

TAIWAN'S ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA

ACTION PLAN

1. Allocation

- (1) In accordance with the “Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna” adopted by CCSBT16, Taiwan decides its 2010 catch level by reducing 10% of its 2009 level. Therefore, our national allocation of Southern Bluefin Tuna is 1026 tonnes for 2010 and 692 tonnes for 2011 accordingly.

Calculating equation

$$\underline{2010 Allocation} \quad 1140 \text{ (2009 Taiwan allocation)} * (1-10\%) = 1026$$

$$\underline{2011 Allocation} \quad 859 * 2 \text{ (year)} - 1026 \text{ (2010 allocation)} = 692$$

- (2) Taiwan's Southern Bluefin Tuna allocation for individual vessel
- i. Seasonal targeted vessels: Initial quota for each vessel is 14.95 tonnes (GG is 13 tonnes) and no more than 61 vessels will be authorized for operation.
 - ii. Bycatch vessels: vessels shall be registered for the bycatch before our fishing season and the amount of bycatch for each vessel is limited to a maximum of 1.15 tonnes (GG is 1 tonne).
 - iii. The catch ceiling is set at our national allocation. Once the accumulated SBT catch approaches to our national allocation, all of the SBT fishing shall be closed.

2. Catch verification system

(1) Port state inspection of transshipment of southern bluefin tuna:

Taiwan has designated two foreign ports (Port Louis and Cape Town) for SBT transshipment of its flagged vessels since March 2010. Its officials stationed abroad at Port Louis and Cape Town are responsible to inspect all of SBT catch. Any catch without inspection by its officials shall not be validated catch document.

(2) Verification of catch data through scientific observers on fishing vessels of coverage of 10 % in terms of effort:

In order to comply with the CCSBT resolution, Taiwan will do its best to reach the scientific observer coverage rate of 10% in terms of effort.

(3) Actual inspection of catch by authorities of those flag Members and cooperating Non-Members:

i. Foreign port: same procedure mentioned in paragraph 2(1).

ii. Domestic consumption:

Since September 2009, Fisheries Agency of Taiwan designates officials to inspect all of its unloading SBT at its ports by carrier vessels or fishing vessels. Those vessels are requested to report for their return in advance (one week before the actual arrival date). Only for those catch are verified, the officials of Fisheries Agency of Taiwan shall validate catch documents.