

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING
34TH MEETING

Lima, Peru
 7 July 2014

REPORT OF THE MEETING

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APPENDIX

1. List of attendees

The 34th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Lima (Peru) on 7 July 2014. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Arnulfo Franco, of Panama.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without any changes.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 33rd meeting

The minutes of the 33rd meeting, circulated previously by the Secretariat, were approved without changes.

4. Review of the implementation of the dolphin safe certification system

The Secretariat presented Document TT-34-04 "*Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin safe certification programs*". The Secretariat received 69 signed dolphin safe certificates as of 15 May 2014; of these, 68, corresponding to 37 Tuna Tracking Forms (TTFs) prepared during 37 fishing trips, were considered valid. The competent national authority voided one certificate due to clerical errors.

Nicaragua noted that compliance with submitting TTFs is good, and that the delays are due to the fact that the 10-day period established for submission in the rules is short. He proposed that a field be added

to the TTFs for recording the date on which the national authority received the document. The United States noted that this would mean amending the procedures. Ecuador pointed out that the port State has competency in the submission of TTFs, and that the procedures indicate the need for cooperation between the vessel's flag State and the port State, although the rights of each regarding investigations of the legality of a TTF must be respected.

México stated that there are achievements regarding the submission of TTFs, currently at 96%, that should be recognized and publicized and that there is no precedent for this type of system in the world.

Estados Unidos noted that the implementation of the program has improved, but that nonetheless cases of discrepancies should be highlighted and reported.

5. Other business

The European Union noted that the AIDCP dolphin-safe certification system is rarely used, and that the performance evaluation that it was proposing would help to evaluate the system and its merits. Mexico stated that the value of the system is evident, and that if it were accepted in the markets of all the countries that were Parties to the AIDCP it would have the validity that it deserves.

6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The group had no recommendations for the IRP.

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 2014.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on 7 July 2014.

Appendix 1.

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