

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

29TH MEETING

Del Mar, California (USA)
20 de octubre de 2011

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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The 29th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Del Mar, California (USA) on 20 October 2011. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Dr. Guillermo Compeán, Director of the IATTC, who requested nominations for chairing the meeting. Ing. Arnulfo Franco, of Panama, was re-elected.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without modification.

3. Approval of minutes of the 28th meeting

The minutes of the 28th meeting, previously circulated by the Secretariat, were approved as presented.

4. Review of the implementation of the dolphin-safe certification system

The Secretariat presented Document [TT-29-04](#), *Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin-safe certification programs*. The Secretariat received 111 *dolphin safe* certificates issued from 1 January 2010 to 16 September 2011; 92 of these, representing 83 trips and 83 Tuna Tracking Forms (TTFs), were considered valid. Two of the other 19 certificates were voided by national authorities due to clerical errors. The Secretariat considered a further 13 certificates invalid because they referenced TTFs from trips made during the closure of the purse-seine fishery imposed by the IATTC, and four because they referenced TTFs that are not in the Secretariat's records.

The system requires that the Secretariat receive TTFs at the latest 10 days after the end of the trip. La Secretariat reported that the percentage of TTFs received within this deadline has increased slightly in 2011, to 93% as of October.

Venezuela stated that it had sent all its 54 TTFs to the Secretariat, and would follow up on why only 46 were received, and whether this was due to problems in sending and/or receiving. Colombia also stated that it had sent all of its 76 TTFs, but the document indicates that the only 75 were received, and it would check the situation with the Secretariat.

Guatemala indicated that during the meeting it would deliver to the Secretariat the TTFs that had not yet been sent, and would then be fully in compliance.

The European Union asked whether the cases of certificates invalidated because they were associated with fish caught during an IATTC closure were publicized, or whether this information should be sent to the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP as well as to the members of the IATTC for review and for the corresponding actions. The Secretariat noted that such cases would be presented for consideration by the IATTC Review Committee as a violation of its conservation measure, and that could be a reason for proposing the vessel in question for inclusion in the IATTC IUU vessel list.

The United States added that it was important that the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP consider those cases, and proposed that they be forwarded to the International Review Panel as well as to the IATTC Review Committee, for review and for the corresponding actions. The Working Group approved this proposal.

5. Other business

No other business were presented.

6. Recommendations for the IRP

The Working Group agreed to recommend to the International Review Panel that it review the cases of vessels that received AIDCP *dolphin safe* certificates for fish caught during a closure period, and that the IATTC Review Committee also review them.

7. Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates that are agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in 2012.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.10 a.m. on 20 October 2011.

Appendix 1.

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