

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION**

10TH MEETING

**Bilbao, Spain
17-18 July 2019**

CHAIR'S REPORT

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The 10th meeting of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (Review Committee) was held in in Bilbao, Spain on July 17-18, 2019.

1. Opening of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. David Hogan, of the United States.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted its agenda with additions of 2 items under item 8. Other Business.

3. Recommendations of the 9th meeting of the committee

The Secretariat presented meeting document COR-10-01 which reported on the status of consideration or implementation of the recommendations arising from the 9th Meeting of the Committee.

4. Compliance with IATTC measures in 2018

a. Report by the staff on compliance

Mr. Ricardo Belmontes, of the Commission staff, presented the document COR-10-02, which summarized compliance with IATTC resolutions in 2018. Consistent with the recommendations from the 9th Committee meeting, the report was streamlined in certain areas and circulated in advance to attempt to collect corrections in advance. During the meeting, a number of Members asked questions, sought clarification and identified errors to be corrected. Overall trends in compliance are improving. Most measures show that over time there has been a decrease in infractions. Newer measures still do not have complete implementation, and a number of CPCs pointed out a need for improvement regarding measures addressing observer coverage and FAD data reporting.

b. Presentations by CPCs

The Committee heard presentations by each CPC present at the meeting, including explanations of certain responses to the compliance questionnaire, explanations and clarifications of certain cases that appeared in the compliance report, and follow-up to prior cases. The Committee used the compendium of compliance matters to also help guide the discussion, and after each presentation other CPCs were provided the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

5. Identification of Members and Cooperating Non-Members whose implementation of IATTC regulations is inadequate, and mechanisms to improve compliance

No individual CPCs were identified. The committee discussed institutional and systemic implementation issues, in particular with regard to longline data reporting, and solicited suggestions on improving procedures, engagement and reporting by CPCs, and related matters.

6. Consideration of the provisional IUU Vessel List

The Committee reviewed the document prepared by the Secretariat, COR-10-03, which indicated there were no requests by Members or other information available to the Secretariat to warrant a proposal to make a change to the IATTC IUU Vessel List.

7. Cooperating non-Members

The Committee reviewed Document COR-10-04, concerning the renewal of Cooperating Non-Members. The Committee recommended that all 5 Cooperating Non-Members (Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, and Liberia) be renewed by the Commission.

8. Other business

Two Presentations were made during other business:

- a) Adriana Fabra made a presentation on the ongoing work of the Tuna Compliance Network, an initiative supported by the GEF ABNJ project designed to connect the compliance officers and processes in the tRFMOs to promote harmonization, efficiency, and improved implementation by Members in each organization.
- b) A representative of The Pew Charitable Trust presented a study done in conjunction with Global Fishing Watch identifying transshipment issues relevant to the IATTC, including identifying information about the activities of carrier vessels which indicates transshipment may be occurring in the IATTC area outside of the IATTC scheme for monitoring transshipment.

9. Recommendations

d. Recommendations for the Committee/Secretariat

1. Continue the retrospective progress review represented by COR-10-01
2. Reintroduce the breakout for the status of released bycatch – disaggregate “Affected” back to more specific categories such as injured or killed.
3. Continue to track cases of discrepancies between transshipment observer estimates of transshipped fish and reported landings and other available information, and to examine other models for monitoring transshipment in other RFMOs or fora, to consider the utility of recommending the development of a threshold for determining whether any differences may be a compliance matter.
4. In order to address cases of wrapping large sharks by the tail to remove them from the net, ask the Secretariat to examine from a scientific perspective any available information on handling of large sharks based on threats to human safety, and determine at the Commission whether the existing protocols in force in the shark resolution may need to be revised. The Committee recognized and reiterated that the shark handling requirements remain in force.
5. Members that continue to experience challenges with reporting operational level data under Resolution C-11-08 should be prepared to present to the Committee with a description of those challenges and any steps they are taking to improve.
6. The Secretariat should seek to ensure coherence and reduction of discrepancies between and among the responses to the questionnaire, the issues reported in the Compliance Report, and the Compendium.
7. Secretariat should examine what types of data or monitoring would be needed to report on compliance with FAD requirements, including rules on activation/deactivation.
8. Recognizing that the requirements to retrieve FADS in the period before a closure remains in force, and consider the implications of this requirement for vessels setting opportunistically on FADs with satellite buoys they do not own.
9. The Members recommend that the Secretariat should endeavor to send all available evidentiary and documentary information when reporting any cases to Members, in particular for any possible violations that were not included on the compliance record for a trip.

e. Recommendations for the Commission

1. Renew Cooperating Non-Member status for Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Liberia and Indonesia.
2. No changes were recommended for the IUU Vessel List.
3. Communicate to the CPCs that were absent from the CPC-by-CPC review of their responsibility to attend and participate in the work of the Committee.
4. Reiterate the recommendations arising from the 9th meeting which are still pending discussion and consideration by the Commission and note that some actions may benefit from a Member exercising their prerogative to submit a proposal to facilitate action by the Commission.
5. In order to reduce redundant reporting, consider revising the FAO Sea Turtle Guidelines implementation reporting requirement to change it from annual to only when any changes occur,

possibly taking into account a model used in ICCAT or other RFMOs.

6. Reiterate obligation to retrieve FADs within 15 days of closure regardless of whether the set is opportunistic.
7. Reiterate the Secretariat's memo to Members of 11/20/18 regarding implementation of C-17-02.

f. Discussions (not resulting in recommendations)

The Committee discussed asking the Commission to review and consider affirming or, if needed, ratifying through decision making the status of work delegated to the Scientific Advisory Committee for the development of reporting standards, including forms, data fields, data resolution aspects and other work that the Committee has seen as being considered differently among CPCs where, in some cases, there is no consistent understanding of the status of those data standards. The Committee discussed this in the context primarily of FAD data reporting as well as longline catch and observer reporting. The Commission could also take into consideration the incremental implementation by some Members, given their uncertainty around the status of the data standards, and examine the utility of a phase-in of compliance expectations or the development of an action plan to achieve full implementation over time. The Committee did not reach consensus on using this discussion as the basis for a recommendation.

10. Adjournment

The initial Committee session was left open to continue working through the agenda and to await the participation of France, Kiribati, Panama, Vanuatu, as well as Cooperating Non-Members Bolivia and Chile if those delegations attend the plenary. A session was re-convened on the afternoon of Jul 22, which was left open to await the report of France. The Committee reconvened on July 23 and adjourned that same day.