

### **Proposal on CCSBT New Tagging System**

Japan proposes a CCSBT New Tagging System, which could significantly strengthen compliance with SBT fishery management. This system would require Members and Cooperating Non-members to put a tag on each SBT caught. The proposal is as follows;

(Draft Resolution)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Noting that the recommendation from the Tenth and Eleventh Meeting of the Scientific Committee,

Considering the urgent need to take further specific approach to recover SBT stock; and

Agrees, in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of Article 8 of the CCSBT Convention, that:

1. The Contracting Parties, Member of Extended Commission and Cooperating Non-members (hereafter referred to as "Members") shall:
  - a. ensure that all SBT are tagged promptly after catch and that each tag has an identifiable serial number.
  - b. ensure that these all SBT shall be measured in weight and length when they are caught.

- c. report, at least every month, information on the weight, length, tag number of each of these SBT to the Secretariat, which puts such information on the private area of the CCSBT web site.
2. The Extended Commission shall establish and maintain a CCSBT record of individual SBT that are caught in compliance with the CCSBT conservation and management measures, and the record includes individual SBT information that is mentioned in 1c). SBT not entered into the record are deemed not to be caught in compliance with CCSBT conservation and management measures. The CCSBT Executive Secretary shall maintain the CCSBT record of individual SBT, and take any measure to ensure publicity of all tag numbers in the record through electronic means, including placing the tag numbers on the public area of CCSBT website.
3. Members that export SBT as RD, GG and DR shall ensure that exported SBT have their tags and that tag numbers are written in TIS documents. Members that export SBT products, other than RD, GG and DR, shall conform that these products come from SBT tagged and registered in the CCSBT record and ensure that tag numbers are written in a TIS document.
4. Members that import SBT shall take the necessary measures, under its applicable legislation, to prohibit import and sale of SBT not registered in the CCSBT record of individual SBT.
5. The new system should be implemented from 1 December 2006.

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**CCSBT**  
**Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program**

**1. Principle/General**

- 1.1 For importation into the territory of a Member, all southern bluefin tuna shall be accompanied by a CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document. There is no waiver of this requirement.
- 1.2 Implementation of this Program shall be in conformity with relevant international obligations.
- 1.3 The Commission will review the implementation of this Program periodically in a timely manner to ensure the effectiveness and practicability of this Program.
- 1.4 The Commission requests the appropriate authorities of exporting countries/fishing entities to make the requirements under this Program known to their exporters.

**2. Information Required**

- 2.1 A standard CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document form along with its Instruction Sheet is at **Annex 1**. Countries/Fishing Entities are requested to use this form. While minimal modifications such as addition of translations may be made, the standard form should be adopted as far as possible and no information item may be omitted from the standard form. The form must be completed and checked in accordance with the minimum standards at **Annex 5**.
- 2.2 The import of farmed tuna should be treated in the following way:
  - (a) The Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document shall be validated by the authority of the country/fishing entity where the tuna was raised;
  - (b) In reporting import data collected by the Program under 5.2 to Members, the Executive Secretary shall record the amount of imported farmed fish separately from the rest of the imports for each country/fishing entity;
  - (c) When completing the CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document for farmed tuna, the name of the export country/fishing entity shall be indicated in item 1 of Export Section of each Document instead of “Flag Country/Fishing Entity of Capture Vessel”, and the name of the Tuna Farm shall be indicated in item 2 of Export Section of each Document instead of “Name of Vessel and Registration Number”; for item 6 (Description of Fish) of Export Section of each Document, “Gear Code” shall be “Farmed”, “Net Weight” shall be filled in with the raised products’ weight, and “Time of Harvest” and “Area of Catch” are not necessary to be filled in while other

columns shall be filled in as in the case of the normal Document;

- (d) Members shall maintain aggregated information on their tuna farms which raise exported tuna. The following information will be recorded: the name of the fishing vessel which caught the tuna for farming, the flag country/fishing entity of that fishing vessel, the gear code, the amount of original catch, the area of catch, the date of reception of tuna, and growth rate and mortality rate of fish through farming.
- (e) Members shall submit such information to the Secretariat every six months on average. Urgent requests for information outside this framework should be substantiated to the Commission by the requesting Member in order to minimise the burden of such requests.

### **3. Validation**

- 3.1 The CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document shall be validated, in principle, by an official of the flag country/fishing entity of the vessel that harvested the tuna.
- 3.2 The requirement for validation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document by an official under 3.1 with respect to any member of the Commission may be met by an entity duly delegated by the authority of the flag country/fishing entity. The Member which utilizes a delegated entity should submit a certified copy of such delegation to the Executive Secretary.

### **4. Exchange of Information**

- 4.1 If a Member modifies the standard Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document form for its use, it shall provide to the Executive Secretary a copy of such modified form. The Executive Secretary shall provide the modified form to other Members and non-Members fishing and exporting southern bluefin tuna to Members.
- 4.2 Each Member shall provide to the Executive Secretary information on validation (e.g. type of validation, name of the organization which validates the documents, title of officials who validate the documents, sample impression of stamp or seal) and inform him of any change in a timely fashion. The Executive Secretary shall request information on validation from all non-Members fishing and exporting southern bluefin tuna to Members, and request them to inform him in a timely fashion of any change in the information provided.
- 4.3 The Executive Secretary shall maintain and update information specified in 4.1 and 4.2, and provide it to all Members and promptly circulate any changes.

