



CCSBT-EC/1510/17 (Rev.1)

## Relationship with Non-members

### Purpose

To provide an update concerning discussion or issues with Non-Member and Non-CNM (Cooperating Non-Member) States/Entities.

### Identification of States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, for consideration at CCSBT 22

CCSBT 18 agreed that the following process would be used for nominating States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT:

- Members nominate important States whose cooperation is desired, together with background information supporting that nomination and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least 6 weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- The Executive Secretary incorporates this information in the Secretariat's agenda paper for the standing agenda item on "Relationship with Non-Members" for consideration by the Extended Commission.
- With the Extended Commission's endorsement, the Executive Secretary write to the nominated State(s) seeking their cooperation.
- The nominating Member follow-up the Executive Secretary's letter with bilateral discussion. This is an important step because experience has shown that many States do not respond to written communication.

No nominations were provided to the Secretariat in advance of CCSBT 22.

### Progress on issues raised at CC 9 and CCSBT 21

As requested by CCSBT 21, the USA, Fiji and Singapore have been invited to attend the Annual Meetings of the Compliance Committee and Extended Commission during October 2015. Both the USA and Singapore have indicated their intention to attend the meetings.

CCSBT 21 agreed to Commission market analyses on significant markets to contribute to estimating non-member catch. No terms of reference were developed for the market analyses, but from discussions at CCSBT 21, it was clear that the funds were for analysis of non-Member markets and that China was considered to be the most important of these markets. The Secretariat contacted a variety of organisations to seek requests for proposals to conduct this work. Following intersessional correspondence with Members (including Circulars #2015/044, 048 and 057), it was agreed to accept a proposal from TRAFFIC to determine the presence of SBT products in China through trade analysis and DNA species identification of sashimi tuna sampled from Beijing and Shanghai. Further discussion with TRAFFIC is underway.

The Secretariat has continued its correspondence with both Singapore and the USA to seek enhanced cooperation with the CCSBT's CDS, particularly in relation to sharing information concerning the importation of SBT. Singapore has provided high level information on imports and there are positive signs of potential progress with the USA.

Prepared by the Secretariat