



Cooperating Non-members

Purpose

To discuss the on-going status of existing Cooperating Non-Members.

Discussion

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Membership requires annual confirmation of that status after evaluation by the Extended Commission of the performance of Cooperating Non-Members against commitments given to the Extended Commission.

Philippines

The Philippines is complying with most of its reporting requirements to the CCSBT. However, it has not been advising in advance (in observer deployment requests) when SBT were to be transhipped.

The Philippines has a catch limit of 45 tonnes. Its reported catches for 2007, 2008 and 2009 were very close to this limit at 45.9, 44.7 and 46.6 tonnes respectively. The Philippines reported monthly catches for January to June 2010 totalled 12.5 tonnes.

South Africa

South Africa is complying with most of its reporting requirements to the CCSBT.

South Africa has a catch limit of 40 tonnes. Its reported catches for 2007, 2008 and 2009 were 41.4, 45.5 and 32 tonnes respectively. South Africa's reported monthly catches for January to May 2010 totalled only 82kg.

European Union

The European Union (EU) has continued to have difficulty in complying with CCSBT's monthly catch reporting system and in reporting its final catch per vessel. As at 13 August 2010, no monthly catch reports had been received from the EU for any of its 2010 catch, no catch per vessel information had been provided and no validators had been authorised for the CDS. During CCSBT 15 (October 2008), the EU advised that that it was seeking to transpose the CCSBT measures into Community law and therefore fully abide by the CCSBT's measures in the future. The Secretariat is not aware as to whether progress has been achieved in this matter.

The European Union has a catch limit of 10 tonnes. The EU reported a catch of 18.1t, 14.3t and 1.77t for 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. The EU's preliminary SBT catch estimate for January to July 2010 is 1.68t.