



CCSBT-CC/2210/15

Update on CCSBT's Compliance Relationships with Other Bodies and Organisations

1. Introduction

This paper updates Members on the CCSBT's compliance relationships with the International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network (IMCSN) and its associated networks, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, as well as with RFBs¹/RFMOs², including the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

2. IMCSN

The IMCSN is a non-profit and informal organisation, established to facilitate bilateral and multilateral co-operation to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and associated activities. The CCSBT became a member of the IMCSN in November 2013. Executive Director, Mr. Mark Young, continued to lead the IMCSN during 2022. The Compliance Manager attended (virtually) the IMCSN's regular Business Meeting on 31 May 2022.

During 2021 and early 2022 the IMCSN first gauged interest amongst RFMOs³, and then proposed and funded a consultancy to examine potential ways to improve the ability of RFMOs to receive near real-time information regarding updates, additions and/or removals of IUU vessels from other RFMOs⁴ IUU Vessel Lists.

The overall purpose of the work was envisaged to be twofold:

1. *To reduce, or possibly even eliminate, time delays associated with updates, additions, or removals of vessels from RFMO IUU Vessel Lists (required due to updates in other relevant RFMOs' IUU Lists where these vessels are cross listed).*
2. *Reduce the amount of manual intervention or "workload" on RFMO Secretariat staff to regularly, and comprehensively, review all other relevant RFMO IUU Vessel Lists for updates, additions and/or removals of vessels.*

The final report is available at Attachment B of paper CCSBT-CC/2210/09.

Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW)

The IMCSN was planning to convene a seventh in-person Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW) in Halifax, Canada during August 2022. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties about the ability of attendees to travel to Canada, the IMCSN further postponed the 7th GFETW until 2023⁵. Brief meetings of the Tuna Compliance Network (TCN) and PPFCN may potentially be held in conjunction with the 7th GFETW.

¹ Regional Fisheries Bodies

² Regional Fisheries Management Organisations

³ 14 organisations: CCAMLR, CCSBT, GFCM, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, NAFO, NEAFC, NPAFC, NPFC, SEAFO, SIOFA, SPRFMO and WCPFC

⁴ Referred to here as the 'IUU Vessel List project'

⁵ 30 July – 4 August 2023

Tuna Compliance Network (TCN)

The informal Tuna Compliance Network (TCN) operates under the umbrella of the IMCSN, and Mr. Mark Young currently continues to combine his role of IMCSN Executive Director with that of being the TCN Coordinator. Dr. Lara Manarangi-Trott, WCPFC⁶ Compliance Manager remains as TCN Chair.

Since CCSBT28, two virtual meetings of the TCN have been convened (9 March and 8 April 2022). These meetings facilitated the provision of additional input to a two-part ABNJ-funded project which is a comparative review of the different compliance assessment processes implemented by the various tuna RFMOs (tRFMOs)⁷, receipt of updates from the FAO on Phase 2 of the Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) project, and discussions concerning the proposed IUU Vessel List project.

Pan-Pacific Fisheries Compliance Network (PPFCN)

During 2021 the IMCSN convened an inaugural meeting of a Pacific group of RFMOs and Mr. Randy Jenkins of SPRFMO was elected as Chair. Currently, confirmed participants of the PPFCN are the officers responsible for compliance in the CCAMLR (Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources), CCSBT, North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC), North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), SPRFMO (South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation) and WCPFC Secretariats.

Since CCSBT 28 endorsed the CCSBT Secretariat's participation in PPFCN, the Compliance Manager has attended two virtual meetings (11 November 2021 and 28 April 2022) which discussed the IUU Vessel List project as well as updates on other IMCSN activities relevant to the group.

3. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations

The Compliance Manager attended (virtually) and provided a presentation to the Regional Consultation on the development of a coordination framework (including for compliance matters) among Regional Fisheries Bodies in the Indian Ocean from 22 to 24 June 2022 convened by the FAO in Maputo, Mozambique.

4. ICCAT and the IOTC

The CCSBT Secretariat has continued to have regular interactions with ICCAT and IOTC Secretariat compliance personnel since CC16, primarily concerning the shared transshipment observer programme and cross-listing matters.

5. Recommendations

CC17 is invited to:

- Note the CCSBT's Compliance Relationships with other bodies and organisations.

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⁶ Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

⁷ Refer to Attachment A of paper [CCSBT-CC/2110/13](#) for more detailed information about the project