



CCSBT-EC/1010/07

REVIEW OF SBT FISHERIES AND ERS INTERACTIONS

Purpose

Discussion by Members and Cooperating Non-Members on recent activities in the fishery.

Background

The Extended Commission has determined that each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a paper in an agreed format, reporting on its SBT fishing activities in the previous season and include all sources of SBT mortality. From 2010, the reports should include a table of observed ERS interactions including mortalities, and methods of scaling to produce estimates of total mortality, in the same format as presented in Attachment 4 of the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group.

Reports are assumed to have been read. This agenda item is for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports.

The reports for this item are provided as “CCSBT-CC/1010/SBT Fisheries” in the meeting document list.

In addition to the general review of SBT fisheries, two specific sub-agenda items have been included for discussion within the review of fisheries topic. These are:

(1) Monitoring of Japanese wholesale markets and Australian farming operations

At CCSBT 15 (October 2008), Australia and Japan expressed their intention to work for improvement of the monitoring of Japanese wholesale markets and Australian SBT farming operations. Progress in these areas was reported to the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) and Extended Commission (EC) in 2009 and is listed on the agenda for discussion at the ESC meeting in September 2010.

This sub-agenda item provides an opportunity to present and review progress with monitoring of the Japanese market and Australian farming operations.

(2) Recreational fisheries

At CCSBT 15, the Extended Commission adopted the recommendation of the Compliance Committee that Members with a recreational catch should report estimates of their recreational catch to the Extended Commission on an annual basis. It is expected that this information would be included in national reports of Members and Cooperating Non-Members that have recreational catches.

This sub-agenda item provides an opportunity to present and review progress with reporting estimates of recreational catches.

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