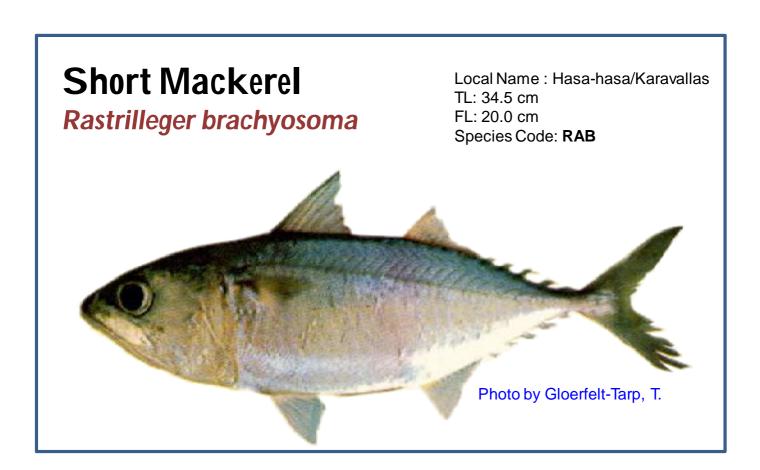


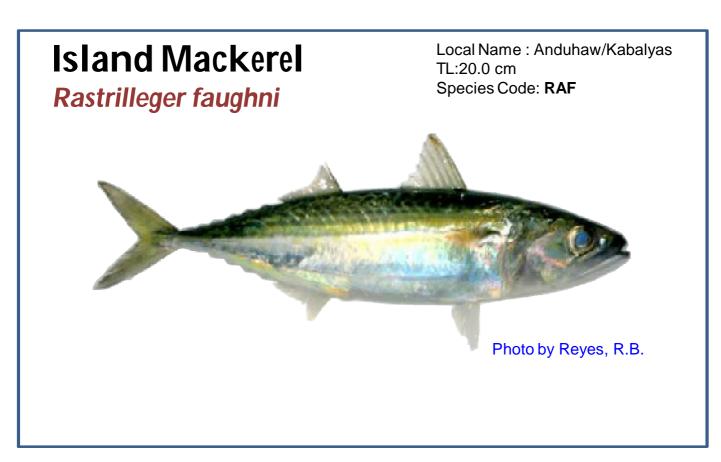


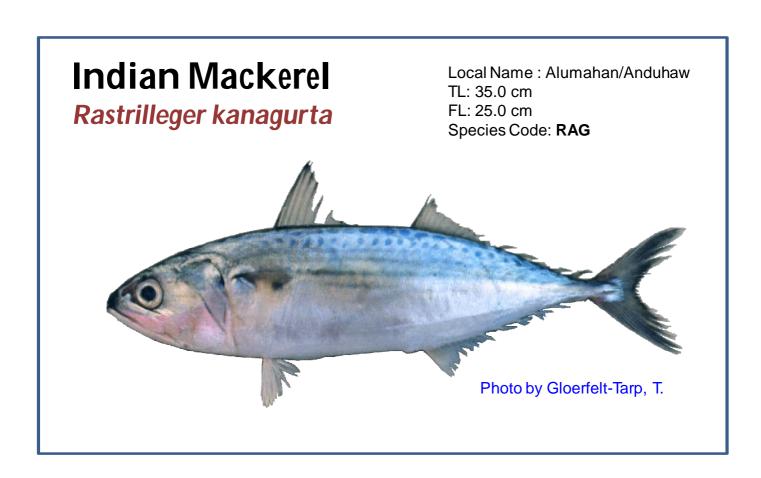




### **MACKERELS**







## SCADS

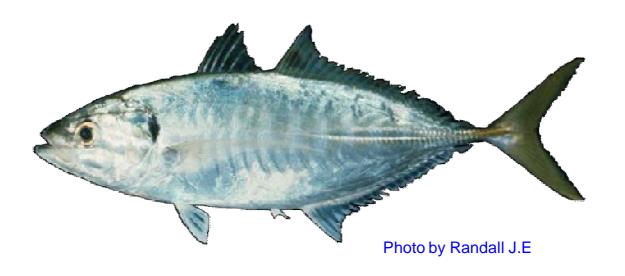
#### Shrimp Scad

Alepes djedaba

Local Name: Talakitok/Salay-salay ginto

TL: 40.0 cm FL: 25.0 cm

Species Code: LSJ



#### Yellowtail Scad

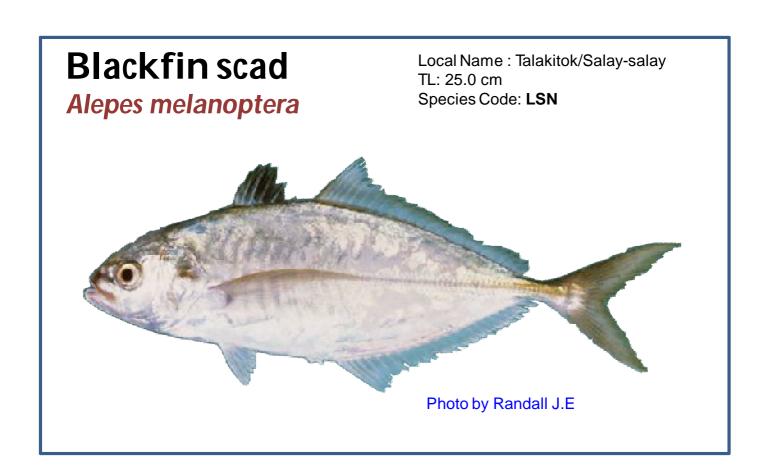
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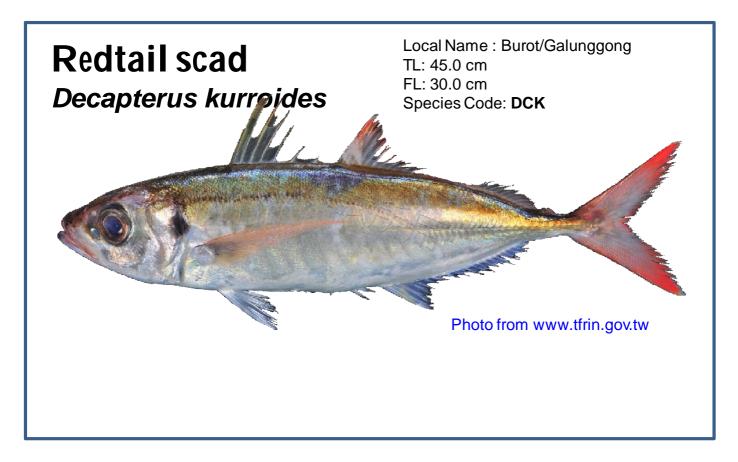
Local Name: Salay-salay

