

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW PANEL (IRP)**

**69<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Phoenix, Arizona, USA

25 July 2022

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Election of the Presider	
3. Adoption of the agenda	
4. Approval of the report of the 68 <sup>th</sup> meeting	
5. Review of Dolphin Mortality Limits for 2021 and 2022	<a href="#">IRP-69-01</a>
6. Review of AIDCP <i>List of Qualified Captains</i>	<a href="#">IRP-69-02</a>
7. Review of cases of possible no-compliance (observer data)	<a href="#">IRP-69-03</a>
8. Review of actions by Parties on possible infractions reported by the IRP:	
a) Actions taken since report at the 68 <sup>th</sup> meeting	<a href="#">IRP-69-04</a>
b) Status review of special cases	
9. Report of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking	
10. Other business	
11. Recommendations for the Meeting of the Parties	
12. Place and date of next meeting	
13. Adjournment	

**APPENDIX**

1. List of attendees

The 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Review Panel (IRP) was held in person and virtually on 25 July 2022. The in-person meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Amb. Jean-François Pulvenis, Director *ad interim* of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), which provides the Secretariat for the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), opened the meeting and suggested that, since the AIDCP rules of procedure were in the process of being adopted, which established that the election of the chairs of the working groups should take place at the end of each meeting, Mr. Enrique de la Vega, of Colombia, continue as Presider for the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposal was adopted by the Panel.

**2. Election of the Presider**

Mr. Enrique de la Vega, of Colombia, was reelected Presider of the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

The proposed agenda was adopted without changes.

### **4. Approval of the report of the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The report of the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IRP was adopted without changes.

### **5. Review of Dolphin Mortality Limits for 2021 and 2022**

The Secretariat summarized the situation regarding the allocation and utilization of Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) in 2021, as well as the DMLs allocated and their utilization as of July 2022, included in Document [IRP-69-01](#).

The Secretariat informed that 109 vessels were granted DMLs in 2021. Of these, 86 were utilized by 1 April 2021; five were renounced, 16 were exempted due to *force majeure* and 2 were forfeited due to non-utilization. Likewise, second-semester DMLs were granted to two vessels, one of which received an exemption to maintain its DML and another one forfeited its DML due to non-utilization. In addition, one DML was allocated from the Director's reserve.

The current situation for 2022 as of 5 July is as follows: 110 vessels were granted full-year DMLs, of which 98 were utilized by 1 April. Eleven DMLs were subject to an exemption due to *force majeure*, and one was forfeited due to non-utilization. On the other hand, two vessels were granted second-semester DMLs, and two other vessels were granted DMLs from the Director's reserve.

The average cumulative mortality per vessel for 2021 was 7.49 dolphins based on 9,887 dolphin sets and a total mortality of 729 dolphins, resulting in a mortality per set of 0.07. The average DML assigned per vessel for 2021 was 44.95 and no vessel met or exceeded this limit.

According to preliminary data available as of 5 July 2022, the average cumulative mortality per vessel for 2022 is 5.55 based on 6,504 dolphin sets and a cumulative mortality of 572 dolphins, resulting in a mortality per set of 0.09. The average DML assigned per vessel for 2022 is 44.54 and, as of 5 July, no vessel has met or exceeded this limit.

### **6. Review of AIDCP *List of Qualified Captains***

The Secretariat presented Document [IRP-69-02](#) showing the changes to the list of captains between 29 September 2021 and 5 July 2022, which include the addition of 36 captains. During this period, no captain was reinstated or removed from the list.

### **7. Review of observer data**

The Secretariat presented Document [IRP-69-03](#), which includes a summary of the data reported by observers of the On-Board Observer Program concerning possible infractions, received and processed by the Secretariat since the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Panel. During this period, the Secretariat reviewed a total of 594 fishing trips and identified 9 cases of possible non-compliance with dolphin protection equipment requirements for vessels with DMLs, which were automatically forwarded to the Parties as previously instructed by the IRP. These 9 cases of possible non-compliance include 5 cases of not having a high-intensity floodlight and 4 cases of not having a dolphin-safety panel. Also, 6 possible cases of non-compliance were identified, which were presented and discussed at the Panel and are summarized below.

