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## AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM FOR TUNA FISHERIES IN THE EPO: STRUCTURE, IATTC WORKPLAN, AND PILOT EM STUDIES

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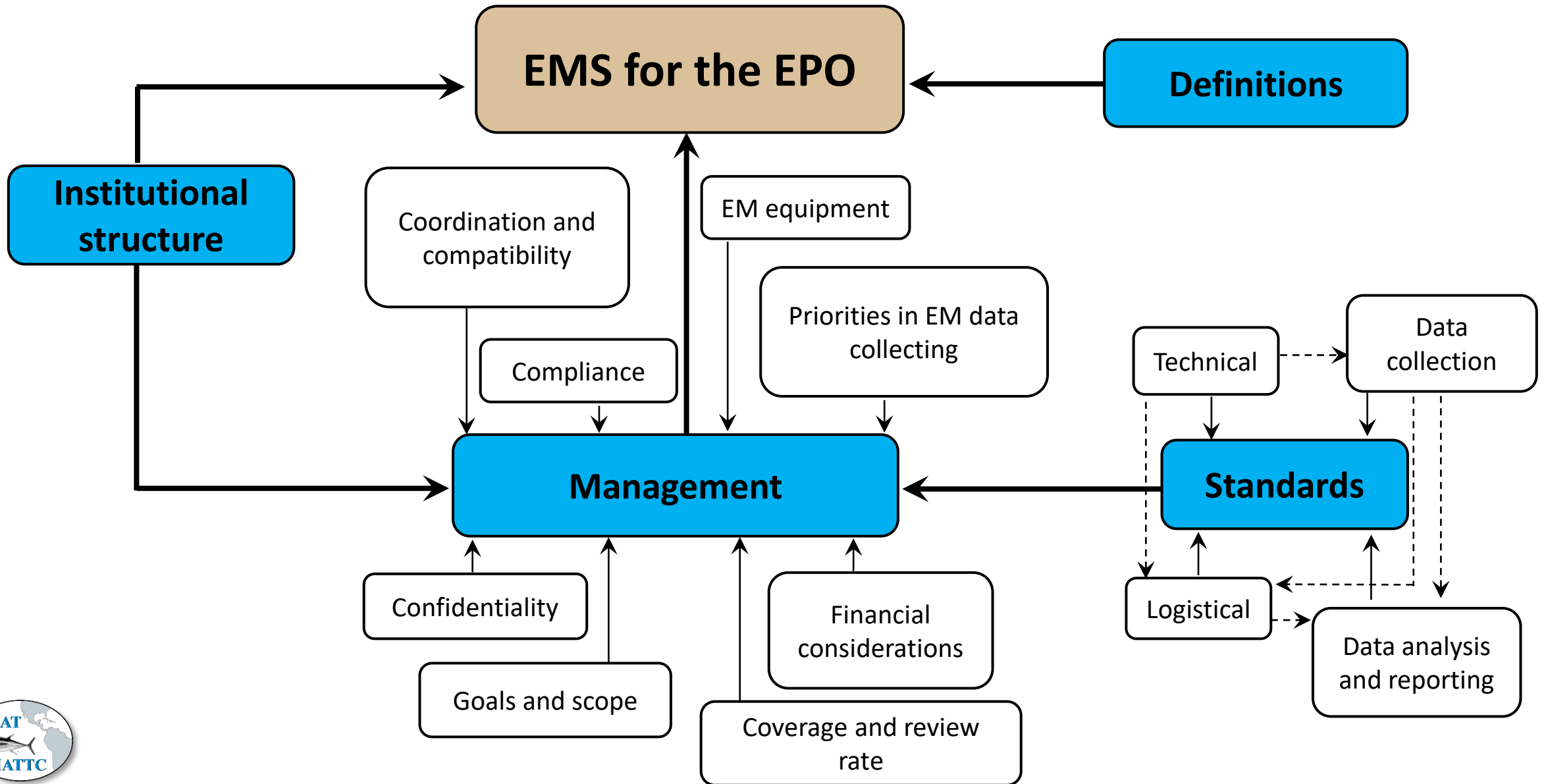
- **Steps taken for the implementation of an EMS for the tuna fisheries in the EPO.**
  - Proposed structure of the EMS.
  - Proposed workplan activities.
- **EM standards on data collection.**
  - Tuna purse-seine vessels in the EPO.
  - Tuna longline vessels in the EPO.

# EMS for the tuna fisheries in the EPO. Background

- SAC-10 → **C-19-08**, the IATTC staff was requested to draft minimum standards and data collection and reporting requirements for EMS for the EPO tuna fishery.
- Document **SAC-11-10** was presented in SAC-11.
- 1<sup>st</sup> EM workshop on Implementation of an Electronic Monitoring System (EMS). (Apr 2021):
  - An overall structure of the proposed EMS framework was presented (SAC-11-10 and **EMS-01-01**).
  - Immediate actions recommended for adoption by the Commission:
    - Adopt the definitions of EMS-01-01. Adopted during 98<sup>th</sup> IATTC Meeting (Res. **C-21-03**).
    - Adopt the proposed workplan of document **EMS-01-02**. Adopted during 98<sup>th</sup> IATTC Meeting.
    - Establish Terms of Reference for the EM workshops. Adopted during 98<sup>th</sup> IATTC Meeting (Res. **C-21-02**).

