



CCSBT-EC/0910/22

## CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXTENDED COMMISSION DOCUMENTS

### Purpose

To determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT16 should be restricted from public release.

### Background

Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the reports prepared of Extended Commission meetings will be made available for public release unless a Member makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission. Restrictions on release of a report require a decision from the Extended Commission.

Documents submitted to Extended Commission meetings are also to be made available for public release unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document or the Member (if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission.

### Discussion

The 2006 farm and market review reports are confidential and consequently other documents that include estimates of unreported catches derived from these documents must also be kept confidential, including:

- A catch table incorporating this information was prepared by the Secretariat and included in the material considered at the 14<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee. The Secretariat requests that Attachment A of this paper (CCSBT-ESC/0909/04) be treated as confidential.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/0909/41 contains information from the market review report and within that paper, Japan has advised that this paper should be treated as being confidential.

No other documents have been nominated to the Secretariat as having a confidential status.

Prepared by the Secretariat