

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION  
COMISIÓN INTERAMERICANA DEL ATÚN TROPICAL

**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON COMPLIANCE**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

LIMA (PERU)  
11 JUNE 2004

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review of relevant [Commission Resolutions](#)
4. Review of possible violations reported by the staff:
  - a) [Resolution on bycatch](#):
    - i. release of live bycatch
    - ii. full retention
  - b) [Resolution on fish-aggregating devices](#)
  - c) [Resolution on the conservation of yellowfin and bigeye tuna](#):
    - i. Purse-seine closure
    - ii. limitation on longline catch
  - d) [Resolution on at-sea reporting](#)
  - e) [Resolution on fleet capacity](#)
5. National reports on possible violations:
  - a) Possible infractions in 2003 identified from national programs or landings
  - b) Action taken by Parties on staff reports of infractions committed in 2002 and prior years
6. Criteria and procedures to adopt trade measures to promote compliance
7. Recommendations to the Commission
8. Other business
9. Adjournment

**DOCUMENTS**

|                           |                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COM-5-04                  | Compliance with IATTC measures in 2003                                |
| <a href="#">COM-5-06</a>  | Criteria and procedures to adopt trade measures to promote compliance |
| <a href="#">COM-5-JPN</a> | Report on the progress in the measures to eliminate IUU LSTLVs        |

David Hogan of the United States was elected chairman.

The provisional agenda was adopted with some modifications to include presentations by some delegations.

The staff presented its report on compliance in 2003 (Document COM-5-04), beginning with the review of relevant Commission Resolutions under agenda item 3 and continuing with the review of possible violations under agenda item 4.

The staff noted that this year's report, unlike in previous years, included information obtained from the national observer programs.

Regarding sea turtles, it was noted that in 2003 there were 1,510 sets involving 1,554 sea turtles, compared to 842 sets involving 1,000 turtles in 2002. Of the 1,554 turtles involved in 2003, 89% were released unharmed and 4% escaped, so 93% of the turtles involved suffered no adverse effects from the fishery. In 2003 a total of 32 violations were recorded by IATTC observers and reported to governments, compared to 69 violations in 2002.

Regarding the requirement for purse-seine vessels to retain on board all tuna caught, the staff reported that there was a 41% increase in sets with discards in 2003 compared to 2001-2002, and the tonnage of tunas discarded increased by 56%. The staff also reported that the percentage of sets with discards had fallen from 18% of the total number of sets during the three years prior to the resolution to 12% during the three years since.

Regarding at sea-reporting, the staff reported that in the second half of 2003, after the new resolution of June 2003 on this matter entered into force, the rate of reports received was 70%, versus 54% during the first six months of 2003. Also, the reporting rate during the first quarter of 2004 was 75%.

Discussion of the report included an intervention by Mexico that the data and information analyses related to the discard provisions of the bycatch resolution were important, particularly in terms of the status of the bigeye tuna stock, and recommended that those provisions, which are set to expire in 2004, be extended.

After some discussion of the section of the compliance report on sharks, Spain encouraged the Bycatch Working Group to continue its work to determine what action was necessary for the Secretariat to take with regard to shark bycatch.

The Working Group supported a request by Japan to ask the staff to contact the relevant States regarding the interaction between their purse-seine vessels and the vessel *Faro Villano*.

The staff noted some corrections to be made to Document COM-5-04 based on recently-submitted information regarding compliance with the resolution on data provision.

Under agenda item 5, *National reports on possible violations*, Venezuela presented a report on the development of measures and mechanisms to improve reporting and responses to reports on compliance issues, especially cases involving sea turtles.

Japan presented an [information paper](#) concerning progress in measures to eliminate large-scale longline vessels engaged in IUU fishing. Chinese Taipei offered some additional information on cooperation with Japan in this project.

Under agenda item 6, *Criteria and procedures to adopt trade measures to promote compliance*, the Secretariat presented [Document COM-5-06](#), and the European Union presented its proposal regarding the development of trade measures to promote compliance, which was modelled on a recent ICCAT recommendation. The Working Group discussed the EU proposal, and some delegations offered comments on the usefulness and function of such a measure. The EU invited all delegations to offer comments and to work with it and the staff on an amended version to be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

The Working Group recommended that the Commission consider the understanding adopted by the AIDCP with regard to the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 5 of Resolution C-03-12 on tuna conservation, regarding landings, transshipments and commercial transactions in tuna or tuna products positively identified as originating from fishing activities that contravene the resolution, with a view toward adopting a similar understanding for implementation within the IATTC in the event that similar measures are adopted for the future.

Mexico presented a letter from the Colombian delegation expressing concern over its treatment by the Secretariat of the AIDCP and the IATTC. In response to Colombia's statements, the Working Group expressed unanimous faith and confidence in the Secretariat, and a desire for efforts by the members, both individually and collectively, to encourage Colombia to participate cooperatively in the work of the IATTC and the AIDCP.

The Working Group will meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the IATTC in 2005.

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