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COMPLIANCE BY NON-PARTIES

One of the functions of the Joint Working Group on Fishing by Non-Parties is established by its term of reference 2.b: “review and monitor compliance by non-parties with the conservation and management measures of both the IATTC and the AIDCP”. This document covers compliance by the vessels of all non-parties known to be fishing in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) during 2006.

As regards the AIDCP, there are no non-parties with purse-seine vessels fishing in the region, so there is evidently no compliance issue with respect to the AIDCP.

In the case of the IATTC, the analysis is more complex. The non-parties with vessels reported to be fishing in the region or included on the IATTC Regional Register during 2005, 2006 or 2007 are Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Cook Islands, Georgia, and Honduras.

In 2006 the Commission had two principal measures applicable to longline vessels, the provision of required catch data ([Resolution C-03-05](#)), and a limit on the amount of catch of bigeye tuna ([Resolution C-06-02](#)).

Regarding the provision of catch data, Bolivia, Chile, and Georgia have not provided any of the information for 2005 for their longline vessels required by Resolution C-03-05. Honduras provided catch data for one of its four longline vessels. None of the non-parties with longline vessels that reported their catch data exceeded the bigeye catch limit.

In 2006 the Commission had three principal measures applicable to purse-seine vessels, the provision of required catch data ([Resolution C-03-05](#)), a fishing closure ([Resolution C-06-02](#)), and controls on fleet capacity ([Resolution C-02-03](#)).

During 2005, only Colombia among the non-Parties had purse-seine vessels. Colombian purse-seine vessels were in compliance with Resolutions C-03-05 and C-06-02.

The Colombian purse-seine vessel *Marta Lucía R* has been fishing in the EPO since 2004 in breach of Resolution C-02-03 on the capacity of the tuna fleet operating in the EPO, since it is not on the Commission’s Regional Vessel Register.