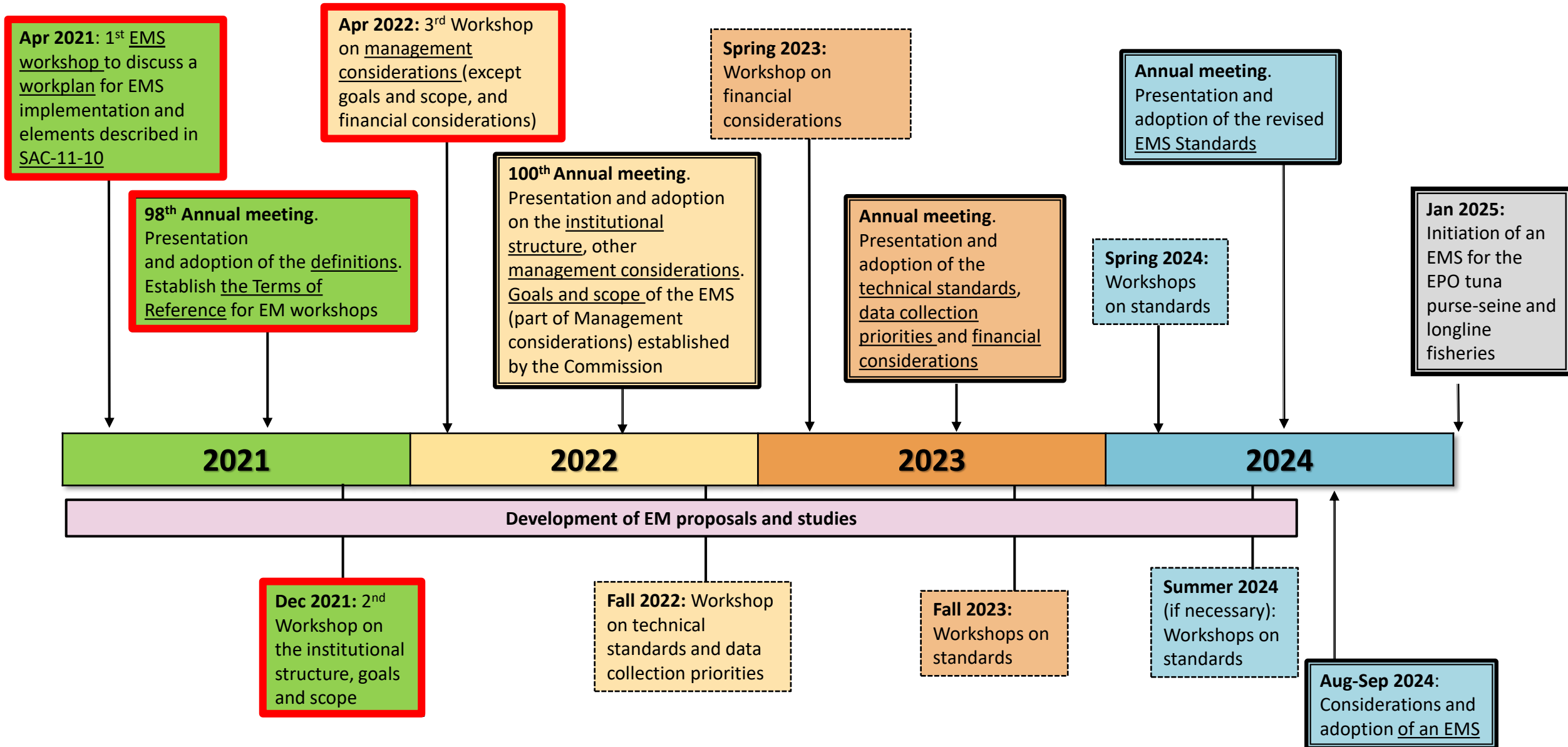


# Proposed structure of the EMS for the tuna fisheries in the EPO





# Workplan of the EMS for the tuna fisheries in the EPO



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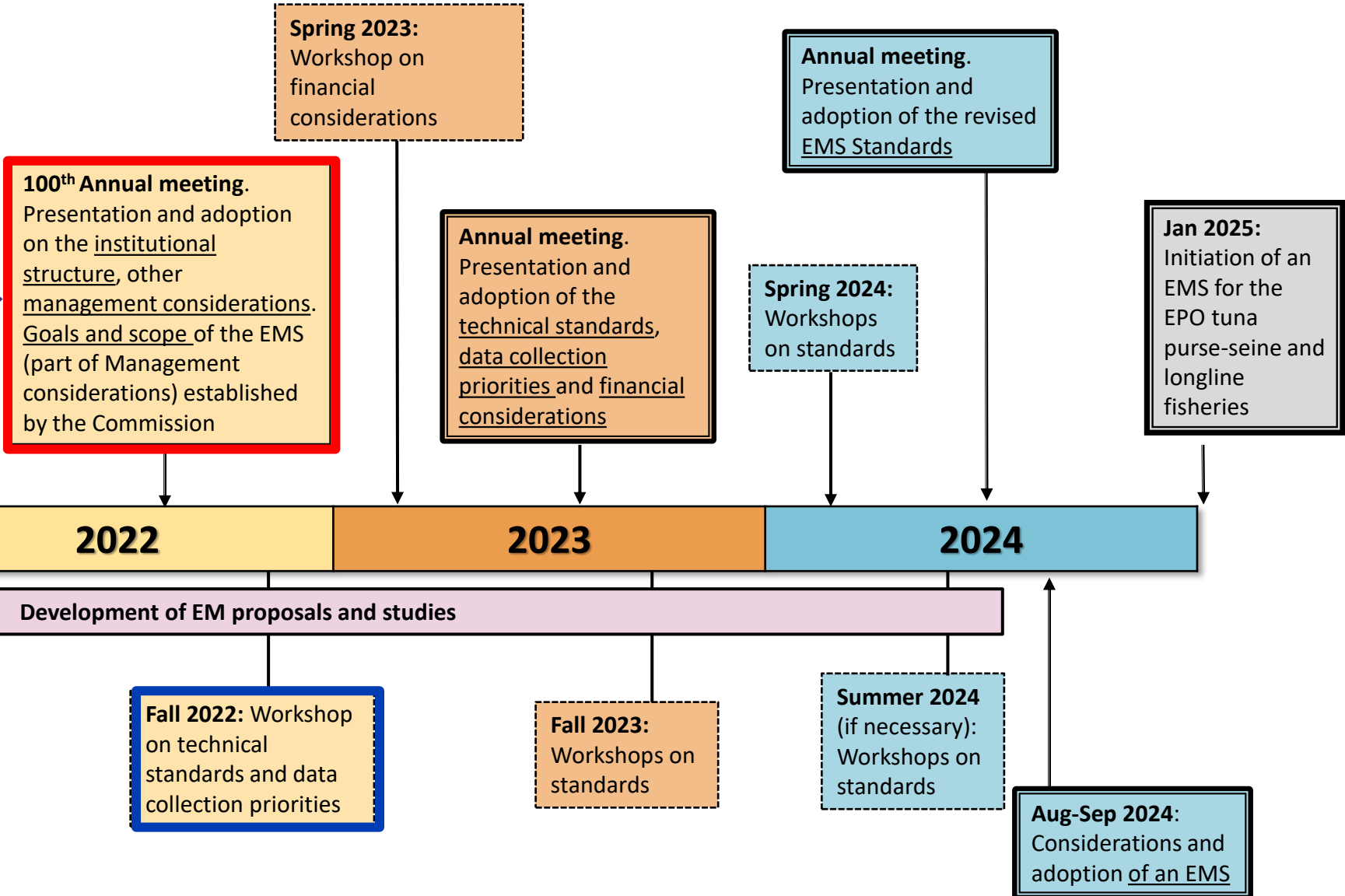
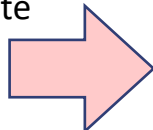


