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Building effective and equitable
management systems and IUU
challenges for SIDS and LDCs

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Overview of presentation

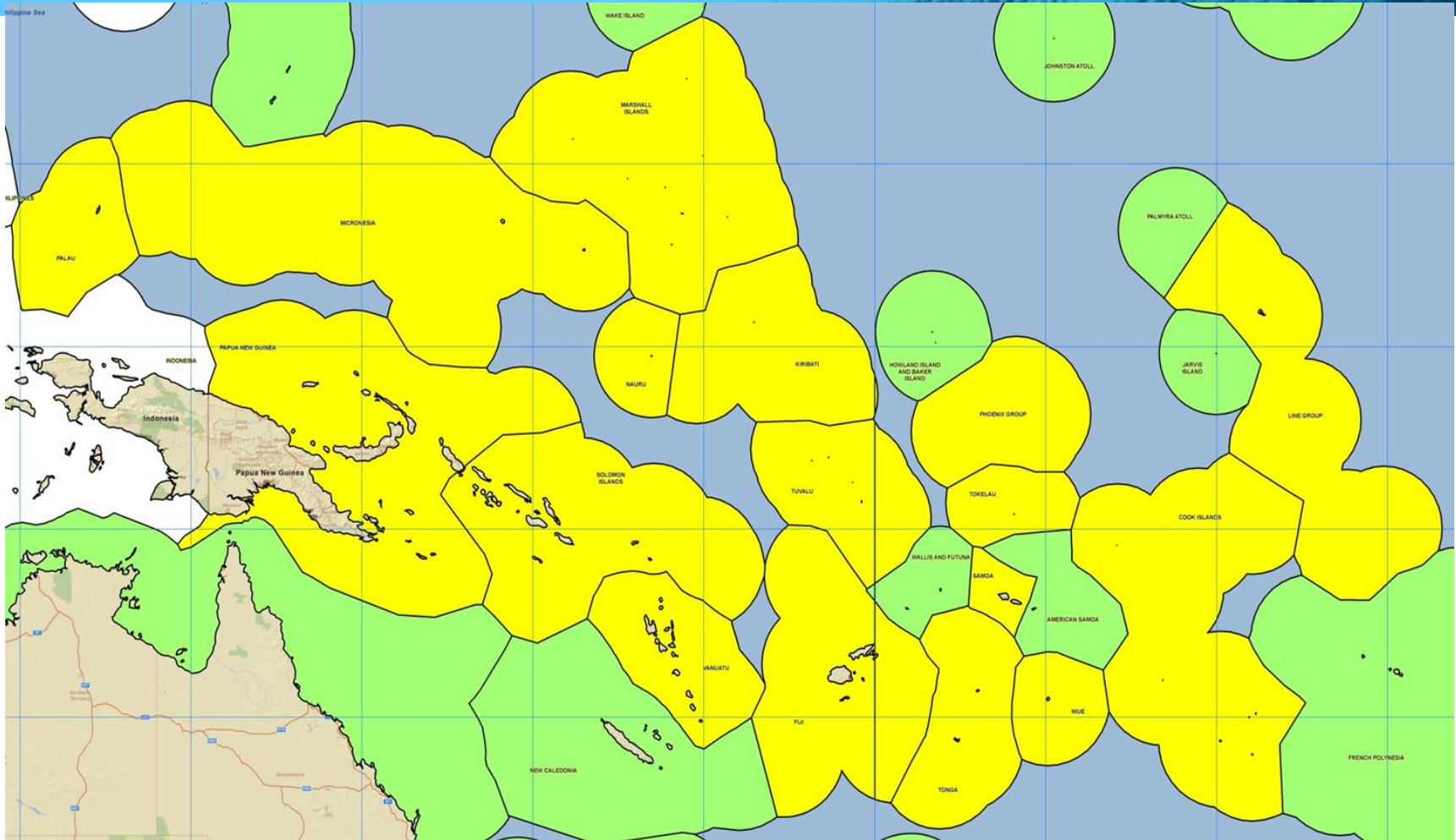


- FFA region and its tuna fisheries
- Resource management issues
- Development opportunities and trade
- Cooperation in monitoring control and surveillance (MCS)
- Trade sanctions and control of IUU fishing.



