



CCSBT-EC/1410/16

Activities with Other Organisations

Purpose

To agree on the CCSBT observers to attend meetings of other RFMOs during 2015, and to brief the Extended Commission on interactions with other organisations during 2014 and proposals for 2015.

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 20 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-third annual meetings of the Commission and Scientific Committee, from 20 to 31 October 2014. After CCSBT 21, the Secretariat will advise CCAMLR of the CCSBT observer that will attend CCAMLR.

Activities of the Secretariat with other Organisations

Activities during 2014

Participation by the Secretariat in meetings of other organisations was described in the Report from the Secretariat (CCSBT-EC/1410/04). These included the:

- CCAMLR CDS Review Panel (See Circular #2014/009);
- Inception Workshop and first Steering Committee meeting¹ for the GEF² funded project “Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in the ABNJ” (Tuna ABNJ Project);
- Thirty First Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI 31);
- A meeting of the Tuna RFMO Executive Secretaries¹;
- Fifth Meeting of the Regional Fisheries Body Secretariats Network¹ (RSN); and
- KOBE Steering Committee Meeting¹.

In addition, the Compliance Manager will be attending a compliance coordination meeting between the IOTC and CCSBT Secretariats during November 2014.

Finally, 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 2015

Known meetings of interest to the Extended Commission are:

- Joint tuna RFMO Bycatch Working Group Meeting focused on harmonise longline observer data fields across the tuna RFMOs (27-29 January 2015, Keelung, Taiwan);
- Second steering Committee Meeting of the Tuna ABNJ Project (Approximately June 2015, Rome, Italy or Washington, USA);
- Technical evaluation of the ICCAT e-BCD system to determine whether the system can be adapted for CCSBT’s use (3rd quarter 2015, Madrid, Spain). The necessity of conducting this technical evaluation will be determined at the Ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee;
- Annual meetings of other tuna RFMOs³; and
- CCAMLR annual meeting³.

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.

In addition, the Secretariat plans to seek opportunities for its Database and Compliance managers to meet and share ideas and developments with their counterparts in CCAMLR and/or WCPFC.

Prepared by the Secretariat

¹ Held in conjunction with COFI 31.

² Global Environment Facility.

³ Nominated CCSBT Members usually represent the CCSBT at these meetings instead of the Secretariat.