

SPANISH MACKEREL FISHERY LOGBOOK PROCEDURES

<u>Month/Licence Number</u>	Record the month and year that the fishing session relates and record your Spanish Mackerel Licence Number (i.e. A4/1234)
<u>Licence Holder Name</u>	The person responsible for undertaking the fishing operations is required to enter their full name. This may be a nominated person, temporary transferee or short term operator.
<u>Nil Return</u>	Please tick this box if you have not undertaken any fishing activities in the month. You are not required to complete the Fishing Session Details or Catch Details if you have a "Nil" return.
<u>Vessel Rego</u>	Enter your Vessel Registration Number (i.e. IL888)

FISHING SESSION

A fishing session is defined as the period of time from when a line or group of lines is first placed in the water until the last line is removed from the water and fishing ceases. Many fishers choose to fish a morning and an afternoon session and report accordingly.

When you are steaming to fishing grounds and trolling at the same time, this is a fishing session and a logsheet must be completed.

Complete Part A of the logsheet at the start of each trip and then continue onto Part B of the logsheet.

<u>Fishing Session No.</u>	Record the fishing session number i.e. first fishing session of the day will be 'Fishing Session No. 1' the second to be marked '2' and so on.
<u>Number of Vessels Used</u>	Record the total number of vessels used, including the motherboat if used to catch fish (using lines) under the Spanish Mackerel Fishery licence.
<u>Total Number of Lines</u>	Record the total number of lines used during a session.
<u>Location</u>	Record the name of the fishing location.
<u>Latitude and Longitude</u>	It is important that you provide latitudes and longitudes (degree, minutes) in the logbook to enable stock assessments to be undertaken, e.g. 12°35' and 129°52'
<u>Time Spent Fishing (hrs)</u>	Record the time spent fishing during a session.
<u>Weight (kg) and Number (No.)</u>	Record the whole weight (kg) and total number of mackerel and other fish taken during a session.
<u>Discarded Species</u>	Record the whole weight (kg) of discarded animals for every session. Indicate if the animal was dead or alive when released by marking a ' D ' for dead or an ' A ' for alive.
<u>Protected Species</u>	Record the number (no.) of protected animals for every session. Indicate if the animal was dead or alive when released by marking a ' D ' for dead or an ' A ' for alive.
<u>Comments</u>	In the event that a conventionally tagged fish is recaptured, record the tag number in the comments column of the corresponding session.

FILLING IN THE LOG FORM

THERE ARE FOUR STEPS IN FILLING IN THE LOGBOOK FORM:

- 1. At the beginning of a fishing month**
Fill in the month, your licence number, vessel registration and licence holder name.
- 2. At the end of a fishing session**
Enter the date, fishing session number, fishing method, number of vessels used, number of lines used, location, latitude, longitude and fishing time for each fishing session. Record the discards (weight) and protected species (number) captured for each fishing session and indicate whether **Alive** or **Dead**.
- 3. When you have finished processing**
Record the cut, weight (kg) and number (No.) of mackerel and other species for each session.
- 4. At the end of the fishing day**
The licence holder must sign the log in the area provided at the bottom of the log sheet.

MONTHLY MARKET SUMMARY

At the back of the logbook are monthly market summary sheets. Please fill one in at the end of each month and send it to the Returns Officer accompanied by your completed daily logsheets before the 28th day of the following month.