

PHILIPPINES ANNUAL REPORT ON ECOLOGICALLY
RELATED SPECIES
WORKING GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD IN BUSAN,
KOREA ON SEPT 1-3, 2009

The Philippines, as a Cooperating Non Contracting party of the Commission on the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) utilizes longline in capturing Tuna species in the Commission Areas.

In 2008, the Philippines only deployed one (1) vessel (Sun Tai No. 3) from March to October 2008 in area 8/9 . During this period, Sun Tai No. 3 caught 38,892 kgs. Of South Bluefin Tuna (SBT) consisting of 932 pieces.

The Philippine vessels is operating in the CCSBT Area are not targeting SBT but only BY-CATCH, No effort data have been recorded so that we cannot provided distribution of catch and effort, and no observers on board

The Philippine have not yet undertaken mitigation measures to minimize seabird and other species, but we required vessels to install TORI LINE.

No public relations and Education activities being undertaken and no information on other ERS (non by catch) such as prey and predator species and have not yet implemented the IPOA-seabirds and IPOA-sharks