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The FFA region

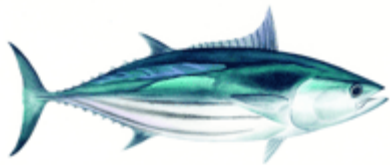




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Key facts about WCPO Fishery

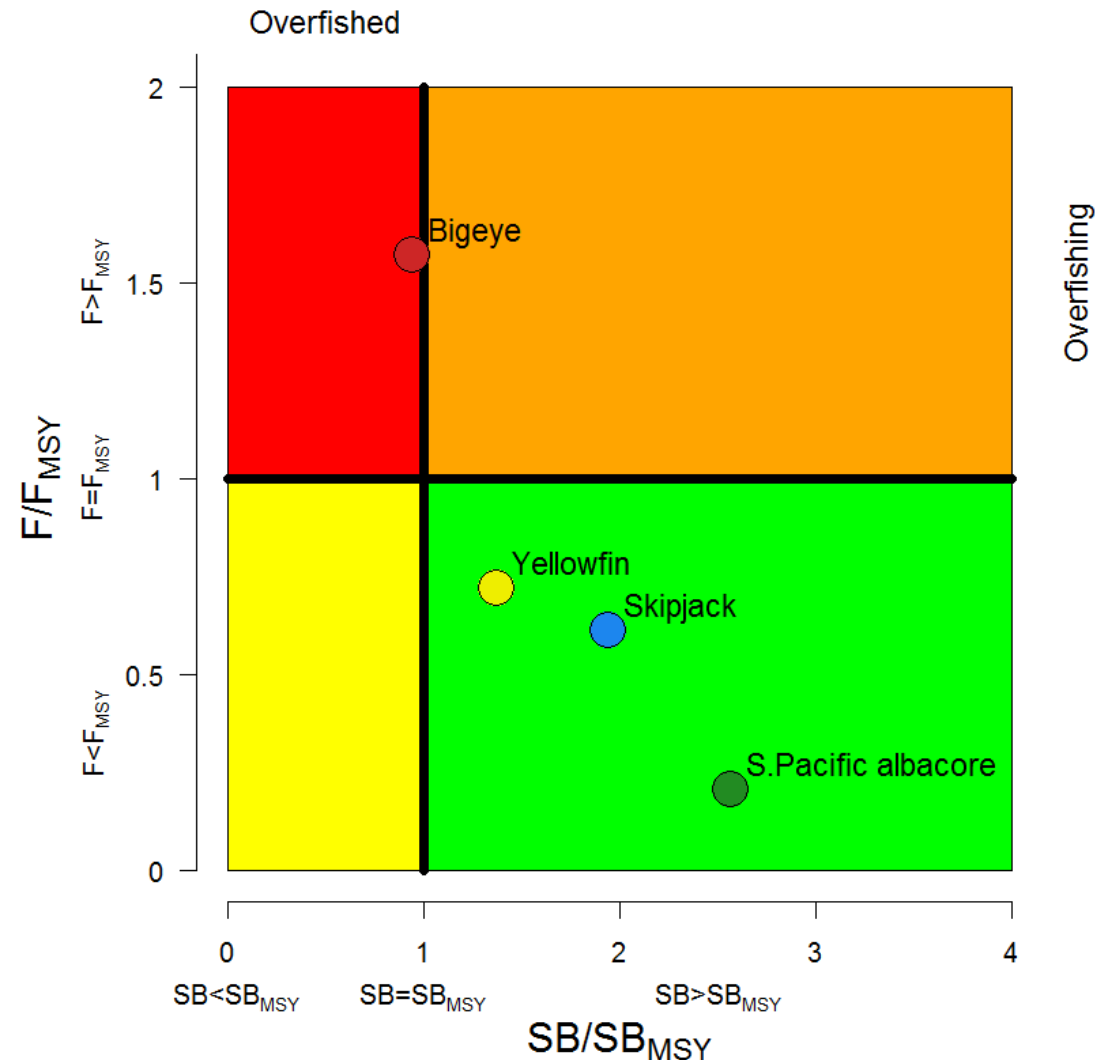
- 2014 WCPO total tuna catch 2.6 million mt (worth USD5.5 bn) representing about 60% of global tuna catch
- Around 60% of WCPO catch from FFA waters worth \$3 bn. In 2014 (1/3 global catch by volume).
- 4 key target species are Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Albacore
- Main fishing methods Purse seine, Longline