- **SAC-13-INF-D (21 recommendations)**

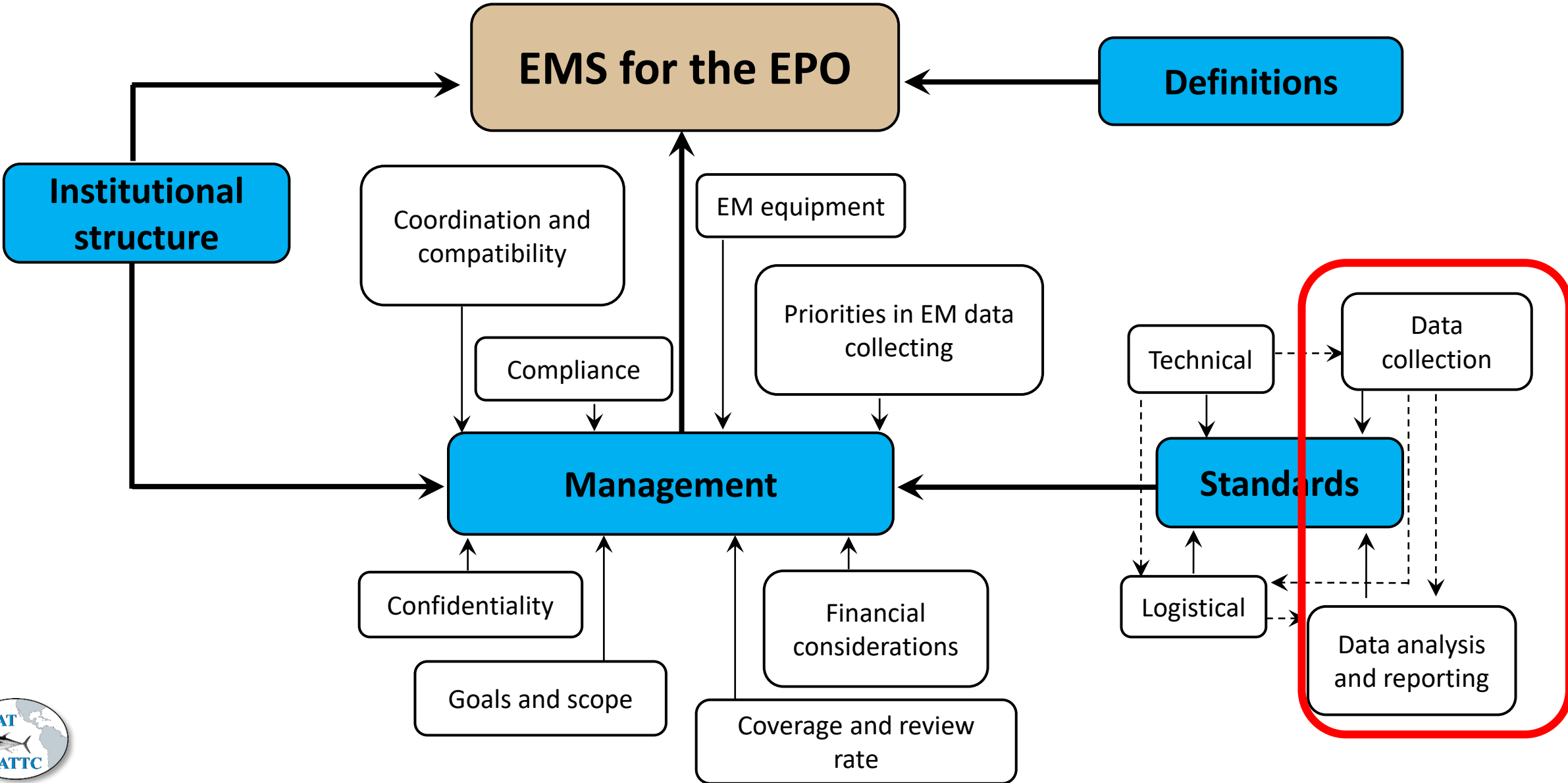
- Institutional structure
- Goals and scope
- Coordination and compatibility
- Confidentiality
- Compliance
- EM equipment
- EM coverage and data review rate

- **EMS Ad Hoc working group**

- Complement process of workshops
- A forum for Members to discuss issues and reach conclusions and eventual recommendations