TL30.0 cm FL: 26.0 cm

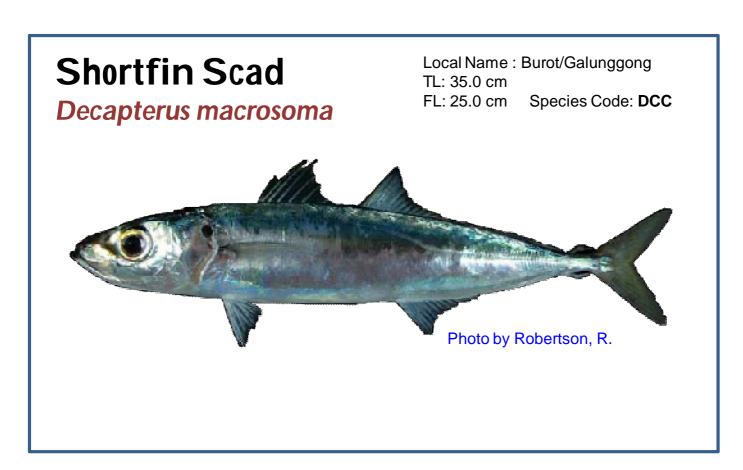
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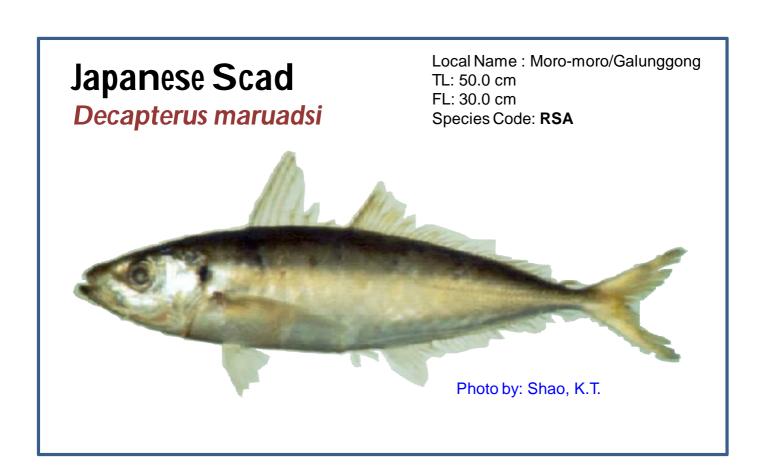