The cases discussed at this meeting were:

**Case 2021936:** Vessel with DML without a qualified captain. The trip took place from 18 December 2021 to 19 February 2022. The vessel did not have a DML assigned for 2021 but did have a DML assigned for 2022. The fishing authority notified the Secretariat of the DML allocation on 9 December, and the fishing captain was added to the list of qualified captains on 12 January.

The Panel agreed to refer this case to the corresponding Party as a possible infraction for investigation.

**Case 2022097:** Vessel with DML without a qualified captain. The captain was added to the list of qualified captains after the trip.

The Panel agreed to refer this case to the corresponding Party as a possible infraction for investigation.

**Case 2022118:** Vessel with DML without a qualified captain. Part of the fishing trip was conducted without an AIDCP-qualified captain. The captain was added to the list of qualified captains during the course of this trip.

The Panel agreed to refer this case to the corresponding Party as a possible infraction for investigation.

**Case 2022126:** Fishing without an observer. At the time of departure, the observer was not present. Shortly after departure, the absence of the observer was noticed, and the observer was transported by another vessel of the company, to board the assigned vessel at dawn the following day. The observer program and the vessel's flag fisheries authority took corrective action, and the Director of the observer program notified the Secretariat that this was an observer error, and that he has taken the necessary measures not only to minimize the negative effect of this observer failure but also to prevent this from happening again.

The Party of the vessel's flag State mentioned that this case had been reviewed by the fisheries authority and the vessel had not carried out fishing activities during the time there was no observer on board.

The Panel agreed that this case should NOT be referred to the Party as a possible non-compliance by the vessel.

**Case 2022369:** Fishing without an observer. The fishing trip was conducted without an observer on board or an exemption to fish without an observer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the vessel's logbook, there was fishing activity in the EPO. Communications to request an observer exemption due to COVID-19 contingencies between the observer program and the vessel's company were initiated before departure; however, they were left pending and there was no follow-up and, therefore the letter to indicate that it was not possible to place an observer from the observer program was not issued.

The Panel agreed to refer this case to the corresponding Party as a possible infraction for investigation.

**Case 2022432:** The fishing trip was conducted without an AIDCP-qualified captain and to date this captain has not been included in the list of qualified captains.

The Panel agreed to refer this case to the corresponding Party as a possible infraction for investigation.

## **8. Review of actions by Parties on possible infractions reported by the IRP:**

### **a) Actions taken since report at the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The Secretariat presented Document [IRP-69-04](#), which tracks responses to six types of possible infractions identified during the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IRP. Two cases of possible observer harassment were followed up. In this regard, it was reported that one case was under investigation and the other had concluded with a sanction.

### **b) Status review of special cases**

The Secretariat informed that there were no special cases to present at the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Review Panel.

## **9. Report of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking**

Mr. Alvin Delgado, Chair of the AIDCP, chaired the Working Group in the absence of Mr. David Hogan, Chair of the Group, due to health reasons. Mr. Delgado presented his report and stated that there were no specific recommendations for the IRP and no other business was discussed.

## **10. Other business**

Under this item, the Secretariat made a presentation on the process of the election of industry and NGO representatives for the International Review Panel. It was mentioned that the call for nominations for industry representatives was opened and there were only 3 nominees, so there was no need to vote. As for NGO representatives, there was only one nomination, so no voting was necessary. The industry and NGO representatives elected to be part of the IRP for the next two years are, on the industry side, Rafael Trujillo from the National Fishing Chamber of Ecuador, Ernesto Escobar from PINSA, Juan Miguel Nava from Grupo Mar; and on the environmental NGO side, Ms. Rebecca Regnery from Humane Society International.

The Panel welcomed the new non-governmental members.

## **11. Recommendations for the Meeting of the Parties**

The Panel agreed on the following recommendations for the Meeting of the Parties:

- Refer to the corresponding Parties 4 cases for investigation of fishing trips by vessels with DMLs that departed without a qualified captain: Cases 2021936, 2022097, 2022118, and 2022432.
- Refer to the corresponding Party case 2022369 for investigation of a fishing trip by a vessel with a DML that carried out fishing operations without an observer aboard or an exemption to fish without an observer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To request the Secretariat that for future meetings of the IRP a column be included in the table of DML assignments by country that also shows the DMLs utilized by country.
- Strengthen the training system for captains and crews of vessels that are part of the AIDCP. Consider the implementation of virtual, face-to-face and hybrid seminars, as well as pre-recorded videos that can serve as easily accessible training tools for captains and crews.
- Request the Secretariat to send a note to urge maintaining the requirement that vessels without a qualified captain cannot leave port, which would include the AIDCP observer

placement procedure.

