

Seventh Meeting of the Compliance Committee
27-29 September 2012
Takamatsu City, Japan
Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of meeting

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Adoption of Agenda

1.3. Meeting Arrangements

2. Compliance with CCSBT Conservation and Management Measures

This agenda item relates to compliance with existing CCSBT conservation and management measures.

2.1. Annual Reports from Members and Cooperating Non-members

Intersessional discussion is taking place regarding a new annual reporting template that amalgamates the previous annual report template and the compliance action plan template. If intersessional agreement is reached on the new template, Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) should submit their annual reports in accordance with this new template. The Executive Secretary will announce by early August whether the new template or the original templates should be used for the annual report.

It is assumed that Members and CNMs will have read the submitted annual reports so there should be no need to re-present those items¹. The time will therefore focus on questions and answers to key issues within the Annual Reports. It is expected that the question and answer session will be a detailed examination of the Members' and CNMs' systems and performance.

2.2. Report from Secretariat

The Secretariat's report will include an updated Compliance Table that summarises compliance of Members and CNMs with CCSBT management measures. This table will be updated in conjunction with Members and CNMs in advance of the meeting as recommended by the Fourth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC4). The paper from the Secretariat will also include an updated characterisation of global SBT fisheries as requested by CC5.

2.3. Assessment of compliance with CCSBT management measures

The CCSBT Strategic plan requires that, in order to obtain accurate data on all fisheries, an annual audit of Members against a checklist of compliance measures be conducted by the Compliance Committee. Information presented in the previous sub agenda items is expected to be the major contributor to this process. The present sub agenda item provides an opportunity to assess this information and to provide recommendations for any areas that require improvement.

This agenda item also provides the opportunity for the Compliance Committee to consider the performance of CNMs in complying with CCSBT management measures in order to assist the Extended Commission with its decision in relation to continuing the status of CNMs.

¹ It should be noted that the new template incorporates the "Annual VMS Summary Report", the "Annual Transshipment Summary Report" and the "Annual Report on Implementation of the 2008 ERS Recommendation", so there is no requirement to submit those reports separately.

3. Implementation of the CCSBT Compliance Plan

The CCSBT Compliance Plan was adopted at the 2011 Annual Meeting. The Compliance Plan contains a three year action plan. The following sub-agenda items relate to action planned for 2012 or 2013

3.1. Action planned for 2012

3.1.1. Minimum performance requirements

A revised set of minimum performance requirements for compliance with national allocations and transshipments was circulated, discussed and amended intersessionally. These revised requirements will be submitted as a meeting document and will help to focus discussion on this topic.

3.1.1.1. Compliance with national allocations

3.1.1.2. Transshipments

3.1.2. Revised and consolidated reporting template

A revised reporting template is being discussed intersessionally and might be agreed prior to the meeting. If not agreed intersessionally, further discussion could occur here. The template is a consolidation of the previous annual reporting and compliance action plan templates. It is not designed for reporting against the minimum performance requirements because most of these have yet to be developed. Therefore, this template will need to be revised as minimum performance requirements are adopted.

3.1.3. Evaluate ways to effectively implement Port State obligations

Members should give consideration to appropriate Port State obligations for the CCSBT prior to the meeting and either submit proposals to the meeting or be prepared to raise and discuss options at the meeting. This task is scheduled from 2012 to 2013, so work on Port State obligations may continue into 2013. However, if this occurs, the Compliance Committee should consider the approach it wishes to take for any remaining work.

3.1.4. Complete audit trial (subject to funding)

Funding was not provided for the 2012 budget, so the audit trial has not proceeded. CCSBT18 requested that a more detailed proposal on a trial audit be prepared by the Executive Secretary for consideration by the 2012 Compliance Committee and Extended Commission meetings. As part of this process, the Compliance Committee Chair prepared a revised audit policy and this was circulated intersessionally for Member's comment. Resulting comments showed a wide range of views from minor or no comments, to opposing the entire audit policy. The Compliance Committee will discuss the comments received from Members and revisit the reasons for having audits and the consequences of not having audits. A recommendation should then be made as to whether or not the CCSBT should proceed with an audit policy. Any further work on an audit policy should proceed on the basis of this recommendation.