### **5. Record and Report**

- 5.1 Members which import southern bluefin tuna shall retain all original Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documents received by them. They shall forward to the Executive Secretary on a quarterly basis copies of all such Documents, but may

omit the Import Section other than the final point of import and the date of import. The Executive Secretary shall compile the raw data from those Documents into an electronic database.

- 5.2 The Executive Secretary shall ensure the confidentiality of the raw data in its database and release to any country/fishing entity only the raw data relating to the Statistical Documents it validated. If a country/fishing entity requests raw data relating to another country/fishing entity, the Executive Secretary may release those data only with the latter's agreement.
- 5.3 The Executive Secretary shall report to the Commission on and circulate to all Members the data collected by the Program each year by 1 June for the period of 1 July - 31 December of the preceding year and by 1 December for the period of 1 January - 30 June of the current year. The formats of the reports are attached as **Annex 2** and **Annex 2a**. The Executive Secretary shall provide an electronic copy of the report only to a designated authority of each Member. The Secretariat will post on the CCSBT web site a subset of the report comprising:
  - Import country;
  - Tag number
  - Flag country;
  - Harvest year;
  - Gear code;
  - Net weight.
- 5.4 On request by the Scientific Committee or another subsidiary body of the Commission, the Executive Secretary shall, with the approval of the Commission, provide to that body data collected by the Program more frequently or at a greater level of detail than specified in 5.3.
- 5.5 Upon receiving the import data mentioned in 5.3, Members that export SBT shall check their export statistics against them and report the results to the Commission. Where necessary, an exporting Member may obtain from the Secretariat a copy of any Statistical Document it validated, as forwarded to the Secretariat by the importing Member in accordance with 5.1.
- 5.6 The Commission instructs the Executive Secretary to request non-Members which are major importing countries/fishing entities of southern bluefin tuna to cooperate with implementation of the Program and to provide to the Commission data obtained from such implementation.
- 5.7 Subject to 5.9, exporting countries/fishing entities shall keep an electronic record of all SDP documents that they issue. For each SDP document issued, the electronic record will contain the:
  - Unique document number;
  - Whether the document was for captured or farmed SBT;
  - Date of export;
  - Total net weight of SBT exported;
  - Destination (import) country

- It would also be useful to record the range of capture dates (e.g. Jan 2002 to Aug 2002) for captured SBT to provide more timely data for stock assessment purposes.
- 5.8 Subject to 5.9, exporting countries/fishing entities shall provide an electronic copy of the record from 5.7 to the Executive Secretary. The record shall be provided by 1 May for all exports for the period of 1 July to 31 December of the preceding year and by 1 October for all exports for the period of 1 January to 30 June of the current year.
- 5.9 Exporting countries/fishing entities shall be exempted from 5.7 and 5.8 if they fax copies of all SDP documents to the Executive Secretary. Faxed copies of SDP documents shall be sent within 30 days of the export.
- 5.10 The Executive Secretary shall compare data provided in 5.8 and 5.9 against SDP data received from importing members. The Executive Secretary shall notify the importing members of any missing documents and the importing Member shall attempt to locate and provide those documents. The Executive Secretary shall also notify the exporting country/fishing entity of any discrepancies identified during the comparison of data and the exporting country/fishing entity will attempt to resolve the discrepancies.

## **6. Re-export**

- 6.1 A Member may validate a CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate (a standard form is attached as **Annex 3**) for southern bluefin tuna imported by that Member, to which a CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document or CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate is attached. The CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate shall be validated by an official or by an entity duly delegated by the authority of a Member to validate the CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document under 3.2. A copy of the original Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document accompanying the imported southern bluefin tuna must be attached to CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate. The copy of original Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document so attached must be verified by that official or by that entity duly delegated by the authority of a Member which validate the CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document. When re-exported southern bluefin tuna is again re-exported, all copies of documents, including verified copy of a Statistical Document and Re-export Certificate which accompanied that southern bluefin tuna upon importation, must be attached to a new Re-export Certificate to be validated by a re-exporting Member. All copies of the Documents to be attached to that new Re-export Certificate must also be verified by an official or an entity duly delegated by the authority of a Member which validated the CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document.
- 6.2 Members which import southern bluefin tuna shall accept the Re-export Certificate set forth in 6.1 with attachments of all verified copies as required in 6.1.
- 6.3 Members that validate a Re-export Certificate in accordance with the procedure

set forth in 6.1 shall require from the re-exporting southern bluefin tuna dealer necessary documents (e.g. written sales contracts) which are to certify that the southern bluefin tuna to be re-exported corresponds to the imported southern bluefin tuna. Members which validate a Re-export Certificate shall provide the flag country/fishing entity and importing country with evidence of this correspondence upon their request.

