

Japan's proposal on
Resolution on strengthening compliance

Recognizing the importance of strengthening of compliance and monitoring throughout all phases of SBT fishery from catching to the market,

The Commission resolves that:

1. To achieve more accurate and prompt reporting on SBT fishery, and to ensure more precise compliance with national allocations, the flag Members and cooperating non-Members of pelagic longline vessels shall require their vessels to report daily on their SBT fishery (a real-time monitoring program, RTMP) to the flag Member or cooperating non-Member, at least for the following items:
 - Date of catch
 - Name of the vessel
 - Vessel's position (latitude, longitude)
 - Number of hooks used
 - Time at start and end of gear set
 - Time at start and end of gear retrieval
 - Length, weight, product type and tag number of the individual SBT caught
 - Number of SBT released/discarded

2. The flag Members and cooperating non-Members of pelagic longline vessels shall conduct physical inspections of all SBT caught by their vessels. The inspections shall be conducted by the government officials of the flag Member or cooperating non-Member, and before the first point of sale of the SBT. In principle, the inspections should be conducted when the SBTs are landed at a flag Member's or cooperating non-Member's port. In the case that SBTs are not being landed at a flag Member's or cooperating non-Member's port, such as exports directly from the points of transshipment to importing countries, the flag Members and cooperating non-Members shall conduct the following:
 - a) When SBTs are being exported after at-sea transshipments without being landed at a flag Member or cooperating non-Member's port, the flag Member or cooperating non-Member shall conduct inspections of the SBTs at a foreign port after the at-sea transshipment, when the vessel that received the transshipments calls at the port, in accordance with the port state's domestic laws.

 - b) When SBTs are being exported after transshipments at a foreign port without being landed at a flag Member or cooperating non-Member's port, the flag Member or

cooperating non-Member shall conduct inspections of the SBTs at the foreign port, in accordance with the port state's domestic laws. In this case, the flag Member or cooperating non-Member shall share relevant information with the port state in accordance with the Resolution on action plans to ensure compliance with Conservation and Management Measures in 2009. It is encouraged that the flag Member or cooperating non-Member and the port state cooperate in conducting the inspections.

3. The Members and cooperating non-Members farming SBT shall conduct physical inspections of all SBT harvested. The inspections shall be conducted by the government officials of the farming Member or cooperating non-Member, and before the first point of sale of the SBT. In principle, the inspections should be conducted when the SBTs are harvested.
4. The Members and cooperating non-Members shall ensure to validate the Farm Stocking Forms, Catch Monitoring Forms and Re-export/export After Landing of Domestic Product Forms based on the best information available, including information from RTMP and physical inspections, and by a person who has no interest in the SBT described on the Forms, including government officials and staff of the Chamber of Commerce.
5. The Members and cooperating non-Members shall conduct inspections of tuna products using effective methods, including DNA testing, to prevent illegal catch and landing of SBT disguised as other tuna species.
6. The Members and cooperating non-Members farming SBT shall implement effective monitoring throughout all phases of SBT farming, including at the time of catching by purse seine, towing, stocking, transferring and harvesting. Especially, the Members and cooperating non-Members farming SBT shall implement stereo video systems in accordance with the Resolution on action plans to ensure compliance with Conservation and Management Measures in 2009, and improve methods to calculate the amount of catch and age composition of SBT caught by purse seine. The results of the implementation of the stereo video systems shall be reported to the Scientific Committee annually, starting from 2012. The Scientific Committee is requested to compare and analyze the weight and length data from the Catch Tagging Forms submitted to the CCSBT Secretariat in accordance with the CDS resolution, with the results of the implementation of the stereo video systems, and review methods to calculate the amount of catch and age composition of SBT caught by purse seine.
7. The Members and cooperating non-Members shall monitor any development of new markets, both in the Members and non-Members, using information such as SBT international trade data from Catch Documentation Scheme, and report the results of

such monitoring to the Extended Commission annually. The Members and cooperating non-Members shall continue to monitor the identified new markets and the existing markets using most updated data available.

8. The Members and cooperating non-Members shall obtain more accurate information on all SBT mortality, including discards, recreational catch and mortality during farming activities including towing, stocking, transferring and harvesting, and report the information to the Scientific Committee.