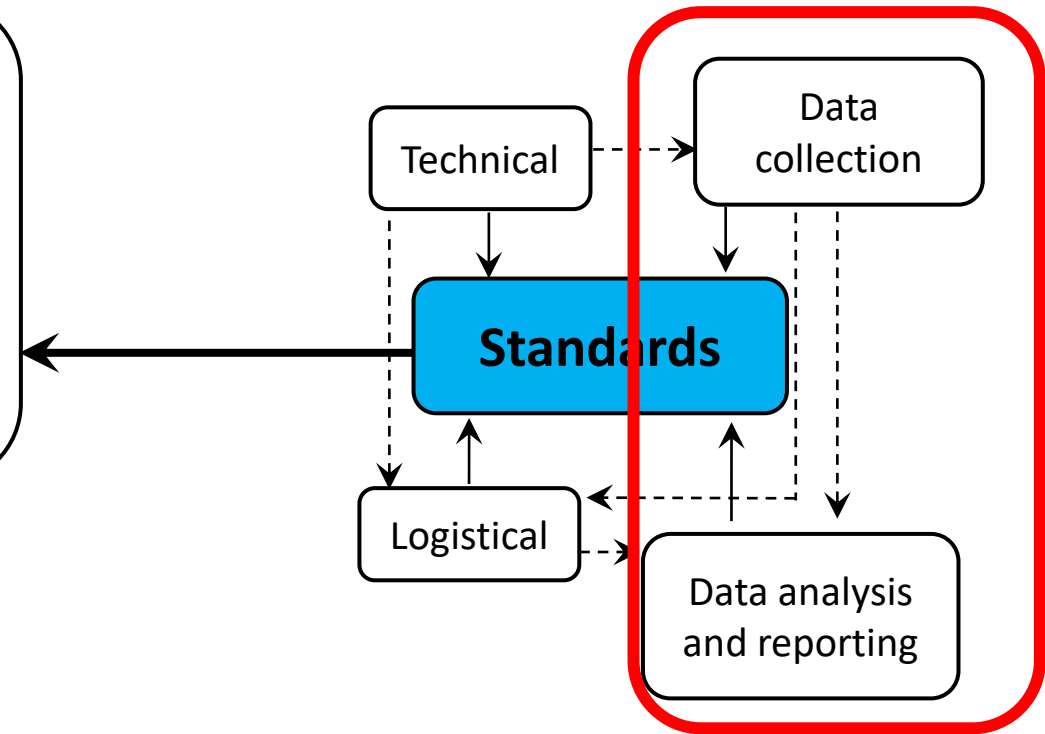
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- 1) Pilot EM Project on small and large purse-seine vessels.
- 2) Pilot EM Project on Longline vessels.
- 3) Exploration of technologies for remote identification of FAD buoys.





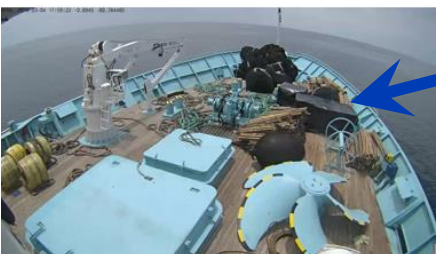
# EMS standards on data collection

- For the IATTC to carry out the functions established by the AC: high-quality data from fisheries e.g., catch composition and CPUE are required for science-based fisheries management.
- **Small purse-seine vessels (Class 1-5): current sources of detailed data**
  - Vessel logbooks: limited information on non-target species, none on discards of target species. Information present is not debriefed.
  - Port sampling: species and size composition data is for target species only.
  - Observers: mostly large vessels (Class-6), rarely on small vessels.
- **Large purse-seine vessels (Class 6):**
  - EM complementing observers' data: observers might be unaware of activities occurring in different places at the same time. EM could assist them/take over activities so observers could perform others.
- Evaluate if EM can be used to collect information on set type, FAD deployments, catches, and bycatches.
- A preliminary evaluation of EM performance by comparing it to human observer is required.

# Participating vessels – Class-6 purse-seiners

## Large vessels

- 5 cameras (Main deck)
- 3 cameras (Wet-deck)



**C3: 180°**

- Floating object presence/absence for set type determination
- FAD deployment
- FAD approaches



**C1 : 104°**

- FAD deployments/retrievals

**C2: 104°**

- FAD deployment
- Bycatch fate
- Discards
- Preliminary species ID?
- Preliminary sp. size composition?

**C4 : 180°**

- No. speedboats used in the set
- FAD deployment
- Bycatch fate
- Discards



**C5-C7 : 104°**

- ID of wells loaded
- Species ID?
- Sp. size composition?

