

**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**

50th MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)

9 October 2023

REPORT OF THE MEETING

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The 50th meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California, USA, on 9 October 2023.

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Julio Guevara, of Nicaragua, in his capacity as Chair of the Group, opened the meeting. The delegations were asked to introduce themselves, and it was confirmed that the delegations of Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, the United States, and Venezuela were participating in person, and El Salvador, Ecuador, and Bolivia remotely, thus reaching a quorum to hold the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Revision of the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System

Mr. Marlon Román, from the Secretariat, presented document [TT-50-01](#) “*Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin safe certification programs,*” which reports the most recent developments in the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System. He noted that during the period from 26 May 2023 to 25 August 2023, the Secretariat received 248 original TTFs or electronic copies from 250 trips with a completed TTF.

Between 26 May 2022 and 19 September 2023, the Secretariat received 178 copies of dolphin-safe certificates, corresponding to 170 TTFs completed during 170 fishing trips. Of the certificates received, 169 were considered valid, eight certificates were voided by the national authority, and one certificate was voided as it referenced a non-issued TTF.

The certified tonnage (107,806 t) represents 56.8% of the total of 189,790 t recorded as dolphin-safe on the TTFs of the 250 trips completed during the reporting period.

One delegation asked how the 10% parameter was established to determine that a dolphin-safe certificate may be voided upon comparison with the weight recorded in the TTF. It was clarified that this figure was agreed at a meeting and is only an indicator that triggers the need for the corresponding government to analyze the veracity of the certificate.

In addition, an inquiry was raised as to why one certificate was voided, and it was explained that this was due to a typing error that was later corrected, and another certificate was issued.

4. Other business

There was no other business.

5. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The Working Group did not issue recommendations for the IRP.

6. Election of the Chair of the Working Group

This matter was left pending for discussion and decision at the next meeting of the Working Group.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in 2024.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on 9 October 2023.