

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

20TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

During recent meetings of the Parties to the AIDCP, several delegations have expressed an interest in reducing the number and/or length of AIDCP meetings, mainly because of a reduction in the number of items that need to be addressed.

During the 19th Meeting of the Parties, held in June in Panama, the Secretariat was asked to prepare a proposal for reducing AIDCP meeting time, taking into account any established requirements for meetings.

Table 1 shows the meetings that were held during 2007, and Table 2 the Secretariat's proposal for a reduced meeting schedule. The proposal would reduce the total number of AIDCP meeting days each year from 5.5 to 3.

1. AIDCP MEETINGS, 2007

| June | | Required by AIDCP | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|----------|
| WG on tuna tracking | ½ day | | 3.5 days |
| WG to promote tuna certification | ½ day | | |
| IRP | 1 day | Annex VII: Two meetings each year | |
| Meeting of the Parties | 1 day | Article VIII: At least one meeting each year | |
| Scientific Advisory Board | ½ day | Annex V: Once a year | |
| October | | | |
| WG on tuna tracking | ½ day | | 2 days |
| WG to promote tuna certification | ½ day | | |
| IRP | ½ day | | |
| Meeting of the Parties | ½ day | | |

2. SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL

| June | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|--------|
| WG on tuna tracking | ½ day | 3 meetings in 1 day. Meeting of the Parties is eliminated. | 1 day |
| WG to promote tuna certification | | | |
| IRP | ½ day | | |
| October | | | |
| WG on tuna tracking | ½ day | Change from June to October. | 2 days |
| WG to promote tuna certification | | | |
| IRP | ½ day | | |
| Scientific Advisory Board | ½ day | | |
| Meeting of the Parties | ½ day | | |