

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (CHINESE TAIPEI)  
ON THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

1. The 2013 annual meeting (the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting) of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in Veracruz, Veracruz (Mexico) on 10 to 14 June 2013.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives of 20 Members of the Commission: Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, France, Guatemala, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Chinese Taipei, United States, Vanuatu, and Venezuela. Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia and Cook Islands attended as observer. Several international organizations and non-governmental organizations were also represented.

**Cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT**

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

**Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing**

4. The Commission decided to remove from the IUU list the Colombian-flagged vessel Marta Lucía R, and adopted the list without any other change. The updated IUU list has been posted on the website of IATTC.

**Adopted Resolutions**

5. Six resolutions were approved:
  - (a) *Multiannual program for the conservation of tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean 2014-2016*: The Commission agreed to extend the current conservation measures for tuna for the next three years. The length of the closures are maintained as 62 days for purse seiner and the catch limit for longline fishing vessels are also maintained as the same in the past years.
  - (b) *Conservation measures for bluefin tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean*: The Commission agreed that the commercial catches of bluefin tuna by all members and cooperating non-members (CPCs) during 2014 shall not exceed 5,000 metric tons.
  - (c) *Supplementary resolution on northern Pacific albacore tuna*: The Commission requested all CPCs to report their catches and fishing efforts on north Pacific albacore in the past years, and requested the scientific staff to review and assess the effectiveness of the current effort-based approach for north Pacific albacore.
  - (d) *Collection and analysis of data on fish aggregating devices (FADs)*: The Commission requested all purse seine vessels fishing on FADs from 1 January 2015, to collect and report the required information and to identify all FADs

deployed or modified by such vessels. The Commission also sets principles for the design and deployment of FADs and prohibits setting of purse seine vessels on whale shark.

- (e) *Data confidentiality policy and procedures*: The Commission agreed upon the policy for releasing catch-and effort, length-frequency data submitted by CPCs and set up procedures for Individuals and scientific staff to access to confidential data.
- (f) *Financing for fiscal year 2014*: The Commission agreed its budget of US\$6,554,232 for fiscal year 2014.

### **Other Issues Discussed**

6. Several other proposals were also discussed, such as in-port inspection: minimum standards for inspections, conservation of hammerhead shark, conservation of sharks, procedures for selection of the director of the Commission, management of fleet capacity, amendment to Resolution C-11-07 on the process for improved compliance of resolutions adopted by the Commission, amendment of Resolution C-05-07 on IUU Vessel List, and the use of information on compliance. However, no consensus was reached on these issues.