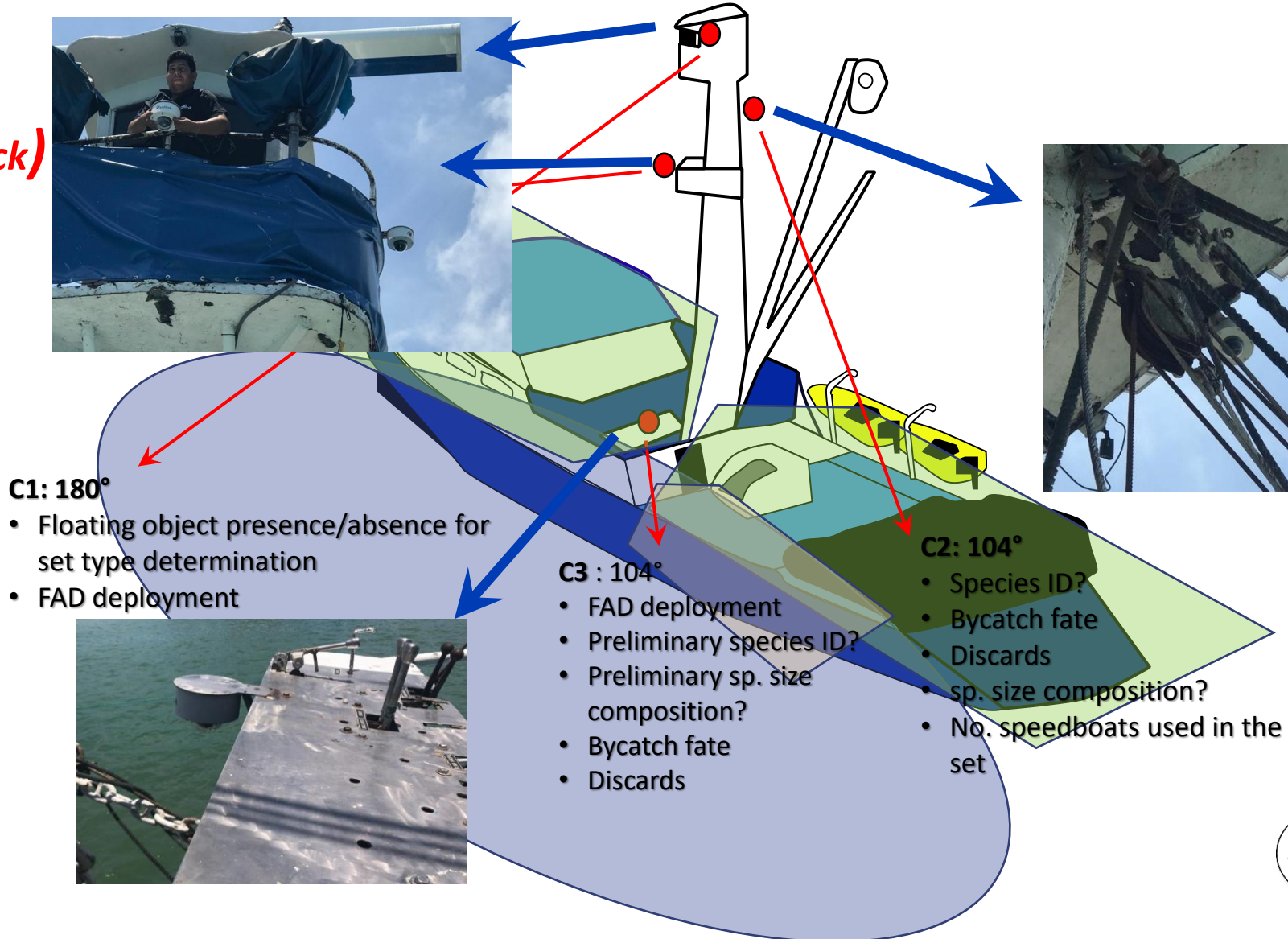


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# Participating vessel – Class-2

## Small vessel

- 4 cameras (Main deck)

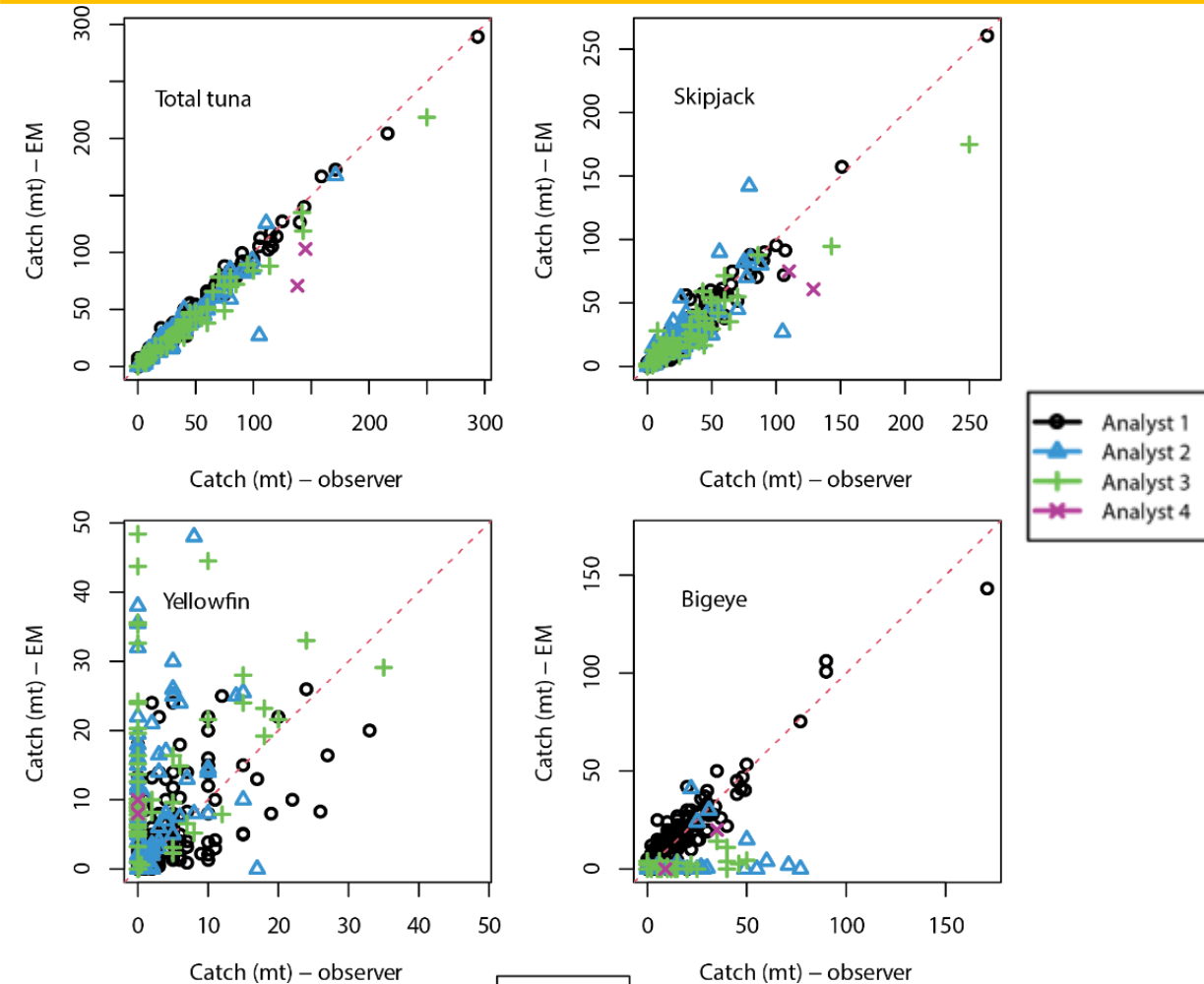




# Results EM-observer comparison



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tmp.gamobj<-gam(em_BETTotalCT~(-1)+reviewer.fac+obs_BETTotalCT:reviewer.fac,data=frm)
Results (first 3 rows are intercepts; next 3 are slopes)
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### Total tuna

