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20. Activities with Other Organisations

Purpose

To brief the Extended Commission on interactions with other organisations during 2006 and proposals for 2007.

Activities in 2006

Secretariat staff participated in the following meetings since CCSBT12:

- First FIRMS Technical Meeting (FAO) December 2005
- Preparatory Conference for the South Pacific Fisheries Commission February 2006
- UN Fish Stocks Agreement Review Meeting March 2006
- Un Fish Stocks Agreement Review Meeting May 2006

The Executive Secretary was invited to attend the annual meetings of ICCAT, IATTC, IOTC, WCPFC and CCAMLR. After examination of the draft agendas it was judged that there was nothing of direct significance to the CCSBT and the invitations were declined. The Executive Secretary indicated that the interests of the CCSBT would be represented by a member of the CCSBT attending the annual meetings.

The Executive Secretary is in regular contact with the Executive Secretaries of other regional fisheries bodies on matters of mutual interest.

Activities in 2007

Known meetings of interest to the Extended Commission are:-

- Annual meetings of other tuna regional fisheries bodies – June-December 2007
- CCAMLR annual meeting – October 2007
- Meeting of tuna regional fisheries management organisations (Japan) – January 2007
- FAO Committee of Fisheries (COFI) – March 2007*
- 5th Meeting of Regional Fisheries Bodies – March 2007*
- Meeting of tuna regional fisheries management organisations – March 2007*
- Meeting with IOTC Secretariat concerning Indonesian catch monitoring – mid 2007

* Held concurrently at COFI

It is proposed to continue the practice of deciding whether to attend the annual meetings of other regional fisheries bodies and other meetings of interest on the basis of the specific interests of the CCSBT in the agendas.

The review of tuna fisheries management organisations in Japan in January 2007 is an important meeting and the CCSBT Secretariat has been asked to submit a paper for consideration at the meeting. Attendance is required and Members will need to consider the status of the Executive Secretary and his authority to comment at the meeting.

The outcome of the meeting in Japan will lead directly to the discussion at COFI two months later and the CCSBT Secretariat should attend. All other tuna regional fisheries management organisations will be attending.

Coordination between the IOTC and the CCSBT over the monitoring of Indonesia's SBT catch requires on-going attention. Under current arrangements the CCSBT relies on the IOTC for the analysis of Indonesian catch from catch monitoring activities.

The budget prepared for 2007 provides for participation in the identified meetings except for the annual meetings of other regional fisheries bodies.

For discussion

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