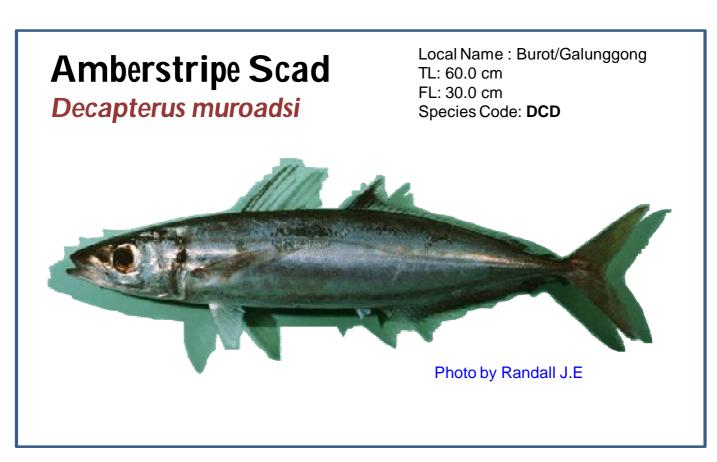


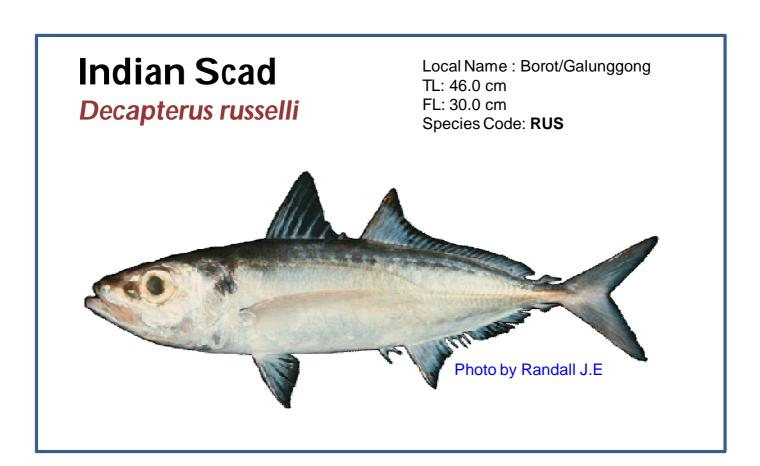


# Mackerel Scad Decapterus macarellus Local Name : Burot/Galunggong TL: 46.0 cm FL: 30.0 cm Species Code: MSD

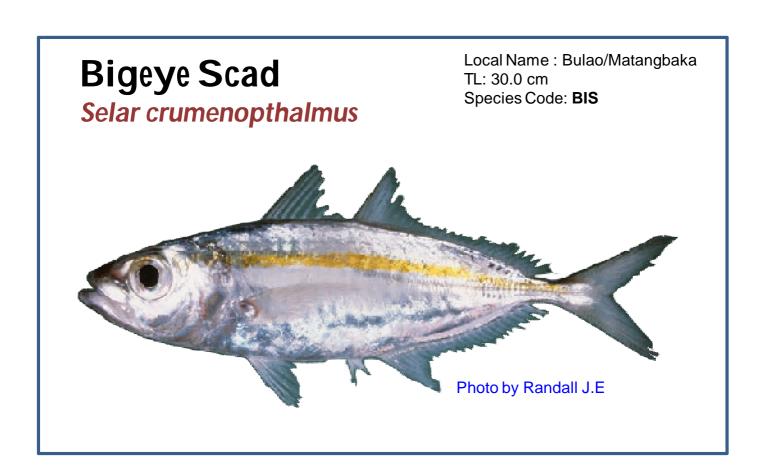














## SARDINES

#### Spotted sardinella

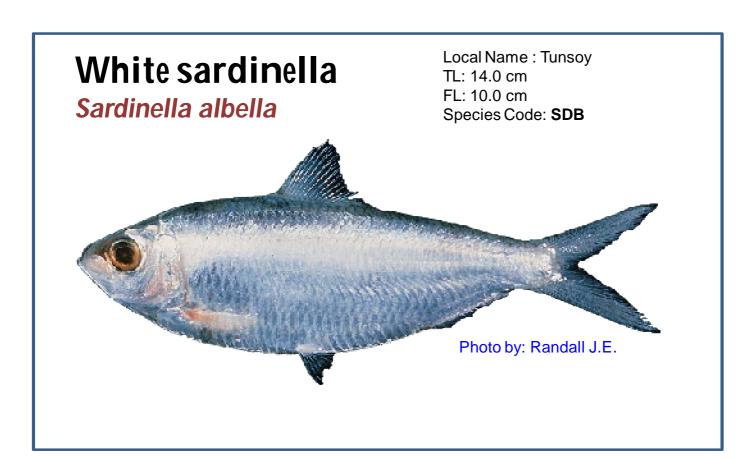
Amblygaster sirm

Local Name: Tamban/Tuloy

TL: 27.0 cm FL: 20.0 cm

Species Code: AGS