3.1.5. Provide a program of MCS assistance to Indonesia

Members and the Secretariat should consider the type of practical assistance that they can provide and be prepared to present and discuss this at the meeting. This task is scheduled from 2012 to 2013, so development of an assistance program may continue into 2013.

3.1.6. Review SBT trade data

This task was originally scheduled in the Action Plan for 2013, but work has already commenced in accordance with separate recommendations at CC6. The Secretariat has subscribed to the trade database recommended at CC6 and will provide a paper summarizing this information. The paper will also include any outcomes from ESC discussions associated with CC6's recommendation that the ESC be tasked with developing a method for using these trade figures for analysing market trends.

3.2. Action planned for 2013

The Compliance Committee should give consideration to the approach it wishes to use for considering the following elements of the action plan during 2013.

- **Minimum performance requirements (CDS)**

The CDS is arguably the most important component of CCSBT's MCS measures and there are likely to be numerous minimum performance requirements for the CDS. Some of the requirements may be challenging to implement and specifying the requirements is likely to require significant effort from Members. It is therefore important that the Compliance Committee give serious consideration to the process to use in 2013 for specifying these requirements, including whether additional meeting time will be required.

- **Explore costs and benefits of a common IUU vessel list with other RFMOs**

One of the recommendations from Kobe 3 was that tuna RFMOs should cooperate to harmonize IUU vessel listing criteria and procedures to the maximum extent possible, and move towards adopting principles, criteria, and procedures for cross-listing IUU vessels that are listed on the IUU list of other tuna RFMOs. The CCSBT is the only tuna RFMO without an IUU vessel list. The Compliance Committee should consider whether there is a need for an IUU vessel list within the CCSBT and provide a recommendation to the Extended Commission on this matter.

- **Trend analysis of publicly available market data**

- **R & D on new technologies & tools to aid observers, certifiers and validators to identify SBT (in particular once processed)**

Members are asked to prepare and present specific proposals (such as developing an electronic SBT identification device) for consideration by the meeting. The Compliance Committee will discuss any proposals and make recommendations to the Extended Commission in relation to support and/or funding of such projects as is appropriate.

4. Review of CCSBT MCS Measures

This agenda item is for review of existing MCS measures, with the intention of ensuring that these measures are operating effectively and efficiently. Compliance with such measures should, in most cases, be dealt with in agenda item 2. The Secretariat will prepare a brief report summarising the operation of these measures from its perspective. Members should prepare papers outlining any operational issues with the measures that they have identified, including any recommendations for change.

4.1. CDS

4.2. Transshipment

At CC6, Members raised concerns about the effectiveness and efficiency of this measure if SBT are unable to be separated or identified, and were asked to reflect on how to improve this measure and if not, whether the Commission should continue to implement the measure. This agenda item will provide an opportunity to exchange views on this matter.

4.3. VMS

4.4. Record of authorised farms and vessels

5. Discussion of new or enhanced MCS measures, including ongoing identification and sharing of best practise for MCS systems

5.1. New and/or enhanced MCS measures for the CCSBT

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Compliance Committee to discuss any new and/or enhanced MCS measures required for the CCSBT. Measures to be discussed will arise from discussions at earlier agenda items and through any proposals submitted from Members in advance of the meeting. Discussions will take the entire CCSBT MCS framework into account with the intent of achieving an overall MCS system with appropriate robustness to support CCSBT management decisions.

5.2. Ongoing identification and sharing of best practise for MCS systems

This agenda item arises from the Compliance Action Plan in the context of supporting developing countries, but it also provides a valuable opportunity to share information on best practise amongst all Members. Under this agenda item, Members are invited to present information on developments in relation to best practise with MCS systems. This could include new systems developed by the Member or systems/practises developed elsewhere.

6. Future work program

7. Other business

8. Recommendations to the Extended Commission

9. Conclusion

9.1. Timing of the next meeting

The Terms of Reference for the Compliance Committee specifies that “The Compliance Committee will meet annually immediately prior to the annual meeting of the Extended Commission unless otherwise decided by the Extended Commission”.

9.2. Adoption of meeting report

9.3. Close of meeting