

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**  
**48<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**La Jolla, California, USA**  
**17 October 2022**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

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3. Approval of the report of the 47 <sup>th</sup> meeting	TT-47-RPT
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**APPENDIX**

1. List of attendees

The 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California, USA, on 17 October 2019.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Julio Guevara, of Nicaragua, was elected to chair the meeting of the Working Group, since the current chair, Mr. David Hogan, was not present.

Delegations were asked to introduce themselves, noting that the delegations of Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Honduras, United States, Nicaragua, Panama, Venezuela and Mexico were participating in person or virtually, thus reaching the quorum required to hold the meeting.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Approval of the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved without changes.

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

Mr. Marlon Román, of the Secretariat, presented Document TT-48-01, “*Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin safe certification programs*” which contains the recent development of the Dolphin Safe certification system from May 26, 2022, to August 25, 2022. He reported that the Secretariat received in the previous period 243 original TTFs or electronic copies of the 245 trips made in that period with a completed TTF. This implies a 99% compliance rate this

Also, between May 26, 2022, and September 30, 2022, the Secretariat received 139 copies of dolphin-safe certificates, corresponding to 127 fishing trips. A total of 127 certificates were considered valid and 10 certificates were cancelled by the national authority and at the request of the Secretariat, the validity of 2 certificates is still under investigation by the relevant national authority. The certified tonnage (84,632 t) represents 47.6% of the total 177,905 t registered.

Finally, in one of the 127 completed TTFs, the certified weight exceeded the estimate on the corresponding TTF by 10%.

On the occasion of the report on the case of one of the AIDCP Parties that was very late in submitting its TTFs, the Working Group placed special emphasis on the obligation to submit the TTFs no later than 10 days after the end of the fishing trip.

#### **5. Other business**

There was no other business.

#### **6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel**

The Working Group decided to recommend to the IRP that the Secretariat write to the Parties to remind them that they should send the TTFs no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the fishing trip and prior to the meetings of this Working Group so that the TTFs are duly recorded in the TTF submission-receipt statistics.

#### **7. 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 2023.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 on 21 October 2022.

## Annex 1. List of attendees

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