#### Fringescale sardinella

Sardinella fimbriata

Local Name: Tunsoy

TL: 13.0 cm FL: 11.0 cm

Species Code: FRS



Photo by Devarapalli, Padmayathi



Sardinella lemuru

Local Name : Tamban/Tunsoy

TL: 23.0 cm FL: 20.0 cm

Species Code: SAM



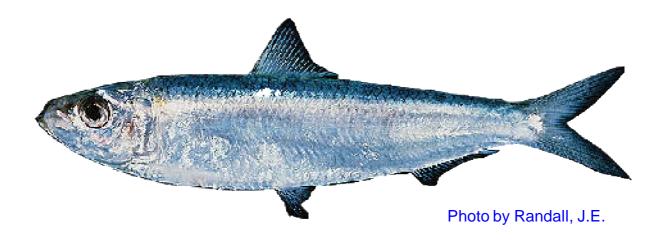
#### Goldstripe Sardinella

Sardinella gibbosa

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TL: 17.0 cm FL: 15.0 cm

Species Code: SAG



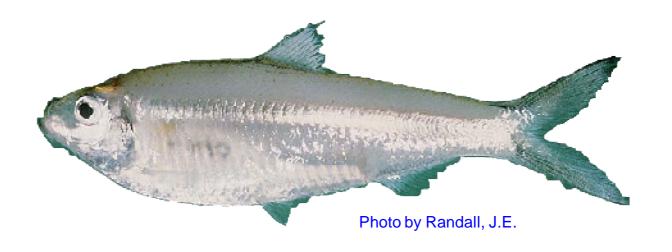
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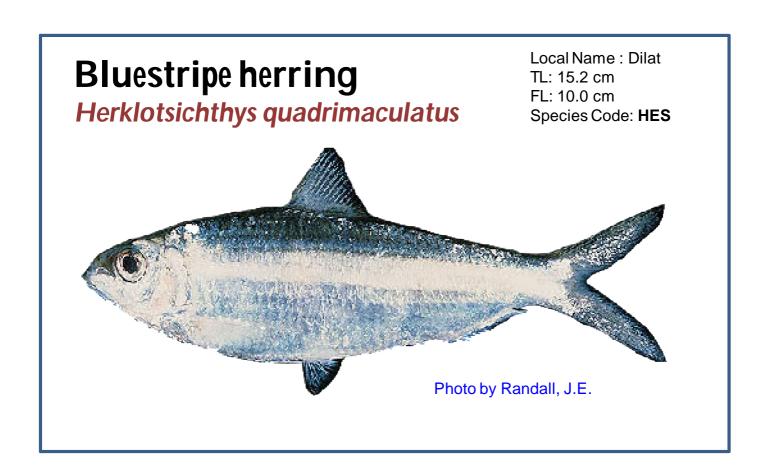
Escualosa thorocata

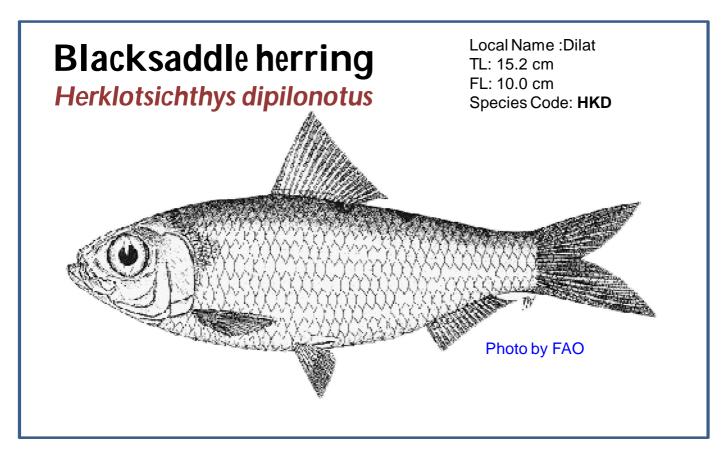
Local Name: Tamban

TL: 15.2 cm FL: 10.0 cm

Species Code: EST







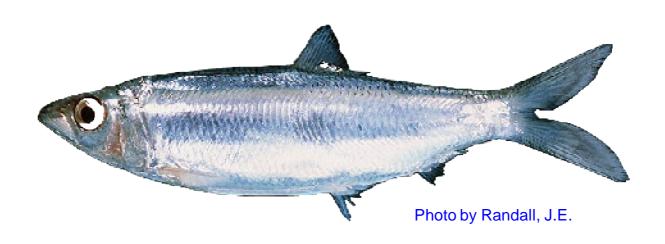
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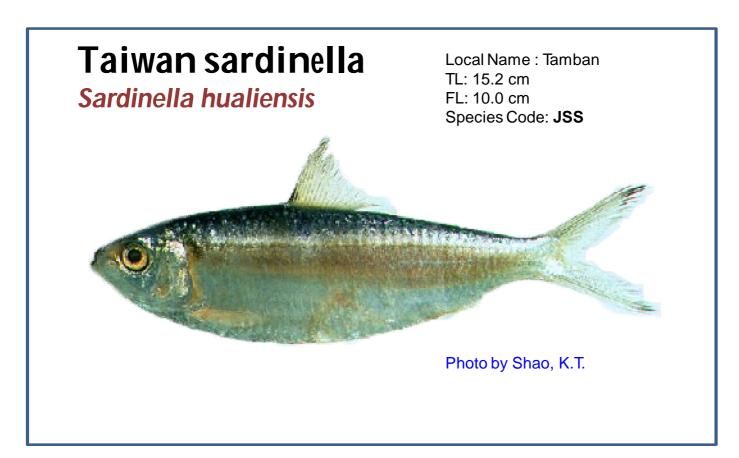
Dussumieria acuta