- Ask the Secretariat to prepare a proposal to modify the procedure for including and maintaining captains on the list of qualified captains, including, among other things, the requirements regarding courses and updates, mainly by defining a period of validity of the training courses for captains to be considered qualified. Also, include a proposal regarding crew training. Present this proposal for discussion and possible approval at the next IRP meeting.

## **12. Place and date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Panel will be held in conjunction with the next meetings of the AIDCP in 2022.

## **13. Election of the Presider for the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IRP**

Mr. Enrique de la Vega, of Colombia, was reelected as Presider for the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IRP.

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 local Phoenix, Arizona time on 25 July 2022.

## 1. Appendix - List of attendees

<b>ASISTENTES - ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>MIEMBROS - MEMBERS</b>	
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	
<b>LIMBERT CORTEZ*</b> Ministerio de Defensa <a href="mailto:limbert.cortez@mindef.gob.bo">limbert.cortez@mindef.gob.bo</a>	<b>HUGO ALSINA</b> Unidad Boliviana de Pesca Marítima <a href="mailto:hugo@alsina-et-al.org">hugo@alsina-et-al.org</a>
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	
<b>DUVÁN R. OCAMPO*</b> Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores <a href="mailto:duvan.ocampo@cancilleria.gov.co">duvan.ocampo@cancilleria.gov.co</a> <b>LEONEL BOHÓRQUEZ</b> Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores <a href="mailto:lbohorquezr@cancilleria.gov.co">lbohorquezr@cancilleria.gov.co</a> <b>GUSTAVO LARA</b> Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible <a href="mailto:GLara@minambiente.gov.co">GLara@minambiente.gov.co</a> <b>SANDRA MUÑOZ</b> Ministerio de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural <a href="mailto:sandra.munoz@minagricultura.gov.co">sandra.munoz@minagricultura.gov.co</a>	<b>ANDRÉS ORTÍZ</b> Autoridad Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca <a href="mailto:andres.ortiz@aunap.gov.co">andres.ortiz@aunap.gov.co</a> <b>ENRIQUE DE LA VEGA</b> Programa Nacional de Observadores <a href="mailto:edelavega@pescalimpia.org">edelavega@pescalimpia.org</a> <b>GERMÁN FONSECA</b> Programa Nacional de Observadores <a href="mailto:observadores@pescalimpia.org">observadores@pescalimpia.org</a>
<b>COSTA RICA</b>	
<b>JOSÉ MIGUEL CARVAJAL*</b> INCOPECA <a href="mailto:jcarvajal@incopeca.go.cr">jcarvajal@incopeca.go.cr</a>	
<b>ECUADOR</b>	
<b>ISIDRO ANDRADE *</b> Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca <a href="mailto:jandrade@produccion.gob.ec">jandrade@produccion.gob.ec</a> <b>LUCIANO DELGADO</b> Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca <a href="mailto:ldegados@produccion.gob.ec">ldegados@produccion.gob.ec</a> <b>NANCY CONTRERAS</b> Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca <a href="mailto:ncontreras@produccion.gob.ec">ncontreras@produccion.gob.ec</a> <b>LUIGI BENINCASA</b> Atunec <a href="mailto:direccionejecutiva@atunec.com.ec">direccionejecutiva@atunec.com.ec</a>	<b>JORGE COSTAIN</b> Transmarina <a href="mailto:jcostain@transmarina.com">jcostain@transmarina.com</a> <b>GUILLERMO MORÁN</b> Tunacons <a href="mailto:gamv6731@gmail.com">gamv6731@gmail.com</a> <b>PEDRO SANTISTEVAN</b> Tunacons <a href="mailto:psantistevan@tunacons.org">psantistevan@tunacons.org</a> <b>RAFAEL TRUJILLO</b> Cámara Nacional de Pesquería <a href="mailto:rtrujillo@camaradepesqueria.ec">rtrujillo@camaradepesqueria.ec</a> <b>JORGE VILLAVICENCIO</b> Atunec <a href="mailto:abjorgevillavicenciomendoza@gmail.com">abjorgevillavicenciomendoza@gmail.com</a>
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>	
<b>RAÚL CORTÉZ *</b> Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería <a href="mailto:raul.cortez@mag.gob.sv">raul.cortez@mag.gob.sv</a> <b>ROSA TRIGUEROS</b> Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería <a href="mailto:raul.cortez@mag.gob.sv">raul.cortez@mag.gob.sv</a>	<b>ANA MEJÍA</b> Unioceano El Salvador SA de CV <a href="mailto:ana.mejia@coatun.com">ana.mejia@coatun.com</a>
<b>ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	
<b>DAVID HOGAN*</b> U.S. Department of State <a href="mailto:hogandf@state.gov">hogandf@state.gov</a> <b>ELANA MENDELSON</b> U.S. Department of State <a href="mailto:katz-minkeh@state.gov">katz-minkeh@state.gov</a>	<b>PAUL ORTIZ</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:paul.ortiz@noaa.gov">paul.ortiz@noaa.gov</a> <b>WILLIAM STAHNKE</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:william.stahnke@noaa.gov">william.stahnke@noaa.gov</a>

