

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (CHINESE TAIPEI)
ON THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

1. The 2014 annual meeting (the 87th meeting) of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in Lima, Peru on 14 to 18 July 2014.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives of 21 Members of the Commission: Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, France, Guatemala, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Chinese Taipei, United States, Vanuatu, and Venezuela. Bolivia, Honduras and Indonesia 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 add to the IUU list the Fijian-flag vessel Xin Shi Ji 16 and adopted the list without any other change. The updated IUU list has been posted on the website of IATTC.

Adopted Resolutions

5. Five resolutions were approved:
 - (a) *Resolution (amended) on a Regional Vessel Register*: The Commission agreed to amend the existing Resolution, requesting all fishing vessel of GT or GRT 100 metric tons or above to have an IMO or LR number issued by 1 January 2016.
 - (b) *Resolution (amended) on the establishment of a vessel monitoring system (VMS)*: The VMS requirement in the existing Resolution is not compulsory due to lack of deadline for installment of VMS equipment onboard. The Commission agreed to request all commercial fishing vessels with length 24 meters or above to install VMS equipment onboard by 1 January 2016. Vessel position reporting is required for longline vessel every four hours and for other vessels every two hours.
 - (c) *Resolution (amended) on the creation of the special sustainable development fund for fisheries for highly migratory species to strengthen the institutional capacity of developing countries and territories*: The Commission agreed to amend the existing Resolution, providing that the fixed annual contribution of the Commission's budget shall be transferred to the Fund for the capacity building of developing countries and territories.
 - (d) *Financing for fiscal year 2014*: The Commission agreed its budget of

US\$6,554,232 for fiscal year 2015, which is exactly the same for year 2014.

- (e) *Resolution (amended) on the carrying capacity of Peru*: The Commission granted 5,000 cubic meters of carrying capacity to Peru in 2011, with the condition that the vessel shall operate only in the waters under jurisdiction of Peru. The Commission agreed to eliminate the restriction as per request of the Peru Government.

Other Issues Discussed

6. Several other proposals were also discussed, including Rules and Procedures for the appointment of the IATTC Director, minimum standards for inspections in port, conservation of sharks, conservation of silky sharks, management of fishing capacity, conservation of Pacific bluefin tuna, and amendment of Resolution C-05-07 on IUU Vessel List, etc. However, no consensus was reached on these issues. Due to there are plenty of unresolved issues, the Commission agreed to suspend, but not adjourn the meeting, which will be resumed during the week of 20-24 October 2014.