Local Name: Tamban/Tamban-Hilos

TL: 20.0 cm FL: 15.0 cm

Species Code: RAS





## 5 POINT MATURITY SCALE

STAGE	STATE	DESCRIPTION	
I	Immature	Ovary and testis about 1/3 length of body cavity. Ovaries pinkish, translucent; testis whitish. Ova not visible to naked eye.	
II	Maturing	Ovary and testis about ½ length of body cavity. Ovary pinkish, translucent; testis whitish, more or less symmetrical. Ova not visible to naked eye.	
III	Ripening	Ovary and testis is about 2/3 length of body cavity. Ovary pinkishyellow colour with granular appearance, testis whitish to creamy. No transparent or translucent ova visible.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

STAGE	STATE	DESCRIPTION	
IV	Ripe	Ovary and testis from 2/3 to full length of body cavity. Ovary orange-pink in colour with conspicuous superficial blood vessels. Large transparent, ripe ova visible. Testis whitish-creamy soft.	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
V	Spent	Ovary and testis shrunken to about ½ length of body cavity. Walls loose. Ovary may contain remnants of disintegrating opaque and ripe ova, darkened or translucent. Testis blood shot and flabby.	

## YELLOWFIN AND BIGEYE TUNA IDENTIFICATION

Excerpt from "A Handbook for the Identification of Yellowfin and Bigeye Tunas in *Fresh Condition* (v2)" by David G. Itano

### Identification of Yellowfin and Bigeye Tuna by Visual Criteria

Even though tuna are easiest to distinguish in fresh condition, misidentifications and lumping of both species commonly occurs in surface fisheries. The pictures in this handbook should serve as a "best case" scenario for identifying yellowfin from bigeye tuna at all sizes. These examples can then be used to help differentiate samples that are in a less optimal condition, such as those pictured below.

Juvenile yellowfin and bigeye tuna in fresh condition can be reliably identified using a combination of the following features:



Photo: R. Gillett

- Internal characteristics
  - liver appearance and morphology
  - swim bladder morphology
- External characteristics
  - body markings
  - body morphology
  - head and eye morphology
  - pectoral fin characteristics
  - caudal fin characteristics
  - finlet coloration

#### Liver morphology and appearance

 Large, conspicuous organ along anterior, ventral portion of gut cavity

#### > Bigeye

- Three rounded lobes of about equal size
- Ventral surface striated



#### > Yellowfin

- Right lobe longer and thinner than rounded medial and left lobes
- Lobes smooth, clear. No striations.

#### Swim bladder

#### Bigeye

- occupies almost entire body cavity
- large, conspicuous, often inflated



#### > Yellowfin

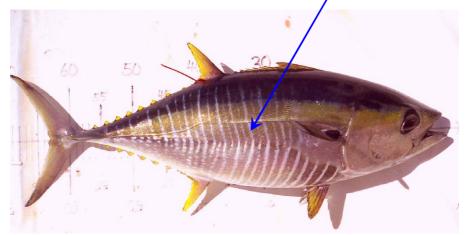
- only in anterior half of body cavity
- inconspicuous, usually deflated or slightly inflated



#### Body markings

#### > Yellowfin

- Conspicuous chevron pattern of closely spaced silvery lines
- Solid lines alternate with rows of dots
- Line pattern extends from tail, forward to beneath pectoral fin and to above mid-lateral line





- Irregular vertical, widely spaced white lines or marks
- Some rows of dots but few and irregular
- Line pattern irregular, broken, confined mostly to below mid-lateral line