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Stock Status Overview: “Kobe Plot”



- 3 main stocks accounting for 95% of the catch are ‘biologically healthy’
- May be at or below preferred target levels
- BET the main focus of management action, but some by-catch - species of sharks - are severely overfished
- Albacore longline fisheries becoming uneconomic due to depletion of large adults



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Oceanic Fisheries Management

1. Effective zone-based rights in the fishery – exemplified by the PNA Vessel Day Scheme
2. Similar system planned for the tropical longline fishery and national quotas for albacore
3. Fishing nations prefer flag-based quotas
4. Active discussion on the need for capacity limitations – ‘lock in’ existing allocations and impede coastal state development



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Development Opportunities



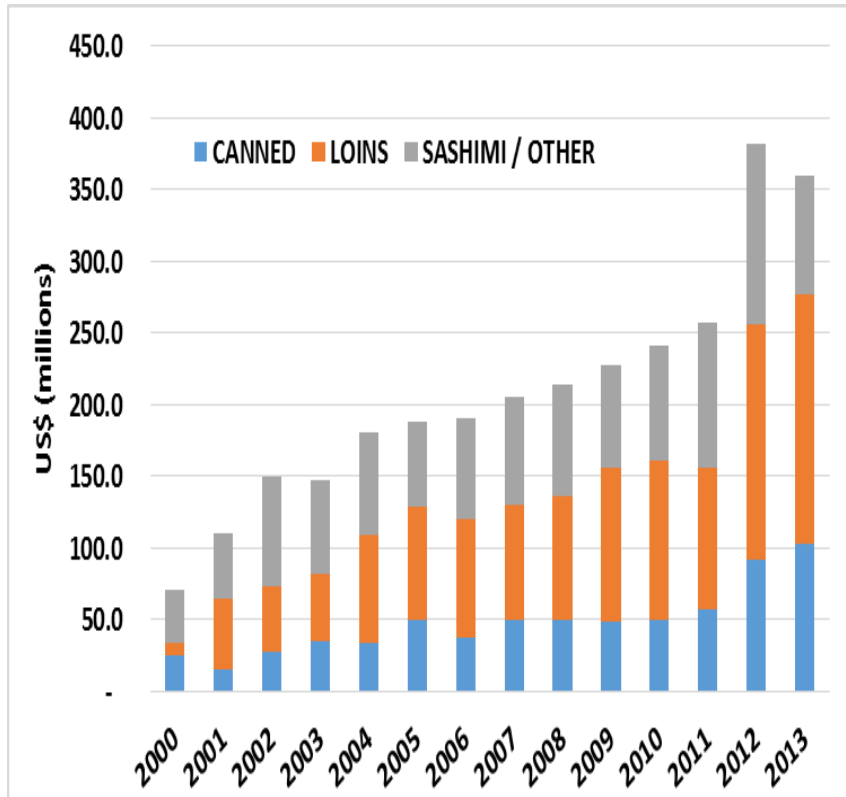
- Economic opportunities for members:
 - Tuna fishing contribution to GDP
 - Access fees
 - Domestication of fleets
 - Onshore processing
 - Exports



