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Welcome to the latest edition of the International Pole & Line Foundation's (IPNLF) newsletter. The IPNLF team have been busy with workshops, trade events, and scientific committee conferences! Find out more about these exciting on-goings below.

Indonesia - advancing knowledge and traceability within the FIP.



Agus Budhiman (AP2HI Secretary General), Andrew Harvey (Indonesian Country Director), Ian Scott (Special Advisor), Martin Purves (Fisheries Development Director) and Dr Alice Miller (Social Research and Programme Director). Image © IPNLF.

Last month IPNLF staff Martin Purves (Fishery Development Director), Alice Miller (Social Research and Programme Director) and Ian Scott (Special Advisor) journeyed to Bitung, Indonesia to join Andrew Harvey (Indonesian Country Director) to support [Asosiasi Perikanan Pole and Line dan Hand Line Indonesia \(AP2HI\)](#) in the first Training of Trainers workshop.

AP2HI invited a representative from each of its 12 member pole-and-line and handline fishery organisations to the workshop. The objective was to increase participants' knowledge of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification and fisheries improvement project (FIP) processes and equip them with the learning tools and resources to take back to their companies. Training focussed on five thematic areas: sustainable

fishing practices, product quality and handling, bait handling, safety at sea and the MSC standard and certification process. The 'training of trainers' program target is to have 500 fishers across the country trained by the end of the year, thus improving the sustainability, quality and profitability of Indonesia's one-by-one tuna fishery catches.

Within the same trip the team attended the inaugural application of ProActive Vessel Registration (PVR) stickers upon Indonesian one-by-one tuna vessels. This new scheme will see small-scale vessels registered on the ISSF database, enabling purchasers to access information about the vessel's credentials and commitment to sustainability – creating a more transparent supply chain.

Find out more on our [new blog](#) and [short film](#).



The team of trainers, trainees and organisers with their course certificates - thumbs up all round. Photo © AP2HI.

What do the WCPFC scientific committee outcomes mean for IPNLF?

IPNLF's Policy & Advocacy Advisor, Adam Baske, attended the 11th Scientific Committee for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in early August, along with 200 fisheries scientists and managers, with the objective of developing scientific recommendations to end or prevent overfishing of tuna and other highly migratory species in the western and central Pacific Ocean.

Adam was particularly keen to find out what the latest science and management advice meant for the one-by-one tuna fisheries. Topics covered included current health of tuna stocks, reference points and harvest strategies, management of bycatch and data

limitations.

To learn more about the WCPFC meetings you can read Adam's blog [here](#).

World Seafood Congress 2015

Schools of seafood industry stakeholders descended upon Grimsby, UK this September for the annual [World Seafood Congress](#). Among them were IPNLF staff Emily Howgate (International Coordinating Director) and Martin Purves (Fisheries Development Director) who joined the global audience of seafood processors, importers, academia, public and private organisations, and government officials, to share the story of sustainable one-by-one tuna fisheries.

'Upskilling for a Sustainable Future', the theme for this year's event, resonated soundly with many of IPNLF's projects and principles. Martin presented on the importance of collaboration to improve traceability and sustainability in small-scale tuna fisheries and Emily presented on the trends and challenges in the global demand for responsibly and equitably caught pole-and-line tuna. This successful event was a great opportunity to network and connect with stakeholders in the sustainable tuna-fishing industry.



Michael Cohen (ISSF), Emily Howgate (IPNLF, International Coordinating Director), Pak Saut Hutagalung (Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries) and Martin Purves (IPNLF, Fisheries Development Director) at the World Seafood Congress, advancing discussions on Indonesia's sustainable tuna industry. Photo © IPNLF

Seafood & Social Development

September was a busy month! IPNLF staff Dr. Alice Miller (Social Research and Programme Director) and Adam Baske (Policy and Advocacy Advisor) travelled to Maryland, USA for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership conference '[Engaging the Seafood Industry in Social Development](#)'. The two-day event covered topics including the challenges and opportunities in social development within fishing communities, ongoing approaches and activities, and the potential future tools for change. The objective was to agree upon a recommendation for future interventions by the seafood supply chain and other stakeholders. IPNLF wants to ensure and advance social issues in tuna fisheries, and we were pleased to hear collective interest for such issues to be at the fore of sustainability discussions.

Seafood Champion Awards

The finalists for the 2016 Seafood Champion awards have been announced! The Ministry of Fisheries & Agriculture, Maldives has been selected for its dedication to responsible one-by-one fishing and being an advocate for effective transboundary management. Further, Ally Dingwall, the Aquaculture and Fisheries Manager for [IPNLF member Sainsbury's](#) has been selected as a finalist for 'Leadership'; promoting Sainsbury's innovative seafood policies and having a great impact on the sustainable seafood market as a whole. Well done to them – and all the [Seafood Champion finalists](#)!

Until next time, stay Tuna'd...

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