

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

**43<sup>RD</sup> MEETING**

**Bilbao, Spain  
15 July 2019**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

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2. Adoption of the agenda	
3. Approval of the report of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	
4. Review of the implementation of the <a href="#">Dolphin Safe Certification System</a>	TT-43-01
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**APPENDIX**

1. List of attendees

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Bilbao, Spain, on 15 July 2019.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Dr. Guillermo Compeán, Director of the IATTC. Mr. David Hogan (USA) was elected as the Chair of the Working Group.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes

**3. Approval of the report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting**

The report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting, circulated previously by the Secretariat, was approved without changes. Some delegations requested the Secretariat to circulate the minutes enough in advance so that they could review them.

**4. Review of the implementation of the [Dolphin Safe Certification System](#)**

Mr. Marlon Román, from the Secretariat's staff, presented [Document TT-43-01, "Review of the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System."](#) It was reported that the Secretariat has received 557 TTFs—both original and digital—from the 599 trips made between 1 September 2018 and 15 May 2019; this represents 93% of compliance.

Additionally, between 1 September 2018 and 15 May 2019, the Secretariat received 524 copies of dolphin-safe certificates. Five hundred and twenty-three of them, corresponding to 93 TTFs completed during 93 fishing trips, were considered valid. One certificate was voided because it recorded a TTF that had not been issued. The certified tonnage (21,778 t) represents 6% of the total of 365,595 t recorded as dolphin safe on the TTFs of the 599 completed trips.

Nicaragua mentioned that the percentage of TTF submissions has reduced slightly and that non-compliance is not substantial; however, it is a setback and the Parties should take the necessary steps to improve on this area. The Secretariat commented that when it detects a reduction in the sending of RSA, it communicates without delay with the national authorities. On the other hand, in some cases it has been possible to identify problems with the mail which lead to loss of the RSA after they are sent..

#### **5. Other business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel**

There were no recommendations for the meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP.

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

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in October 2019.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 on 15 July 2019.