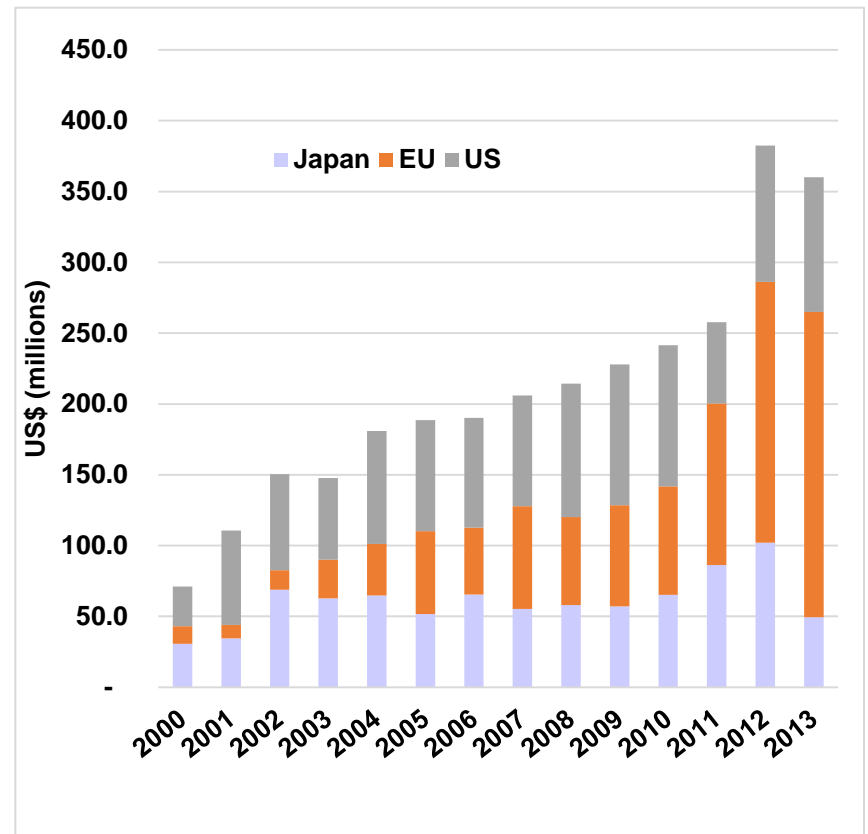
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Exports from FFA members

By product



By destination





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Key regional MCS tools

Monitoring

- Observer Program (PIRFO standards)
- Vessel Monitoring System
- Regional Surveillance Picture
- Reporting Requirements (Log sheets, Entry exit, etc.)

Control

- FFA Record of Fishing Vessel
- Harmonised Minimum Terms and Conditions (HMTC's)