- 6.4 The Executive Secretary shall report on and circulate to all Members the data obtained from Re-export Certificates each year by 1 April for the period of 1 July - 31 December of the preceding year and by 1 October for the period of 1 January - 30 June of the current year. The format of the report is attached as **Annex 4**.
- 6.5 Members may accept a Re-export Certificate validated by a non-Member which has established a scheme substantially identical to the CCSBT Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program and implements it in accordance with the requirements of the Program.
- 6.6 The provisions of 5.1 and 5.2 apply also to any Re-export Certificate required to be attached to a Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document.





## Southern Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Instruction Sheet

If a language other than English is used in completing the form, please add the English translation on the Document.

### Document Number

Fill in the document number allocated by the exporting country/fishing entity.

### Title

Tick the appropriate box.

### Export Section

#### 1. Flag Country/Fishing Entity of Capture Vessel

Fill in the name of the country/fishing entity of the registration of the vessel that harvested the southern bluefin tuna in the shipment. This should be the same country/fishing entity as issued this Document. *In case of farmed fish, the name of exporting country/fishing entity should be filled in instead of the name of the country/fishing entity of the vessel.*

#### 2. Name of Vessel and Registration Number (when available)

Fill in the name and registration number of the vessel that harvested the southern bluefin tuna in the shipment. *In case of farmed fish, the name of tuna farm should be filled in instead of the name and registration number of the vessel.*

#### 3. Information of Other Forms of Capture (eg. Trap)

If the southern bluefin tuna in the shipment was caught by means other than the vessel (eg. Trap), fill in the means.

#### 4. Processing Establishment

Fill in the name and address of the processing establishment which processed the southern bluefin tuna in the shipment (if applicable). If it is the same as the exporter, write "same as exporter".

#### 5. Point of Export (City, State or Province and Country/Fishing Entity)

Identify the City, State or Province and Country/Fishing Entity from which the southern bluefin tuna was exported.

#### 6. Destination of Product

Fill in the Country/Fishing Entity to which the southern bluefin tuna is being exported.

#### 7. Description of Fish

The exporter must provide, to the highest degree of accuracy, the following information. NOTE: One row should describe one product type.

- (1) product: Identify the type of product being shipped as either FRESH (F) or FROZEN (FR),
- (2) type: Identify the type of product being shipped as either ROUND (RD), GILLED AND GUTTED (GG), DRESSED (DR), FILLET (FL) or OTHER form (OT); for OTHER, describe the type of products in the shipment,

- (3) time of harvest: Fill in the time of harvest (in month and year) of the southern bluefin tuna in the shipment; *in case of farmed fish, it is not necessary to fill in this column,*
- (4) gear code: Identify the gear type which was used to harvest the southern bluefin tuna using the list below; for OTHER TYPE, describe the type of gear; *in case of farmed fish, write "Farmed",*

<u>GEAR CODE</u>	<u>GEAR TYPE</u>
BB	Baitboat
GILL	Gillnet
HAND	Handline
HARP	Harpoon
LL	Longline
MWT	Mid-water Trawl
PS	Purse Seine
RR	Rod and Reel
SPHL	Sport Handline
SPOR	Sport Fisheries Unclassified
SURF	Surface Fisheries Unclassified
TL	Tended Line
TRAP	Trap
TROL	Troll
UNCL	Unspecified Method
OT	Other Type

- (5) area of catch: Identify the area in which the southern bluefin tuna was harvested using numbers from 1 to 13 (see the map attached); *in case of farmed fish, it is not necessary to fill in this column,*
- (6) net weight: Net product weight in kilograms; *in case of farmed fish, fill in the raised product's weight,*
- (7) no. of fish: If type is RD, GG or DR, fill in the number of fish.

(8) Tag number: If type is RD, GG or DR, fill in the tag number. If types of products are not RD, GG or DR, fill in tag numbers which were assigned to the SBT from which the products were made. If additional columns are necessary to fill in tag numbers, the flip side of the TIS could be used to write down the tag numbers.

#### 8. Exporter Certification

The person or company exporting the southern bluefin tuna shipment must provide his/her/its name, address, signature, date the shipment was exported, and dealer licence number (if applicable).

#### 9. Validation by Authority

Fill in the name and full title of the official signing the Document. The official must be in the employment of the competent authority of the flag state/fishing entity of the vessel that harvested the southern bluefin tuna appearing on the Document. This requirement with respect to any Member of the Commission may be met by an entity duly delegated by the authority of the flag country/fishing entity. The Member which utilizes a delegated entity should submit a certified copy of such delegation to the Executive Secretary.

#### Import Section

The person or company that imports southern bluefin tuna must provide his/her/its name, address, signature, date on which the southern bluefin tuna was imported, licence number (if applicable) and final point of import. This includes imports into intermediate country (if applicable). For fresh and chilled product, the signature of the importer may be substituted by a person of a customs clearance company when the authority for signature is properly accredited to it by the importer.

Note: Instructions relating to farmed fish are written in italic letters.