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Australia's progress towards implementation of
stereo video (September 2021)



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Purpose

At CCSBT27 Australia updated the Commission on its progress towards implementation of stereo video and submitted a paper committing to '*trial the cost effectiveness and accuracy of automated stereo video systems in situ in Australia's tuna farms*'. (CCSBT-EC/2010/22).

This paper provides an update to the Commission outlining Australia's progress to undertake the trial.

This paper can be read as supplement to **(Australia) Progress towards implementation of stereo video CCSBT-EC/1910/26** and **(Australia) Progress towards implementation of stereo video CCSBT-EC/2010/22**.

Progress toward undertaking a trial of stereo video

Following CCSBT27, Australia continued preparations to trial stereo video technology in Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna farms. The trial was originally planned to commence in early 2021 however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trial was delayed until the 2021-2022 fishing season (beginning 1 December 2021). Noting the particular interest in this issue shown by New Zealand and Japan, the Australian Assistant Minister responsible for fisheries, Senator Jonathon Duniam, wrote to his New Zealand and Japanese counterparts in December 2020 advising of the delay in the timing of the trial.

In determining whether there is a suitable service provider to undertake the trial, the Australian Government's Commonwealth Procurement Rules must be followed.

Prior to starting a formal tender process, the Australian Government undertook an online review of potential technology, and sought direct advice from some providers about the nature of the technology they had available. Six commercial organisations and six research or academic organisations responded to the initial call for information.

The Australian Government then approached the market through an open tender process and invited applications, to be submitted by 31 August 2021 through our online procurement portal available at <https://www.tenders.gov.au>. Applications will be assessed in accordance with the applicable procurement rules. -

Subject to the identification of a successful service provider, it is anticipated the trial will commence in January 2022.

Please note COVID-19 is still affecting international and domestic travel in Australia, and may be a consideration as the trial progress.

In preparation for the trial, (subject to the identification of a suitable service provider), Australia applied for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) through the Commission's Extended Scientific Committee (ESC). The ESC recommended 3t RMA be made available for the trial.

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