<p><b>CELIA BARROSO</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:celia.barroso@noaa.gov">celia.barroso@noaa.gov</a></p> <p><b>LYLE ENRIQUEZ</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:lyle.enriquez@noaa.gov">lyle.enriquez@noaa.gov</a></p> <p><b>AMY LUBRANO</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:amy.lubrano@noaa.gov">amy.lubrano@noaa.gov</a></p>	<p><b>RACHAEL WADSWORTH</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:rachael.wadsworth@noaa.gov">rachael.wadsworth@noaa.gov</a></p> <p><b>RYAN WULFF</b> NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service <a href="mailto:ryan.wulff@noaa.gov">ryan.wulff@noaa.gov</a></p> <p><b>WILLIAM FOX</b> U.S Commissioner <a href="mailto:billx@mac.com">billx@mac.com</a></p>
<b>MÉXICO- MEXICO</b>	
<p><b>BERNARDINO MUÑOZ *</b> Comisión Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca <a href="mailto:Bernardino.munoz@conapesc.gob.mx">Bernardino.munoz@conapesc.gob.mx</a></p> <p><b>MICHEL DREYFUS</b> Fidemar <a href="mailto:dreyfus@cicese.mx">dreyfus@cicese.mx</a></p> <p><b>ISABEL C. REYES</b> Comisión Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca <a href="mailto:Isabel.reyes@conapesc.gob.mx">Isabel.reyes@conapesc.gob.mx</a></p> <p><b>LUIS FLEISCHER</b> Fidemar <a href="mailto:lfleischer21@hotmail.com">lfleischer21@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>GUSTAVO LÓPEZ</b> Comisión Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca <a href="mailto:gustavo.lopez@conapesc.gob.mx">gustavo.lopez@conapesc.gob.mx</a></p> <p><b>BERTHA SOLER</b> Comisión Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca <a href="mailto:berthaa.soler@gmail.com">berthaa.soler@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>ERNESTO ESCOBAR</b> Pesca Azteca, S.A. de C.V. <a href="mailto:eescobar@pescaazteca.com">eescobar@pescaazteca.com</a></p> <p><b>JUAN NAVA</b> Grupomar <a href="mailto:jnava@grupomar.mx">jnava@grupomar.mx</a></p> <p><b>MARIANA RAMOS</b> Alianza del Pacífico por el Atún Sustentable <a href="mailto:mariana@pacifictunaalliance.org">mariana@pacifictunaalliance.org</a></p> <p><b>ALFONSO ROSIÑOL</b> Grupomar <a href="mailto:arosinol@oceanoindustrial.com">arosinol@oceanoindustrial.com</a></p> <p><b>ALVIN SUÁREZ</b> Alianza del Pacífico por el Atún Sustentable <a href="mailto:asuarez@pacifictunaalliance.org">asuarez@pacifictunaalliance.org</a></p>
<b>NICARAGUA</b>	
<p><b>ROBERTO CHACÓN *</b> Instituto Nicaraguense de la Pesca y Acuicultura <a href="mailto:rchacon@inpesca.gob.ni">rchacon@inpesca.gob.ni</a></p> <p><b>JULIO GUEVARA</b> Comisionado <a href="mailto:juliocgq@hotmail.com">juliocgq@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>REYNA ARANA</b> Atunes de Nicaragua, S. A. <a href="mailto:karina.marquez3@gmail.com">karina.marquez3@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>PANAMÁ - PANAMA</b>	
<p><b>ARNULFO FRANCO</b> Fipesca <a href="mailto:arnulfofranco@fipesca.com">arnulfofranco@fipesca.com</a></p>	<p><b>ANA P. DÍAZ</b> Fipesca <a href="mailto:mpdiaz@fipesca.com">mpdiaz@fipesca.com</a></p>
<b>PERÚ -PERU</b>	
<p><b>ANA ALEGRE*</b> Instituto del Mar del Perú <a href="mailto:palegre@imarpe.gob.pe">palegre@imarpe.gob.pe</a></p> <p><b>IVÁN GUEVARA</b> Instituto del Mar del Perú <a href="mailto:guevaraizquierdo.ic@gmail.com">guevaraizquierdo.ic@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>JOSÉ SALCEDO</b> Instituto del Mar del Perú <a href="mailto:jsalcedo@imarpe.gob.pe">jsalcedo@imarpe.gob.pe</a></p>
<b>VENEZUELA</b>	
<p><b>RONY LEIVA</b> Ministerio del Poder Popular de Pesca y Acuicultura <a href="mailto:ronyleivamartinez@gmail.com">ronyleivamartinez@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>ALVIN DELGADO</b> FUNDATUN <a href="mailto:fundatunpnov@gmail.com">fundatunpnov@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>ORGANIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES – INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
<p><b>BERNAL CHAVARRIA</b> OSPESCA <a href="mailto:bchavarria@lsg-cr.com">bchavarria@lsg-cr.com</a></p>	<p><b>PAUL DE BRUYN</b> IOTC <a href="mailto:paul.debruyn@fao.org">paul.debruyn@fao.org</a></p>

