

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**

**14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

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**REVIEW OF NATIONAL TUNA TRACKING AND VERIFICATION PLANS**

As instructed by the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the IRP, the Secretariat has examined the national Tuna Tracking and Verification Plans presented by the governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, the European Union, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, the United States, Venezuela and Vanuatu. To date, Bolivia, Honduras, and Nicaragua have not submitted plans.

During the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group, updated plans from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States were considered, as well as new plans from Colombia and the European Union. These were considered by the IRP to be completely consistent with the provisions of the AIDCP System for Tracking and Verifying Tuna (TTVS).

In accordance with the instructions of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group, the Secretariat has written to Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua and Venezuela, indicating that they should refrain from issuing any *AIDCP dolphin safe* certificates until their plans were approved by the IRP.

Currently, the plans of Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the European Union, Guatemala, México, the United States, and Vanuatu are considered by the IRP to be completely consistent with the provisions of the TTVS.

The Secretariat considers that Ecuador's plan is also completely consistent with the TTVS. The Secretariat is currently awaiting the arrival of an annex to that plan to complete its records, but the information in the annex does not affect the Secretariat's conclusion regarding the consistency of Ecuador's plan.

The Tuna Tracking Working Group is invited to consider whether the plan presented by Ecuador is consistent with the TTVS.