

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (CHINESE TAIPEI)
ON THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

1. The 2017 annual meeting (the 92rd meeting) of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in Mexico City, Mexico on 19 July to 28 July 2017.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives of all 21 Members of the Commission. Bolivia, Chile, Honduras and Liberia attended as observers. Several international governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations were also represented.

Cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT

3. No matter related to cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT was discussed in the meeting.

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

4. There was no new additional vessel proposed to be included in the IATTC IUU vessel list before and during the meeting. Therefore, the Commission decided to maintain the current IUU vessel list as it was.

Adopted Resolutions

5. Four resolutions were approved:
 - (a) *Conservation measures for tropical tunas in the Eastern Pacific Ocean during 2018-2020 and amendment to Resolution C-17-01*: The Commission agreed the conservation measures for tuna for the next three years, which include the closures period are to extend to 72 days for purse-seine vessels, the catch limit of the United States for longline fishing vessels is set at 750 metric tons, the catch limit can transferred by any CPC in a given year not exceed 30%, the CPC shall ensure the limitation of the number of FADs activated at any one time set for different class of purse-seine vessels, as well as to report the daily information on all active FADs to the Secretariat at monthly intervals, etc. In addition to this, the Commission agreed to amend the existing Resolution C-17-01 to remove catch limit for purse-seine vessels, and to extend the days of the closures to 72 days for all purse-seine vessels, except for the purse-seine vessels for the fishery on dolphins are maintained as 62 days.
 - (b) *Financing for fiscal year 2018*: The Commission agreed its budget of US\$7,977,003 for fiscal year 2018, with an increase budget of 1,239,514 US dollars compared with 2017 budget.
 - (c) *Resolution to amend paragraph 4 of Resolution C-12-03, IATTC Rules of Procedure, regarding the date of the ordinary annual meeting of the Commission*: The Commission agreed that the Commission shall meet at least once per calendar year, preferably not less than three months after the conclusion of the

meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee corresponding to the same year.
The exact date and place of the meeting shall be decided by the Commission.

- (d) *Creation of an Ad Hoc working group to review the legal and operative coherence of IATTC Resolutions*: The Commission agreed to create the *Ad Hoc Virtual Working Group* for reviewing the legal and operative coherence of IATTC resolutions in force.

Other Issues Discussed

6. Several other proposals were also discussed, including port state measures, sea turtle conservation measures, conservation of Pacific bluefin tuna, shark fins attached measure, longline observer coverage and observer safety at sea, etc. However, no consensus was reached on these issues.

Place and date of next meeting

7. It was agreed that the next meeting of the IATTC will be held in Guatemala in 2018.