Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna

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Confidentiality of Data and Documents

Purpose

To determine whether the reports of any meetings or any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 19 should be restricted from public release.

Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2012

Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the reports prepared of Extended Commission meetings will be made available for public release unless a Member makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission. Restrictions on release of a report require a decision from the Extended Commission.

Documents submitted to Extended Commission meetings are also to be made available for public release unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document or the Member (if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission.

The 2006 Farm and Market review reports have been classified as confidential and consequently other documents that include estimates of unreported catches derived from these documents must also be kept confidential, including:

- A catch table incorporating this information that was prepared by the Secretariat and included in the material considered at the 2012 meeting of the Extended Scientific Committee. The Secretariat requests that Attachment A of this paper (CCSBT-ESC/1208/04) be treated as confidential.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1208/31 prepared by Japan that provides an update on monitoring of southern bluefin tuna trading in the Japanese domestic markets.

Furthermore, Taiwan has requested that its paper to the ERSWG meeting (CCSBT-ERS/1203/08) on Impacts of Taiwanese southern bluefin tuna fleet on seabirds in the southern Indian Ocean, be classified as confidential.

At the time of writing this document, no other documents have been nominated to the Secretariat as having a confidential status.

Prepared by the Secretariat