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MONITORING OF JAPANESE WHOLESALE MARKETS AND AUSTRALIAN SBT FARMING OPERATIONS

Purpose

To provide an opportunity to present and review progress with monitoring of the Japanese market and Australian farming operations.

Background

At CCSBT 15, Australia and Japan expressed their intention to work for improvement of monitoring of Japanese wholesale markets and Australian SBT farming operations and to report the results to the 16th Extended Commission Meeting.

At the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group meeting held in April 2009:

- Japan advised that it was conducting monthly monitoring of the Tsukiji market and that it would be reporting the outcome to the ESC and CCSBT 16; and
- Australia advised that the stereo video camera had proved accurate for measuring SBT under controlled conditions. However, it still had concerns about the conversion of length data to weight data and the application of the system in an operational environment. Australia advised that it was investigating ways of implementing the system to work under operational conditions, including converting the length measurements to weights and automation of the measurements.

More extensive discussion of the monitoring of the Japanese markets and the Australian farms occurred during the meeting of the Extended Scientific Committee held in September 2009. These discussions are recorded in paragraphs 19 to 45 and Attachments 7 and 8 of the report of the Extended Scientific Committee.