|   | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )    |
|---|----------|------------|---------|-------------|
| reviewer.2                                    | 0.31284  | 0.67636    | 0.463   | 0.64393     |
| reviewer.3                                    | 0.37896  | 1.06334    | 0.356   | 0.72173     |
| reviewer.1                                    | 1.35884  | 0.48039    | 2.829   | 0.00489 **  |
| reviewer.2:obsTotcatch                        | 0.89778  | 0.01637    | 54.838  | < 2e-16 *** |
| reviewer.3:obsTotcatch                        | 0.87024  | 0.01723    | 50.504  | < 2e-16 *** |
| reviewer.1:obsTotcatch                        | 0.97371  | 0.00931    | 104.583 | < 2e-16 *** |
| R-sq.(adj) = 0.975 Deviance explained = 98.7% |          |            |         |             |
| GCV = 31.261 Scale est. = 30.833 n = 438      |          |            |         |             |

### SKJ

|   | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )   |
|---|----------|------------|---------|------------|
| reviewer.2                                    | 1.36480  | 1.00639    | 1.356   | 0.1758     |
| reviewer.3                                    | 2.90927  | 1.41864    | 2.051   | 0.0409 *   |
| reviewer.1                                    | -0.40231 | 0.67150    | -0.599  | 0.5494     |
| reviewer.2:obs_SKJTotalCT                     | 0.84421  | 0.03519    | 23.993  | <2e-16 *** |
| reviewer.3:obs_SKJTotalCT                     | 0.71302  | 0.02861    | 24.919  | <2e-16 *** |
| reviewer.1:obs_SKJTotalCT                     | 0.94291  | 0.01917    | 49.193  | <2e-16 *** |
| R-sq.(adj) = 0.893 Deviance explained = 93.5% |          |            |         |            |
| GCV = 71.106 Scale est. = 70.132 n = 438      |          |            |         |            |

### YFT

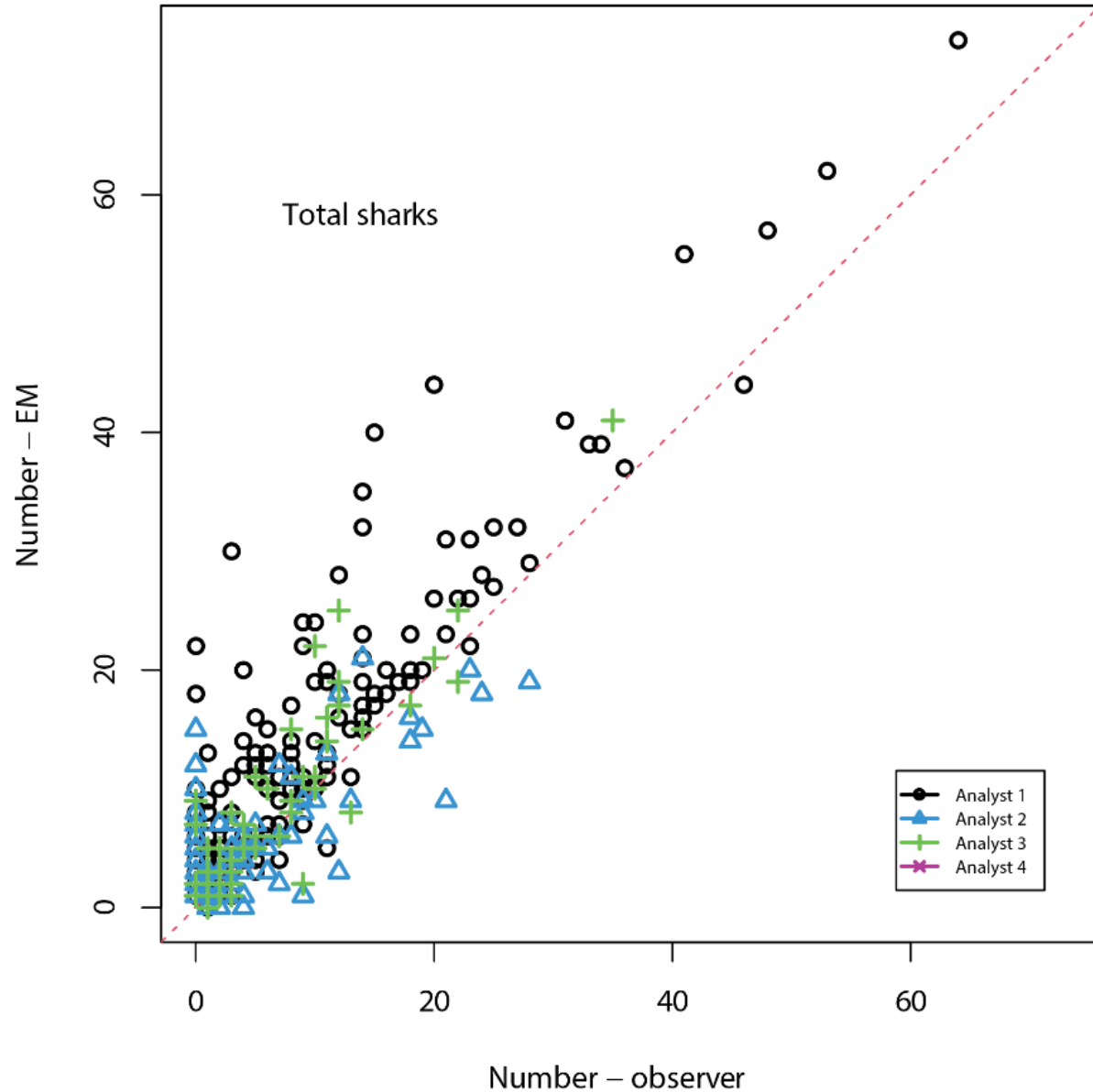
|   | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )     |
|---|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| reviewer.2                                    | 5.14955  | 0.75505    | 6.820   | 3.08e-11 *** |
| reviewer.3                                    | 10.96698 | 1.07803    | 10.173  | < 2e-16 ***  |
| reviewer.1                                    | 2.25204  | 0.53335    | 4.222   | 2.95e-05 *** |
| reviewer.2:obs_YFTTotalCT                     | 0.96742  | 0.19967    | 4.845   | 1.77e-06 *** |
| reviewer.3:obs_YFTTotalCT                     | 0.63340  | 0.13371    | 4.737   | 2.94e-06 *** |
| reviewer.1:obs_YFTTotalCT                     | 0.64035  | 0.09422    | 6.796   | 3.58e-11 *** |
| R-sq.(adj) = 0.274 Deviance explained = 51.9% |          |            |         |              |
| GCV = 55.723 Scale est. = 54.96 n = 438       |          |            |         |              |

