



CCSBT-EC/1310/17

Activities with Other Organisations

Purpose

To brief the Extended Commission on interactions with other organisations during 2013 and proposals for 2014.

CCSBT Observers at non-CCSBT meetings

At CCSBT 17, the EC agreed that specified Members would act as the CCSBT observers at RFMO meetings of interest (e.g. tuna RFMOs and CCAMLR) and that the observer Members would provide reports back to the CCSBT on matters of relevance in order to improve coordination with other RFMO's. The following Members were nominated at CCSBT 19 to observe the next series of RFMO's annual meetings:

- Korea to observe meetings of WCPFC;
- Australia to observe meetings of CCAMLR;
- Indonesia to observe meetings of IOTC;
- Japan to observe meetings of ICCAT; and
- Taiwan to observe meetings of IATTC.

These CCSBT observers may have matters of relevance to report back to the CCSBT.

The EC should confirm which Members will act as CCSBT observers to the next series of RFMO annual meetings.

It should be noted that CCAMLR has already invited the CCSBT to participate as an observer at its Thirty-second annual meetings of the Commission and Scientific Committee, commencing from 21 October 2013.

Activities of the Secretariat with other Organisations

Activities during 2013

The Secretariat did not participate in meetings of other organisations during 2013. However, the Secretariat is in regular contact with the Secretariats of the other tuna RFMOs on matters of mutual interest, including MCS measures (particularly transshipments at sea), the global register of tuna vessels and other matters on an ad-hoc basis.

Proposed meetings for 2014

Known meetings of interest to the Extended Commission are:

- 31st session of the FAO Committee of Fisheries¹ (COFI) (9-13 June 2013).
- 5th meeting of the Regional Secretariat's Network (RSN) (in association with COFI).
- Annual meetings of other tuna RFMOs.
- CCAMLR annual meeting.

It is proposed to continue the practice of deciding whether to attend meetings of interest on the basis of the specific interests of the CCSBT in the agendas.

Relationship with CCAMLR

The Arrangement between CCSBT and CCAMLR that was finalised by CCSBT at CCSBT 19 has been signed by both CCSBT and CCAMLR. A copy of the arrangement was distributed on 12 November 2012 in Circular #2012/043.

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¹ In conjunction with past practise, a meeting of tuna Secretariats is expected to be held in the margins of COFI