Surveillance

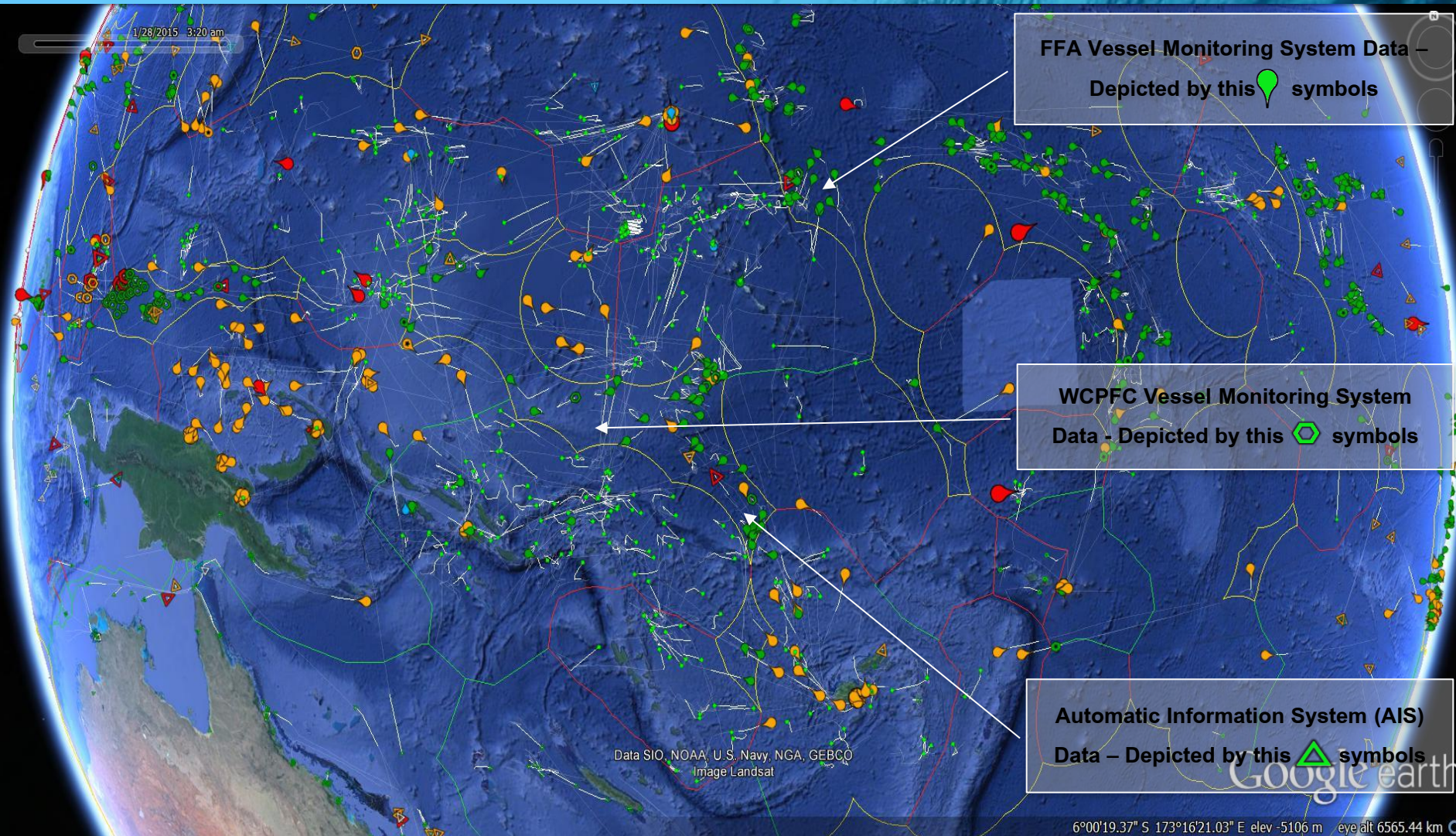
- Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre(RFSC)
- Regional Surveillance Operations
- *Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement*







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The 'Regional Surveillance Picture (RSP)'



FFA Vessel Monitoring System Data –
Depicted by this  symbols

WCPFC Vessel Monitoring System Data -
Depicted by this  symbols

Automatic Information System (AIS)
Data – Depicted by this  symbols

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Image Landsat



6°00'19.37" S 173°16'21.03" E elev -5106 m eye alt 6565.44 km



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Trade measures to control IUU

- In theory, removing opportunities to trade IUU fish removes incentives for IUU fishing.
- For major tuna markets, Japan requires special documentation for import of high risk species.
- USA is developing systems following public consultation.
- EU enacted regulation 1005/2008 to establish systems to deter and eliminate IUU.



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The EU IUU regulation

- To date 5 FFA members have been given a ‘yellow card’ by DG Mare; 3 more are responding to mission reports; and there are ongoing discussions with a sub-regional group.
- The process is a **threat** to market access, with some 10,000 tuna processing jobs in PNG and Solomon Islands dependent on EU markets now at risk.
- It is also an **opportunity** update legislation, management plans, and improve control systems.





Art. 31 of the IUU regulation

- “To this end, in addition to its action at international and regional levels, the Community should be entitled to identify those non-cooperating States, on the basis of transparent, clear and objective criteria relying on international standards, and, after giving them adequate time and to respond to a prior notification, adopt nondiscriminatory, legitimate and proportionate measures with respect to those States, including trade measures.”



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Thank you



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