### BET

|   | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )     |
|---|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| reviewer.2                                    | 0.27089  | 0.49179    | 0.551   | 0.582042     |
| reviewer.3                                    | -0.14796 | 0.80258    | -0.184  | 0.853819     |
| reviewer.1                                    | 1.61860  | 0.36501    | 4.434   | 1.17e-05 *** |
| reviewer.2:obs_BETTotalCT                     | 0.10774  | 0.03044    | 3.540   | 0.000444 *** |
| reviewer.3:obs_BETTotalCT                     | 0.11020  | 0.05032    | 2.190   | 0.029064 *   |
| reviewer.1:obs_BETTotalCT                     | 0.92826  | 0.01812    | 51.232  | < 2e-16 ***  |
| R-sq.(adj) = 0.878 Deviance explained = 90.5% |          |            |         |              |
| GCV = 24.49 Scale est. = 24.155 n = 438       |          |            |         |              |

1. Observer and EM data similar for total tuna catch, and for catch of SKJ.
2. Relationship degrades for YFT. Although slope for one Analyst is close to 1.0, SE is large.
3. Poor relationship for BET, except for one EM analyst, despite the fact that the model fit to the data is acceptable.

# Results EM-observer comparison



Model:  
tmp.gamobj<-gam(em\_tsharks~reviewer+s(obs\_tsharks,  
by=reviewer.fac,k=3),data=frm,family=nb(link="identity"))

Results:  
Parametric coefficients:

|             | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | Pr(> z )     |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| (Intercept) | 7.6676   | 1.0384     | 7.384   | 1.53e-13 *** |
| Reviewer2   | 0.8801   | 1.2875     | 0.684   | 0.4942       |
| Reviewer1   | 2.8870   | 1.1429     | 2.526   | 0.0115 *     |

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

|                           | edf   | Ref.df | Chi.sq | p-value      |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------------|
| s(obs_tsharks):reviewer.2 | 1.805 | 1.962  | 26.63  | 2.57e-05 *** |
| s(obs_tsharks):reviewer.3 | 1.000 | 1.000  | 42.49  | < 2e-16 ***  |
| s(obs_tsharks):reviewer.1 | 1.000 | 1.000  | 188.22 | < 2e-16 ***  |

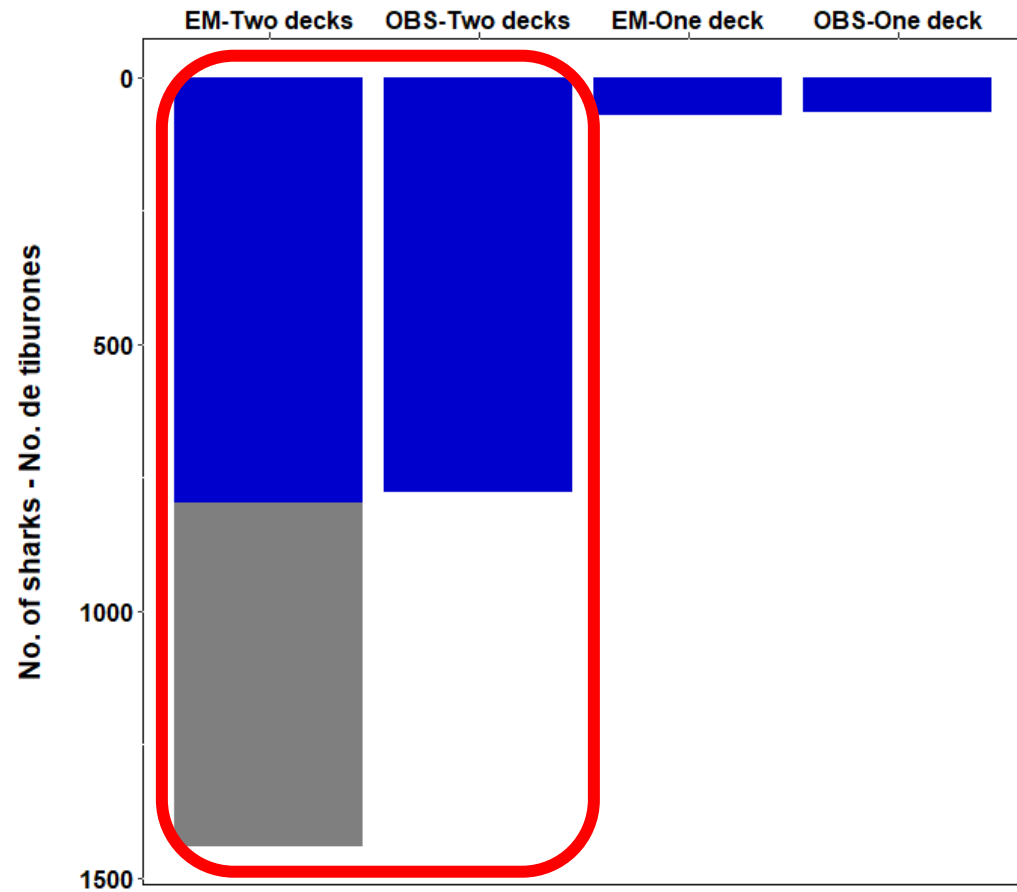
R-sq.(adj) = 0.817 Deviance explained = 63.4%  
-REML = 944.84 Scale est. = 1 n = 336

1. Significant positive relationship between the observer counts of sharks between Observer and EM.
2. Relationship varies among EM analysts.
3. Spike at 0 (observed count) for all reviewers and a high proportion of the data are above the 1-to-1 line (EM total counts are often greater than observer counts).



