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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in support of the application by Captain Norlan Lamb for a cooperative tagging program in the Caribbean.

Infofish Australia has been providing support for cooperative tagging programs in Australia for around 30 years and have worked with Hallprint Pty Ltd over that entire period. We have a strong association with Hallprint that goes beyond just tag supply.

Currently we are providing support for Suntag Australia and Westag programs as well as undertaking a range of monitoring programs using tagging, fisheries and environmental data. Over that time we have accumulated almost 1,250,000 fish records including 850,000 tagged fish, 57,000 recaptures and collected data from over 13,000 volunteer fishers.

We have worked with a wide range of scientists (including Gene Wilde from Texas Tech University [www.depts.ttu.edu/biology/people/Faculty/Wilde/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/biology/people/Faculty/Wilde/)) over that time on various aspects of the data and are credited as authors of around 30 scientific publications and numerous technical reports. Visit <http://infofishaustralia.com.au/> for technical reports. We have also had a long association with Dr Don Hammond from the Cooperative Dolphinfish Tagging Program.

Recently we have invested in new technology to improve data collection through a sophisticated phone app Trackmyfish <https://trackmy.fish/> and to improve information delivery through our Crystal Bowl dashboards. Our objective is the development of real time delivery of data and monitoring of fisheries. To that end we have already established regional monitoring, and other elements of data display, in Queensland in Australia where we have over 100 dashboards that have over 1,000 graphs, tables and maps being updated within 24 hours of receipt of data. An example of a monitoring dashboard visit <https://app.periscopedata.com/shared/160d94b0-fcb0-4c1e-a27d-3888e16a932e>.

This technology has been developed to have worldwide application and has already been tested in Florida. We are proposing to use that technology in support of Captain Lamb's tagging.

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