

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
 PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING
 42ND MEETING
 La Jolla, California, USA
 22 October 2018**

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1. List of attendees

The 42nd meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California, on 22 October 2018.

Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. David Hogan, Chair of the Working Group.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

Approval of the report of the 41st meeting

The report of the 41st meeting, previously circulated by the Secretariat, was approved without changes.

Review of the implementation of the [Dolphin Safe Certification System](#)

The Secretariat presented Document TT-42-01, “[Review of the Implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System](#)”. It was reported that the Secretariat has received 206 original TTFs from the 227 trips made between 1 June 2018 and 31 August 2018; this represents 97% of compliance.

Additionally, between 4 July 2018 and 3 October 2018, the Secretariat received 255 copies of dolphin-safe certificates. All certificates, corresponding to 62 TTFs completed during 62 fishing trips, were considered valid. The certified tonnage (12,776 t) represents 9.6% of the total of 133,233 t recorded as dolphin safe on

the TTFs of the 227 trips completed in the reporting period.

It was recalled that the Working Group has been discussing the following cases of apparent TTF forgery:

Case	Date of trip	Issue	Countries
TTF-30	December 2011	The TTFs received differed in that one included non-dolphin safe fish and the other did not.	VEN and CRI
TTF-31a	July 2011		VEN and CRI
TTF-33	2016	Two vessels shared the catch from a set, but this was not documented in either observer's records or on a TTF.	PAN and ECU

The participants pointed out that, when presenting the document, the Secretariat staff indicated that additional original TTFs had been received since the drafting of the document, and therefore requested that the report be updated, particularly Table 1, to show that the implementation level has improved.

With regard to the special cases that the Working Group has monitored, it was reiterated that during the 41st meeting—and as established in the corresponding IRP report—it was decided to no longer follow up these cases since they have remained open for many years. In addition, the implementation issues of these cases have not been repeated and are not considered chronic problems. Furthermore, the relevant national authorities have reported that there have not been any changes in the investigations or some have even been closed.

Ecuador pointed out that it had moved forward on a case that had been subject to an administrative action and recommended that it be included in the closed cases. The Chair invited the delegation to check with the Secretariat if a formal communication of the investigation's outcome had been submitted.

Other business

No other business was discussed.

Recommendations for the International Review Panel

In addition to the reiteration of the recommendation of not continuing with the monitoring of special cases TTF 30, TTF 31a and TTF 33, no formal recommendations were made for the IRP.

Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. on 22 October 2018.