

Proposal for Implementation of Management Tag Survey and Market Survey from 2023

I. Background and Rationale

- (1) Japan proposed inclusion of the expense of the market survey in Japanese market into CCSBT budget. The proposal (see Annex) was circulated in the circular #2022/036. As indicated in the circular #2022/041, the proposal was agreed so that the expense is included in the CCSBT draft budget for consideration at CCSBT 29. Japan would like to express its gratitude to the Members' contributions and comments on the proposal.
- (2) Based on the workplan and the terms of reference, the external expert worked on Japanese market formula to submit the final report for the Compliance Committee of this year. The final report concludes that Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) and the current landings controls provide a much more robust basis for catch verification in comparison to the market formula while it proposes alternative approaches for catch verification and suggests some possible actions to address issues regarding parameters used for the Japanese market formula.
- (3) Japan would like to continue to consider how to further improve monitoring and management of Southern Bluefin Tuna in coordination with CDS and landing controls. At the same time, Japan would like to consider how to implement the proposed approaches (correspondence approaches) and what could be possible ways to address the indicated issues about parameters, taking into account the suggested actions from the final report.
- (4) Taking into account the above points as well, Japan proposes the implementation of management tag survey and market survey from the 2023 CCSBT budget. The proposal for 2023 is indicated in II below. The total expense and what will be conducted in the survey are the same as proposed earlier (see Annex). The administrative procedure is specified more than in the previous.
- (5) The proposed surveys will provide necessary data and information for the parameter of Japanese market formula and alternative approaches. These could contribute to more robust verification of all Members' catches of SBT.

II. Expense and Content of the Survey in 2023

- (1) Total Expense
21,000 AU\$\$/year, depending on exchange fluctuation
- (2) Implementation period
From April, 2023 to March, 2024
- (3) Procedure for contract with the organization to implement the survey and payment process.
 - (a) No tender will be made in accordance with paragraph 9.5 of Financial Regulation.
 - (b) The Executive Secretary will sign the contract with a organization ("the organization") with sound record of similar works and certainty for smooth implementation, based on recommendation form Japan. It is noted that Fisheries Agency of Japan and one public service

organization have conducted tag management survey and market survey for a long time in corporation.

- (c) The Executive Secretary will determine the details of the procedure in relation to the contract and the payment.
- (d) Unless otherwise decided by Extended Commission, the contract will be renewed with the agreement between the Executive Secretary and the organization.

(4) Content of the Survey

- (a) Tag management survey in Toyosu market twice per month
 - Staff of the organization including temporary employees will record the tag information and provide the processed data to the secretariat and, if necessary, Japan.
 - This survey will support monitoring SBTs tagged in as appropriate ways as specified in the tagging instruction which was revised at last year's meeting.
 - This survey will contribute to the secretariat's work on catch verification of reported catch by Members, which is reported at the Compliance Committee, and provide necessary information for a parameter in potential use of Japanese market formula.
 - (b) Quantitative survey regarding amount of SBTs traded by Toyosu market wholesalers and trading companies (approximately thirty companies in total)
 - Inquiry to wholesalers of seafood in Toyosu Market and trading companies regarding trade of SBTs, collecting questionnaires.
 - This survey will provide necessary data for some parameters in potential use of Japanese market formula.
 - (c) The details of above surveys will be determined in consultation between the secretariat and the organization, including the format of the questionnaires.
 - (d) In addition to the above surveys, other necessary works can be conducted in accordance with agreement between the Executive Secretary and the organization, provided that they can contribute to improvement of data related to Japanese market.
- (5) In addition to the tag management survey from the expense of CCSBT budget, Fisheries Agency of Japan will continue to randomly conduct the survey/monitoring of the management tags.

Implementation of Management Tag Survey and Market Survey in Japanese Market

Japan

I. Background

1. Taking the recommendation of ESC in 2019 into account, Japan submitted comprehensive market proposal to EC in 2020(refer to CCSBT-EC/2010/19), and EC endorsed the suggested actions prescribed in the appendix A.
2. One of the accepted actions is to hire an external expert to update/develop formula to estimate SBTs distributed in Japanese market. In accordance with the TOR and her work plan both of which were agreed, the external expert had worked for the development and provided its progress report circulated in 7th June. The final report is expected to be presented for the Compliance Committee of this year.
3. Considering the responses to the circulated progress report and the necessity and effects of implementation of the tag management survey and market survey, Japan proposed inclusion of the expense of the survey into CCSBT budget as the circular #2022/036 specified. As indicated in the circular #2022/041, the proposal was agreed so that the expense is included in the CCSBT draft budget for consideration by CCSBT 29. Japan would like to express its gratitude to the Members' contributions and comments on the proposal.

II. Cost and Content of the Survey

1. The cost and content of the agreed survey are follows;
 - (a) To implement the necessary activities related to Japanese market, including tag management survey and market survey which may contribute to the correspondence approach specified in the progress report. It will be the same as in the budget for 2024 and beyond.
 - (b) Depending on exchange fluctuation, the activities in above (a) are anticipated to cost 21,000 AUSD\$ in total per year. They are expected to be as follows, which will provide the data such as lag coefficients, the proportion of farmed frozen SBT and that of imported frozen wild SBT sold in Japan's municipal wholesale markets;
 - Tag management survey in Toyosu market twice per month
 - Confirm information on management tag, and record the information including the number of the tags and weights in Toyosu market. Although two staff basically participates in one survey, four at most do especially when many SBTs are scheduled to be auctioned.
 - Enter and organize the recorded information into electronic formats, and provide it to Secretariat.
 - Quantitative survey regarding amount of SBTs traded by Toyosu market wholesalers and

trading companies (approximately thirty companies in total)

- Sending questionnaires to wholesalers of seafood in Toyosu Market and trading companies with the most recent experience in trading SBT in order to inquire about amount and the type of traded SBTs.
 - Enter and organize the recorded information into electronic formats, and provide it to Secretariat
- (c) It is noted that tender is not necessary when the total expense is less than 80,000 AUS\$, as the paragraph 9.5 of Financial Regulation stipulates. Considering the experience of implementation of similar survey, once the expense is approved each year at the same time when the budget is approved, the secretariat contacts the appropriate organization to make necessary arrangements and sign the contract for next year.
- (d) Implementation period in each year will be January to December next year.
2. In addition to the above survey in 2023 budget, staff of Fisheries Agency of Japan will continue to randomly inspect tags in Toyosu Market in 2023 and beyond.