#### Coloration

#### > Yellowfin

- Fresh yellowfin show a bright yellow mid-lateral band
- Dark black back may be separated from the gold by a thin blue band
- Fins yellow to yellowish, anal fin sometimes tinged with silver
- Flanks and belly silvery white





- Golden to brassy mid-lateral band, less distinct
- Dark black back edged with bright metallic blue line
- Fins dusky yellowish with anal fin tinged with silver
- Caudal fin often dusky black
- Flanks and belly pearly white

#### Body morphology

#### > Yellowfin

- body elongate, long tail
- body outline flat between second dorsal and caudal fin and between anal and caudal fin

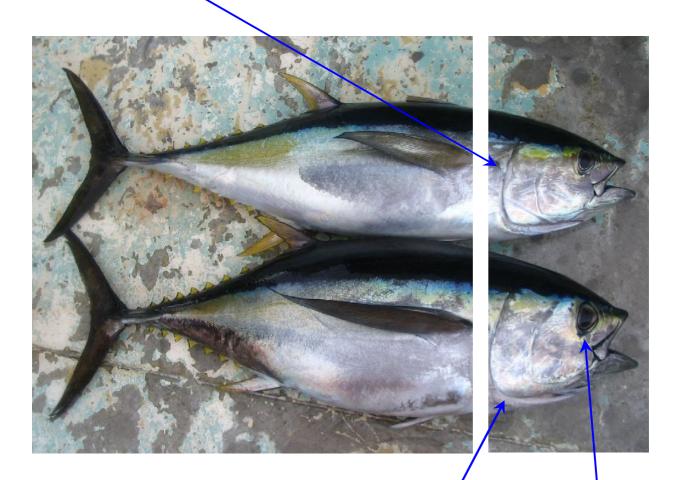


- body deep, rounded
- body outline rounded, forming a smooth dorsal and ventral arc between snout and caudal peduncle

#### Head and eye morphology

#### > Yellowfin

- shorter head length and depth vs Fork Length than bigeye
- smaller eye diameter compared to bigeye of same Fork Length



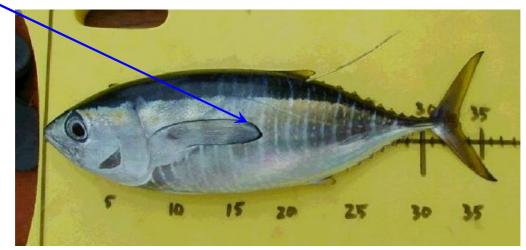
- greater head length and depth vs Fork Length than yellowfin
- greater eye diameter compared to yellowfin of same Fork Length

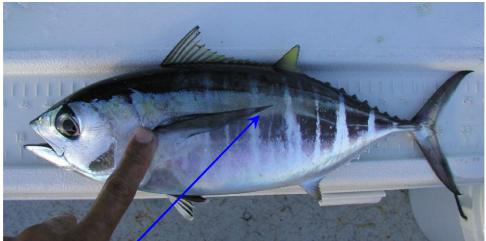
#### Pectoral fin length and characteristics

(for small fish less than ~ 40 cm Fork Length)

#### Yellowfin

- pectoral fin short, just reaching insertion of second dorsal fin
- pectoral fin thicker, stiffer and rounded at tip





#### Bigeye

- pectoral fin slightly longer reaching second dorsal fin
- pectoral fin thin, flexible and pointed at the tip

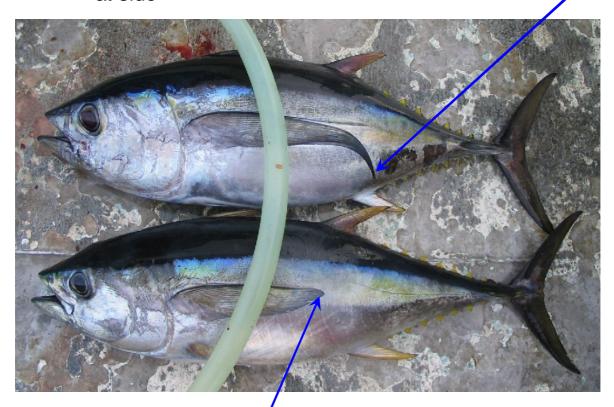
However, pectoral fin lengths are not that different for such small fish. Other features are more distinct such as body markings and morphology

