

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
ACUERDO SOBRE EL PROGRAMA INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACION  
DE LOS DELFINES

**7ª REUNION DE LAS PARTES – 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

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**PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING STOCK MORTALITY LIMITS  
(SMLs)**

1. The Secretariat shall monitor the mortalities of the following seven stocks of dolphins for the purpose of ensuring that the respective SMLs are not exceeded:

	Stock		
Offshore spotted dolphin:	northeastern	western-southern	
Spinner dolphin:	eastern	whitebelly	
Common dolphin:	northern	central	southern

2. The basis for monitoring shall be weekly reports of dolphin mortalities by stock, transmitted by all observers from the AIDCP On-Board Observer Program directly to the Secretariat by fax, e-mail, or radio from vessels at sea.
3. The Secretariat shall, on the basis of these reports, estimate the projected total annual mortality of each stock. These estimates shall be provided weekly to the participating governments, which shall provide them to vessel owners and operators. Such information shall also be provided to the NGO members of the IRP by the Secretariat.
4. If the estimated total mortality for any of the seven stocks reaches 75% of the SML for that stock, the Secretariat shall so advise the participating governments, and observers will be notified that the at-sea reports must be transmitted twice weekly.
5. If the estimated total mortality for any of the seven stocks reaches a level at which the Secretariat estimates that the SML for that stock will be reached in 30 days, the Secretariat shall advise the participating governments that restrictions on the fishery are imminent, and recommend that the governments so notify the owners and operators of vessels under their jurisdiction.
6. If the estimated total mortality for any of the seven stocks reaches a level at which the Secretariat estimates that the SML for that stock will be reached in 15 days or less, the Secretariat shall advise the participating governments that, pursuant to the AIDCP, all sets on that stock and on any mixed herds containing members of that stock should cease effective from the day on which that SML is expected to be reached.
7. All participating governments shall take the necessary measures, in accordance with their national laws, to ensure that the restrictions in paragraph 6 are implemented and enforced, and shall provide the Secretariat with appropriate information regarding such implementation and enforcement.