INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AIDCP DOLPHIN SAFE TUNA CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

38th MEETING

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED DURING THE PREVIOUS MEETING (37TH) OF THE WORKING GROUP AND APPROVED BY THE 46TH AIDCP MEETING OF THE PARTIES

At its annual meetings, the DSP working group makes recommendations to the AIDCP meeting of the Parties, many of which involve action by the staff. This document lists the recommendations currently requiring action by the staff and/or the AIDCP Parties, and their current status: green: completed; yellow: in progress, incomplete; orange: pending of discussion in the Commission; red: no action.

	Recommendation, DSP WG -36	Status (June 30, 2024)		
1.	Instruct the Secretariat to continue to coordinate with the Museum of Natural History of New York City for the purpose of possibly updating the content exhibited in that museum regarding the tuna-dolphin relationship and determining the corresponding costs. The Secretariat will submit this information to the Meeting of the Parties for consideration prior to implementation	The Secretariat began contacting AMNH in late 2022. In early 2023, an initial point of contact was identified, followed by a brief, informal phone call on February 8, 2023. On May 18, 2023, AMNH staff received a communication from Dr. Robert Voss, the Curator of the AMNH Department of Mammalogy, Division of Vertebrate Zoology, indicating that AMNH was willing to consider a updating the diorama panel, provided that the proposed changes would be reviewed and approved by the Ocean Hall curators (Dr. Voss and another curator).		
		The Secretariat subsequently prepared and proposed text for a revision of the diorama, along with some updated photos for use and the substance of the update was approved by the AMNH curators. They then indicated that this task would be transferred to the AMNH staff responsible for exhibits. Starting in late 2023, the Secretariat was in contact with Ms. Lauri Halderman about the schedule for updating the diorama, and received a substantive response from her on August 21, 2024, indicating that AMNH is ready to proceed with updating the diorama, pending finalization of the text and media. She indicated that the update would cost approximately \$5000, and the Secretariat told her that we must now wait for approval of funding by the Parties. Therefore, the next step is for the Parties to decide if they will agree		
		to fund revision of this diorama for the cost of approximately \$5000.		
2.	Encourage the Parties to identify other museums or exhibits that would be useful for the purpose of publicizing the objectives and	The consultation has remained open; however, no comments have been received to update these materials.		

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	results of the AIDCP and thereby improving the positioning of knowledge about the AIDCP among the general public, especially tuna consumers	AIDCP Parties are encouraged to review the material and provide comments if they deem it appropriate.	
3.	That the Secretariat maintain an open space for consultation with the Parties to identify areas for updating the information contained in the audiovisual materials maintained in the AIDCP dissemination media	The consultation has remained open; however, no comments have been received to update these materials. The Secretariat sent the memorandum 0217-410 dated May 23 2024 reminding on this task. AIDCP Parties are encouraged to review the material and provide comments if they deem it appropriate. For its part, the Secretariat took on the task of updating 4 posters that were published on the IATTC website and can now be used already updated. If you have comments on said material, they would be welcome.	
4.	That the Secretariat integrate into the audiovisual material available from the AIDCP the objectives and scientific advances related to or derived from the mother-calf separation study	The Secretariat is working on it and will soon publish audiovisual material about it.	
5.	That the Secretariat prepare a base document on the strategy for the use of social media within the framework of the AIDCP, based on the comments made during the meeting and described in item 4c.	The secretariat has prepared a document in this regard and will present it for the consideration of the working group at the session in Panama.	
6.	Instruct the Secretariat to participate in the BBNJ implementation process as described in item 4d.	The IATTC Director and the head of fisheries policy participated in a session that took place in New York, United States in July 2024, and will comment on the progress in the work and their participation in the session.	