

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (TAIWAN)
ON THE 99th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AND 100th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

1. The 99th extraordinary meeting and 100th annual meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) were held from August 1 to 5, 2022.
2. The 99th extraordinary meeting was held for the selection of the Director, as per the process established in Resolution C-14-07 *Procedures for the Implementation of Article XII, paragraph 1, of the Antigua Convention*. Members were required to participate in this meeting in physical manner, all Members of the Commission were present, excepting Kiribati.
3. The 100th annual meeting was held in a hybrid manner, all Members, excepting Kiribati, and Cooperating Non-Members were attended. Several international governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations were also represented.

Cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT

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

Results of the selection of the Director

5. Dr. Arnulfo Franco (Panama) was appointed as Director of the Commission, for a term of four years from the date of his reporting to the IATTC headquarters for taking office.

Adopted Resolutions

There are eight Resolutions adopted by the 100th annual meeting, the following are some of the Resolutions that may be the interest of the CCSBT.

6. *Resolution on the process for improved compliance of resolutions adopted by the Commission (C-22-02)*
7. *Amendment to Resolution C-12-07 on establishing a program for transshipments by large-scale fishing vessels (C-22-03)*
8. *Harvest strategy for North Pacific albacore in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (C-22-04)*
9. *Resolution on terms of reference for a Working Group on Ecosystem and Bycatch (C-22-06)*
10. *Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring (EMWG) (C-22-07)*

Other Issues Discussed

11. Proposed inclusion of blue sharks in CITES, Appendix II

Several delegations expressed their strong concern regarding a proposal that was submitted for consideration of the upcoming CITES 19th Conference of the Parties, which would lead to the inclusion of blue sharks in Appendix II of that Convention (see Proposal CoP19 Prop. 37). There was a general agreement on asking the IATTC scientific staff to send all the information and data that it may have on this species to the CITES secretariat in advance of the Conference.

12. Proposed resolution on the BBNJ process

Costa Rica presented the text of a proposed agreement (Proposal M-1. CRI - REV Marine Biological diversity of areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)), intending to address the question of the ongoing negotiations of a binding legal instrument on BBNJ. The objective is to ensure that national delegations that participate in the process do include representatives and experts from the national fisheries authority and from the fishery sector, so that the activities and decisions of RFMOs will not be undermined or affected by the new binding instrument. While in general members agreed on the need of the concept contained in this proposal, the Commission couldn't adopt this proposal formally because it was just submitted at the end of the meeting.

Place and date of next meeting

13. The Commission decided that the next annual meetings would be held from 6 to 11 August 2023. Canada will host the meeting in a venue to be decided and announced.