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## Potential Non-Member Fishing Activity & Trade/ Emerging Markets

### 1. Introduction

This paper provides information concerning non-Member fishing activity that the Secretariat has received since CCSBT 23 from sources other than Members/ Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs), as well as a brief update on relevant trade information for 2016.

### 2. Potential Non-Member Fishing Activity

During June 2017, the Secretariat was made aware of the alleged catch of one southern bluefin tuna which was caught and retained in the southern Indian Ocean on 31 May 2017 by Chinese-flagged vessel *Lu Rong Yuan Yu 201* (call sign BBIM1). This information was received in a transshipment observer report for the Carrier Vessel 'Tuna Princess'. The transshipment observer included a photograph of the logbook entry<sup>1</sup> for the SBT and noted the following in his report:

*"The LSTLV captain declared that the LSTLV would not contain any fish after the transshipment. However the logbook reflected bigeye tuna; yellowfin tuna; southern bluefin tuna and swordfish catches in a period of 7 days prior to the transshipment date which was not transhipped".*

### 3. Trade and Emerging Markets

This year the Secretariat has not provided a separate trade data paper.

The Secretariat did however briefly consider the CDS re-/export data and examine the trade data on the Global Trade Atlas (GTA) database and noted that for 2016:

- The CDS data includes some very small imports by new importers: Croatia (EU), Myanmar, Ukraine, Vietnam and the Wallis and Futuna Islands;
- The GTA indicates that significant quantities of SBT were traded by EU Members, including apparently live SBT (4.2t imported, and more than 40t exported from predominantly Bulgaria), fresh/chilled SBT (9.2t imported, 1.5t exported), and frozen SBT (12.7t imported – predominantly by Greece). These data seem to indicate that species mis-coding by EU Member States is continuing to occur;
- The GTA records South Africa as having exported 3.5t of live SBT (to Japan and the USA) – which seems impractical and likely also indicates miscoded product/ product states;
- The GTA records the USA as having exported 127.5t of fresh/chilled SBT (to Canada, Japan, Mexico). Due to the product being fresh, it seems likely to be miscoded product; and
- The GTA records Mauritius as having imported 1.6t of frozen SBT from China, but the Secretariat cannot confirm if that import product was correctly coded.

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<sup>1</sup> The Secretariat has received a photograph of this logbook page