# Shark sightings by deck location

Observer type - Decks accessibility - Tipo observador - acceso a cubiertas



Vessel location  
Ubicación en el buque

- Main deck - Cubierta principal
- Wet deck - Cubierta de bodegas



# Some conclusions on EM analysis

- EM can collect key data fields for the tuna purse-seine fishery.
  - EM seems to be ready to collect 83.4% of PS data. 16.4% require extra work or is not possible.
  - Useful for collecting data in different vessel areas occurring at the same time.
- EM analysis costly and time consuming.
  - Optimize the time of analysis (AI).
  - Define priorities for EM data to be collected-analyzed.
- Some data not ready to be collected by EM.
  - Exploring technologies for remote FAD Id.
  - Explore technologies for accurate electronic measuring.
- Data analysis and reporting standards: necessary adequate experience/training of EM analysts.



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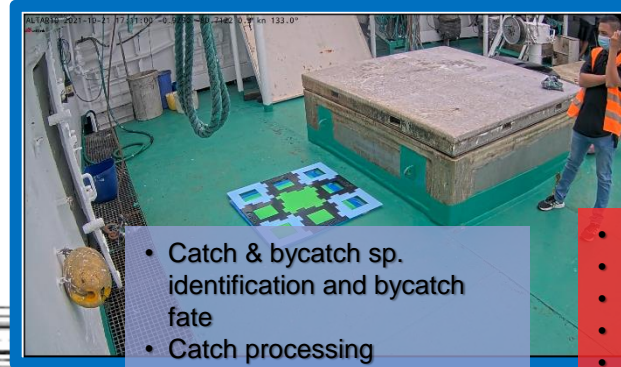
# Pilot EM Project on longline vessels

- February 2021 to May 2023
- Three vessels participating



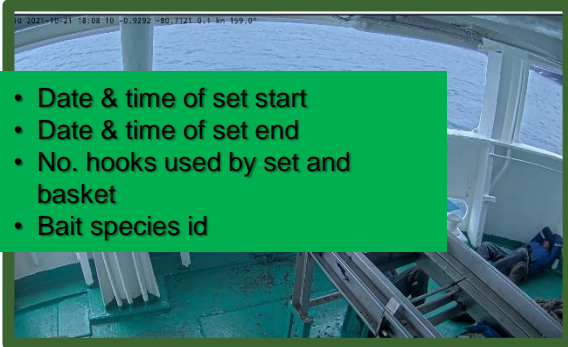
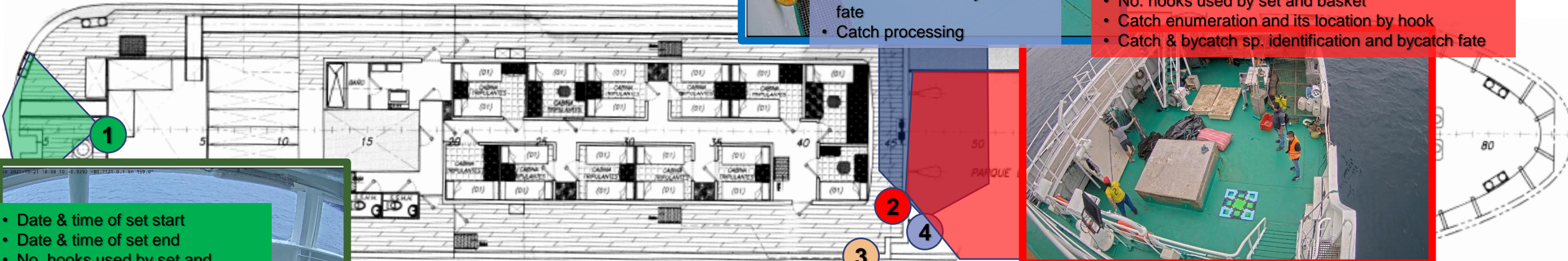
# Pilot EM Project on longline vessels

- Four-camera EM system installed
- Currently collecting EM records at sea



- Catch & bycatch sp. identification and bycatch fate
- Catch processing

- Date & time of hauling start
- Date & time of hauling end
- No. hooks used by set and basket
- Catch enumeration and its location by hook
- Catch & bycatch sp. identification and bycatch fate



- Date & time of set start
- Date & time of set end
- No. hooks used by set and basket
- Bait species id



- Catch and bycatch sp. identification
- Fate of bycatch species



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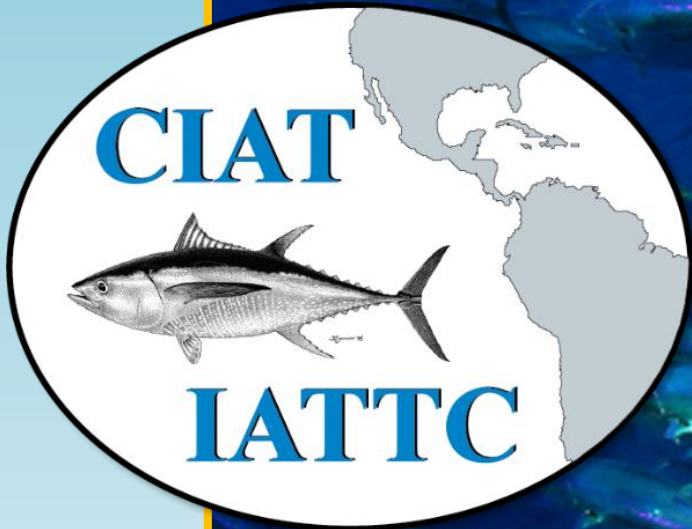
# Pilot EM Project on longline vessels

## Next steps

- Generate EM data.
- EM data will be compared with observer data.
- Results will indicate whether EM could be reliably used in the LL fishery of the EPO.







**Thank you!**

**Questions?**