

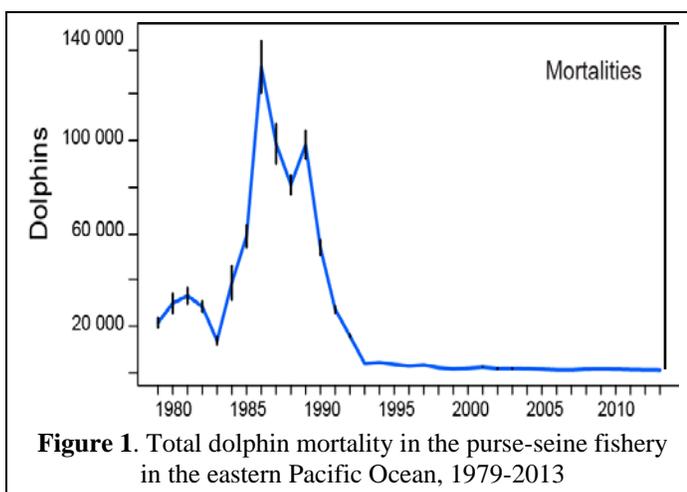
AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE REPORT ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AIDCP IN 2013

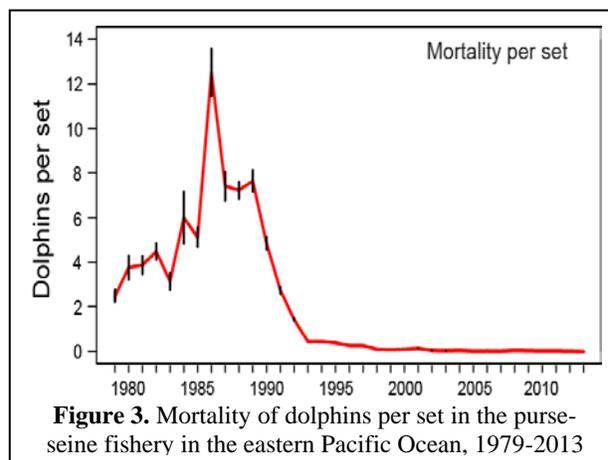
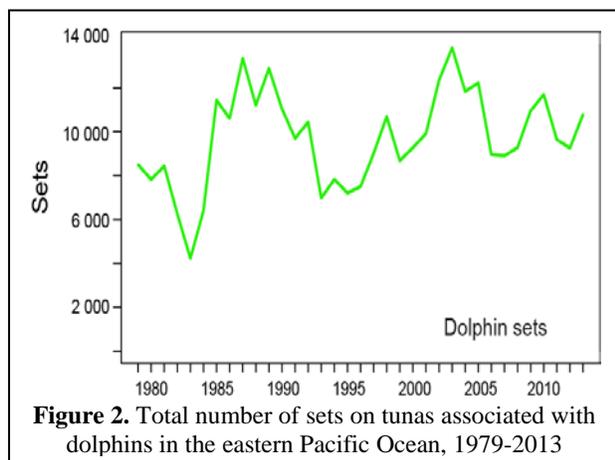
This Executive Report provides a brief summary of the operation of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) during 2013. Further information can be found in minutes of meetings, reports and other documents at www.iattc.org.

1. THE FISHERY IN 2013

During 2013, the trend of low incidental dolphin mortalities in the tuna purse-seine fishery in the Agreement Area to levels approaching zero, one of the principal objectives of the AIDCP, continued. In 10,736 intentional sets on tunas associated with dolphins, 159,236 thousand metric tons (t) of yellowfin tuna were caught, and 801 dolphins died, an average of 0.07 dolphins per set. Approximately 95.4% of these sets caused no mortality or serious injury of dolphins. Figures 1-3¹ show the trends in total mortality, number of sets on tunas associated with dolphins and mortality per set.



Ninety vessels were allocated full-year Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) and the average individual-vessel DML (ADML) was 54.4 animals. Seventy-nine of these DMLs were utilized; none was exceeded, and the average mortality per vessel was 10.1 dolphins. None vessel was allocated a second-semester DML, and none vessel was allocated a DML from the Reserve DML Allocation. The distribution of the mortality caused in 2013 by these vessels is shown in [Figure 4](#).



¹ In Figures 1 and 3, the vertical bars indicate the 95% confidence intervals in years when only a sample of the fleet carried observers.

