

**Korea's compliance Action Plan  
for the Commission for the Conservation of  
Southern Bluefin Tuna**

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# **Action Plan to ensure compliance with Conservation and Management Measures**

## **1. SBT Catch Limit Management Plan**

According to the report of the CCSBT 16, the average global TAC for each of the 2010 and 2011 fishing seasons is 9,449 tonnes, and Korea's average catch allocation for 2010 and 2011 fishing seasons is 859 tonnes. Korea has set the catch limit 806.437 tonnes for 2010 and 911.563 tonnes for 2011, reducing 29.26% and 20.04% from its 2009 fishing season respectively.

Fishing season	2009	2010	2011
Catch limit	1,140 tonnes	806.437 tonnes	911.563 tonnes
Number of fishing vessel	16 vessels	10 vessels	11 vessels

For the management of the catch allocation, monthly catch report is to be submitted by the fishing vessels to the authorities, Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MFAFF). When 90% of Korea's total catch limit is reached, catch data shall be reported in every 10 days. When 98% of the catch limit is reached, every vessel that is fishing the SBT should report its catch amount to MFAFF at daily basis. MFAFF will declare a closure of harvesting the SBT at an appropriate time considering the fishing situation.

## **2. Verification Scheme to ensure the compliance with the conservation and management measures**

### **A. Regulations on the Report of the Catch Data**

In accordance with the Distant Water Fisheries Act of the Article 16, fishing vessel owners or fishing companies shall report the monthly catch data of SBT and ERS (Ecosystem Related Species) to the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Catch data can be verified by comparing the each vessel's monthly catch report on SBT and ERS reported by the companies to MIFAFF with the catch data (SBT catch volume, other species catch, etc) reported by fishing vessels to the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI).

MIFAFF has established the "Rules on the Reporting Fishing Activities Conducted in Coastal and Offshore Waters and Distant waters", MIFAFF Ministerial Ordinance No. 40. According to the Rules, tuna long line vessels have an obligation to report their fishing activities, including the catch and size data. In addition, NFRDI will distribute separate report forms to all vessels that are scheduled to have fishing plans for SBT catch in order to collect ERS data, including turtles, sea birds, sharks, and so on. The NFRDI also provides vessels with the guideline leaflets to support identification of the species caught during the SBT fishing activities.

## **B. Port State Inspection Plan**

### **a) Designation of foreign ports where landings or transshipments of SBT caught by Korean flag vessels to be occurred**

MIFAFF designated five foreign ports as SBT landing or transshipment ports as bellows; as of April 1, 2010.

-Japan: Shimizu

-South Africa: Cape-town and Durban

-Mauritius: Port Louis, and

-Indonesia: Bally

In principal, transshipment of SBT is prohibited beyond designated ports.

However, transshipment or landing beyond designated ports may be allowed in case of the unavoidable circumstances such as bad weather, accident involved in crew or vessel, or changed sailing plan if it is permitted in advance by the Authority concerned. In this case, MIFAFF will inform the changes of the transshipment ports to the CCSBT Secretariat and relevant country's competent authorities.

### **b) Communication with Port States for Information Sharing**

The Korean government will consult with relevant authorities of the designated ports to create effective ways in sharing and exchanging information needed for the inspection methods and results.

## **C. Flag State Inspection Plan**

### **a) Inspection Plan for Landing at Domestic Ports**

When a fishing vessel or carrier vessel with SBT on board enters a domestic port and submits the landing report in accordance with Distant Water Fisheries Act, the Korean Authority concerned, the National Fisheries Products Quality Inspection Service will check the actual landing catch amount and reported catch amount at a landing port.

### **b) Inspection Plan for Landing at Designated Foreign Ports**

Korean official will monitor the process of the landing or transshipment in the designated foreign ports to check the landing activities; or

If necessary, Korean authority concerned will dispatch a competent official or officials to the designated landing ports to inspect landing or transshipment activities of Korean vessels.

## **D. Plan for achieving 10% Coverage of Scientific Observer**

In 2009, Korea recorded 10% observer coverage by placing 2 scientific observers on board within the CCSBT jurisdiction water. (Ref. Report of 14<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Attachment 4)

Korea is planning to place 2 scientific observers on board in 2010 as follows;

-Period: March to November, 2010

-Plan: Two observers will be placed on two fishing vessels (one observer for one vessel) for 120 days to monitor fishing activities and collect scientific data.

-Monitoring Activity: catch and effort data for the target and by-catch species, depth of target species caught in the sea, length and size data, monitoring of protected species and marine environment.

-Scientific observers shall submit observer report to the NFRDI and summary of the observer

report to the MIFAFF within 30days after the completion of the landing.

-Verification of catch data by scientific observers will be carried out by comparing a port inspection report with an observer report. Then the differences between the two reports would be identified. Based on the findings, the competent organization (for instance, NFRDI) would develop a mechanism to improve data accuracy.

### **3. Others**

CDS will help to check the compliance of the catch limit and SBT amount caught. In addition, transshipment on the sea can be checked by each RFMO's transshipment observer program.

**4. Farming:** Korea has no plan to farm SBT near future.