

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

32ND MEETING

Veracruz (Mexico)
5 June 2013

MINUTES OF THE MEETING¹

AGENDA

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APPENDIX

1. List of attendees

In Veracruz (Mexico), at 9:32 a.m., the 32nd Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking commenced, chaired by the delegate of Ecuador, Mr. Luis Torres.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Dr. Guillermo Compeán, after which the Chair invited the delegations to introduce themselves. The delegates took the opportunity to thank the Government of Mexico for the warm welcome they have been given and the Commission staff for the efforts made to organize the events.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Approval of minutes of the 31st meeting

The minutes of the 31st meeting, previously circulated by the Secretariat, were approved without amendments.

4. Review of the implementation of the [dolphin safe certification system](#)

The Secretariat presented Document TT-32-04 on matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin safe certification programs, indicating that the Secretariat received 50 signed dolphin safe certificates between

¹ Subject to approval by the 33rd meeting of the Working Group in October 2013

15 April 2012 and 15 April 2013, of which only 47 were considered valid and correspond to 73 trips with an equal number of TTFs.

The three certificates not considered valid were due to the fact that the respective competent national authority voided two due to clerical errors.

In the other case the certificate was voided by the Secretariat because it referred to a TTF that was not in its records. In this case the competent national authority acknowledged the error, but did not issue a corrected certificate.

It was noted that during that period no abnormal situations have arisen with regard to the comparison of the weights recorded by the observer on the TTFs and the scale weight recorded for each TTF included in the above-mentioned 47 dolphin safe certificates.

Regarding special cases TTF-30 and TTF-31, it was indicated that in both cases the flag of the vessels was different to that of the unloadings, that communications was sent to the authorities of both the vessel's flag Party and that of the port of unloading indicating that the TTFs received were inconsistent in that one certificate included non-dolphin safe fish and the other did not. Venezuela identified itself as one of the Parties and indicated that it sent the originals to the Secretariat, and that the discrepancy was in the copy obtained by the national authority of the port of unloading.

It was noted that in neither of the two cases had a dolphin safe certificate been issued of which the Secretariat had a copy.

A table was shown of the data corresponding to original TTFs received by the Secretariat for 906 trips which took place between 2012 and 15 April 2013; 818 TTFs, about 90% of the total, had been received.

The United States mentioned its percentage of compliance and was informed that the missing TTF had been recovered, albeit by chance.

The Secretariat noted that the rules establish a period of 10 days after the end of the trip for the Secretariat to receive the corresponding TTF. In the light of this, Peru stated that its 50% compliance in sending the TTFs could be due to the TTFs not arriving by the established deadline.

It was recommended that the table of TTFs received somehow show these details, in order to avoid bias in interpretation and above all to protect the image of the AIDCP.

Regarding the special cases, the European Union requested that the investigation be continued until results are achieved.

5. Other business

No other business was discussed.

6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The Working Group agreed to recommend that the IRP monitor the special cases, and that the Secretariat be asked to modify the summary table regarding the reception of TTFs so that the dates of those not received on time also be reflected.

7. Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the dates and place agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. on 3 June 2013.

Appendix 1.

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