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**Subject:** RE: Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme 2021 CP15 Cruise

Dear Kathryn and all,

SPC would also like say a huge thanks to all the partner vessels for their buoy sharing during the CP15 cruise, and to Satlink for facilitating. Once we have all the polling data, we will collate our yearly summaries by vessel owner and the official letter of thanks to send through to you all. Let us know if an official letter of recognition to the FIP would also be of use.

This year was yet another record-crushing campaign, with 7866 tuna tagged in the central Pacific during the 39-day cruise. This would not be possible without this industry-science collaboration, and the data collected from the PTPP supports a whole range of biological, ecological and stock assessment science that supports decision making and sustainability of Pacific tuna resources. So again, thank you all very much.

I'd also like to give my usual reminder that releasing tagged fish is only half of the work, and that recovering those tags alongside good recapture data is absolutely critical to the science we do in the region. The special rewards scheme for recapturing tags is still in place, and the standard tag reward has been increased this year. The last season just finished up and we will be contacting all tag-returning vessels to enter their crew and staff into the bonus raffle.

Please do remind your skippers and crew about finding and reporting tags for the new season. You can find rewards info (in English and Spanish) as well as the leader board results for the last season here:

<https://tagging.spc.int/fr/formulaire-recapture/docs-recapture/114-tagging-raffle-season-2021>

Best regards,  
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Dear all,

I hope that the summer has gone well, and that the fishing is going even better!

I'm writing to let you all know that as of yesterday the buoy sharing period drew to a close, so we have stopped sharing information from your buoys with SPC, as per the MOU. In the coming weeks we will send each of you a list of the polls sent to your buoys, and costs incurred (if any), for your records. Of course, if there is any other information you would like to receive from our side, we'll be happy to facilitate.

It has been a pleasure to be able to collaborate with all of you in the Pacific Tuna Tagging Program again this year, thank you!

Best regards,



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