**SECRETARÍA – SECRETARIAT****JEAN-FRANCOIS PULVENIS**, Director a.i.[jpulvenis@iattc.org](mailto:jpulvenis@iattc.org)**MARISOL AGUILAR**[maguilar@iattc.org](mailto:maguilar@iattc.org)**ERNESTO ALTAMIRANO**[ealtamirano@iattc.org](mailto:ealtamirano@iattc.org)**RICARDO BELMONTES**[rbelmontes@iattc.org](mailto:rbelmontes@iattc.org)**BARBARA CULLINGFORD**[bcullingford@iattc.org](mailto:bcullingford@iattc.org)**ALEXANDRE DA SILVA**[adasilva@iattc.org](mailto:adasilva@iattc.org)**MONICA GALVÁN**[mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org)**JON LOPEZ**[jlopez@iattc.org](mailto:jlopez@iattc.org)**PAULINA LLANO**[pllano@iattc.org](mailto:pllano@iattc.org)**JOYDELEE MARROW**[jmarrow@iattc.org](mailto:jmarrow@iattc.org)**ALFONSO MIRANDA**[amiranda@iattc.org](mailto:amiranda@iattc.org)**JEFF MORGAN**[jmorgan@iattc.org](mailto:jmorgan@iattc.org)**TERESA MUSANO**[tmusano@iattc.org](mailto:tmusano@iattc.org)**CHRISTINE PATNODE**[cpatnode@iattc.org](mailto:cpatnode@iattc.org)**NORA ROA**[nroa@iattc.org](mailto:nroa@iattc.org)**MARLON ROMAN**[mroman@iattc.org](mailto:mroman@iattc.org)**ROBERT SARAZEN**[rsarazen@iattc.org](mailto:rsarazen@iattc.org)**SALVADOR SIU**[ssiu@iattc.org](mailto:ssiu@iattc.org)**ENRIQUE UREÑA**[eurena@iattc.org](mailto:eurena@iattc.org)**BRAD WILEY**[bwiley@iattc.org](mailto:bwiley@iattc.org)