#### Pectoral fin length and characteristics

(for medium sized fish ~ 45 - 110 cm Fork Length)

#### Bigeye

- pectoral fin long, extending beyond the second dorsal fin base
- pectoral tapers to thin point, flexible, often curves ventrally at side



#### > Yellowfin

- pectoral fin short, extending to base of second dorsal fin
- pectoral fin thicker, stiff, blade-like

For large bigeye and yellowfin above 150 cm, the pectoral fins become similar in size and shape.

#### Pectoral fin characteristics

#### > Yellowfin

• pectoral fin shorter, thicker, "blade-like" compared to bigeye



Yellowfin 104 cm

Bigeye 99 cm

#### Bigeye

Pectoral fin longer, thinner, pointed at tip



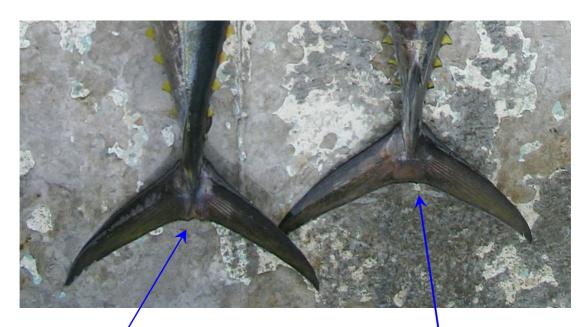
Bigeye 96 cm



Yellowfin 104 cm

Bigeye pectoral fin forms smooth arc with "floppy" tips. Yellowfin pectoral fins are straight and stiff.

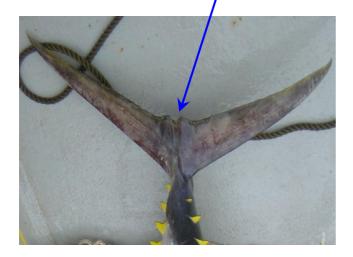
#### Caudal fin

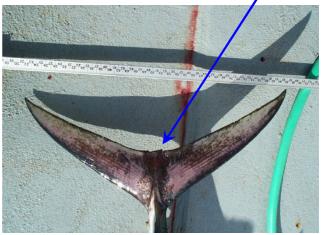


#### Yellowfin

- Central portion of trailing edge forms distinct notch
- Two distinctly raised ridges present that form the "V" notch

- Central portion of trailing edge forms a flat or slightly crescent shaped area
- Central area of caudal fin flat with two inconspicuous low mounds present.





#### Caudal fin – center of trailing edge

#### Yellowfin

Forms "V or M" shaped notch

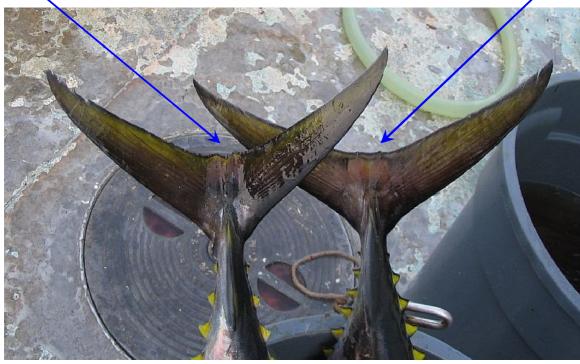
#### **Bigeye**

Forms flat or slightly rounded cup









#### Finlet coloration

#### > Yellowfin

 bright yellow with no or slight black edging



#### Bigeye

yellowish color 

 edged with black