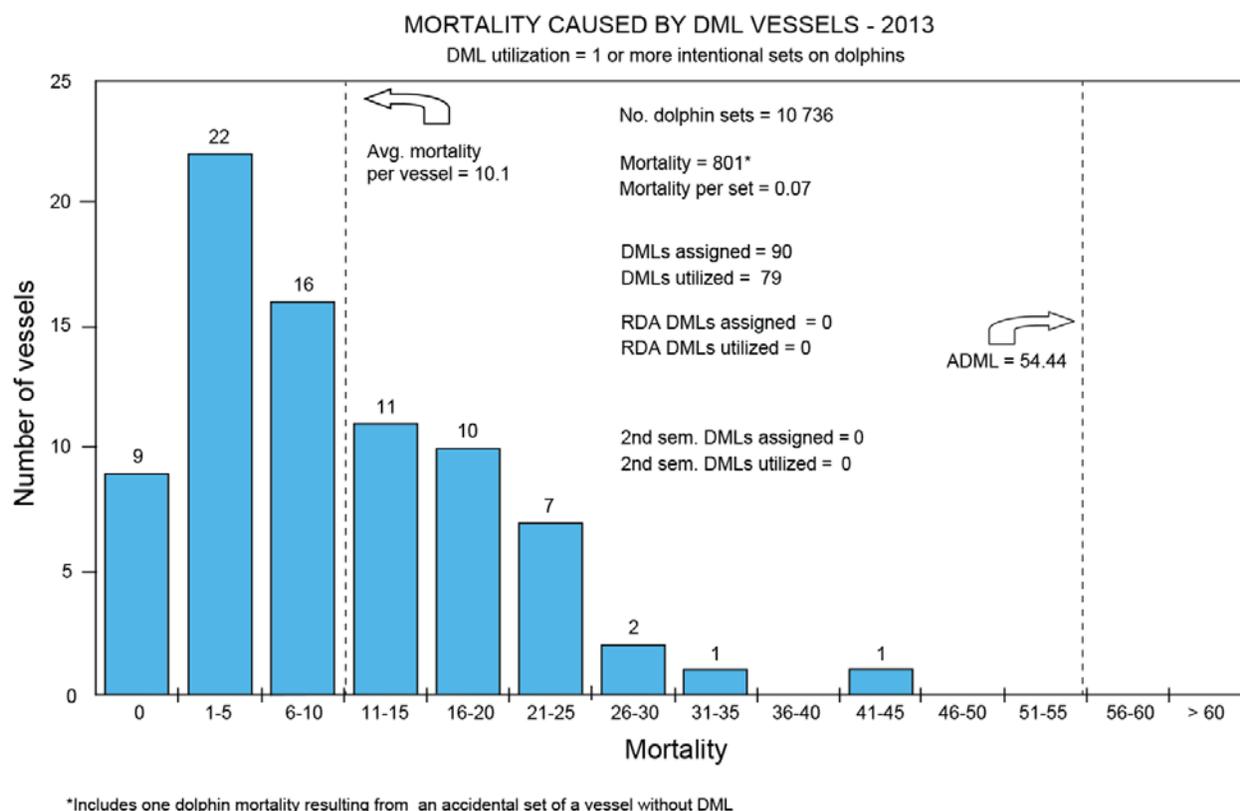


Figure 4. Distribution of dolphin mortality caused by vessels with DMLs, 2013.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

The 53rd and 54th meeting of the International Review Panel (IRP) reviewed observer information from 709 fishing trips, in which 9,434 sets were made on tuna associated with dolphins. At these meetings, the IRP identified a total of 20 possible infractions of the types shown in the table below, and these cases were forwarded to the Parties for investigation. By comparison, the IRP also identified 16 possible infractions in 2012, and an average of 25.3 possible infractions per year from 2009-2011.

POSSIBLE INFRACTIONS	2013	2012	Promedio 2009-2011
Fishing without an observer	0	2	0
Fishing on dolphins without a DML	0	0	0
Failing to avoid injuring or killing dolphins captured in the course of fishing operations	0	0	0
Fishing on dolphins after reaching the DML	0	0	0
Depart to fish with a DML without a dolphin safety panel in the net	1	1	0,3
Fishing captain assigned to a DML vessel not on AIDCP List of Qualified Captains	1	0	1,6
Use of explosives when fishing on dolphins	3	0	1,3
Not conducting backdown after dolphins are captured	0	0	0,3
Sacking up or brailing live dolphins	1	0	0,3
Harassing an observer, or interfering with his duties	2	4	2,3
Night set (not completing backdown within 30 minutes after sundown)	5	0	2,3
Not deploying rescuers during backdown	0	0	0,3
Item of rescue equipment missing	7	7	15,6
Not continuing rescue efforts after backdown with live dolphins in the net	0	0	0
Fishing on dolphins prior to notification of allocation of DMLs	0	2	1

As of November 3, 2014, the Secretariat had received the following responses from governments for possible infractions reported during 2013 and 2012:

Response	2013	2012
Confirmed as infraction, sanction imposed	0	0
Confirmed as infraction, no sanction	0	0
Warning issued	0	0
Determined not to be infraction	3	9
Under investigation	10	3
No response	7	4

3. DOLPHIN SAFE CERTIFICATION

In 2001 the Parties to the AIDCP established the [AIDCP Dolphin Safe Certification System](#), which provides assurance of the dolphin safe status of tuna by means of a certificate issued by a government for tuna that meets all the requirements of the [System for Tracking and Verifying Tuna](#).

The Parties issued 74 valid dolphin safe tuna certificates, corresponding to 60 trips from the 709 observed for which a Tuna Tracking Form were completed.