



CCSBT-EC/0710/11

15 Cooperating Non-members

Purpose

To discuss:

- the on-going status of existing Cooperating Non-Members (CNM)

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 appears to be complying with the processes of the Authorised Vessel List, Trade Information Scheme, Monthly Catch Reporting and reporting of final catch per vessel.

The Philippines was given a catch limit of 45 tonnes at CCSBT13 for 2007 and a review of its catch against catch limit will be given to CCSBT15.

The Extended Commission should support the ongoing status of the Philippines.

South Africa

South Africa appears to be complying with the processes of the Authorised Vessel List, Trade Information Scheme, Monthly Catch Reporting and reporting of final catch per vessel.

South Africa was given a catch limit of 40 tonnes at CCSBT13 for 2007 and a review of its catch against catch limit will be given to CCSBT15.

At CCSBT 13 it was requested that the Secretariat asked for information concerning the validity of South Africa's past catch data. The Secretariat has not received a response to a letter sent on 6 November 2006.

The Commission also made a particular request that South Africa attend meetings of the Commission. The Secretariat's letter of 6 November 2006 and follow-up letter in September 2007 noted this point.

The Extended Commission needs to consider the ongoing status of the South Africa.

European Community

The European Community (EC) does not appear to be fully complying with the processes of the Authorised Vessel List, Trade Information Scheme (TIS) and/or Monthly Catch Reporting. In particular, the EC has:

- Not listed any vessels on the CCSBT Authorised Vessel List.
- Not responded to any of the Secretariat's quarterly TIS reminders regarding imports of SBT, nor has it responded to any of the Secretariat's 6 monthly TIS reminders regarding exports of SBT.
- Not provided monthly catch reports according to the time frame specified by the Commission (reporting of the catch for a month is required by the last day of the following month). Instead, catch quantities (which, so far, have been zero) have only been reported on a quarterly basis.

The EC is not required to provide any reports of final catch per vessel until 30 June 2008.

The EC was given a catch limit of 10 tonnes at CCSBT13 for 2007 and a review of its catch against catch limit will be given to CCSBT15.

The Extended Commission needs to consider the ongoing status of the EC.

For discussion

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