

Draft Resolution on the implementation of a Catch Documentation Scheme to record all catches of Southern Bluefin Tuna regardless of whether the Southern Bluefin Tuna were traded.

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The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Noting the intention of the Extended Commission to introduce an integrated package of monitoring, control and surveillance measures to improve compliance with the conservation and management measures of the Extended Commission in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the stock;

Recognising the need for monitoring, control and surveillance measures to apply to all sectors of the global SBT fishery;

Noting that on 1 June 2000 the Commission implemented a Trade Information Scheme to collect more accurate and comprehensive data on Southern Bluefin Tuna fishing through monitoring trade in Southern Bluefin Tuna under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

Further Noting that the Trade Information Scheme does not adequately cover landings of domestic production and trade of Southern Bluefin Tuna;

Considering that the adoption of a comprehensive and effective Catch Documentation Scheme, tracking each catch of Southern Bluefin Tuna from catch to the point of first sale, would improve the Commission's functioning;

Agrees that:

1. The Commission shall develop and implement a Catch Documentation Scheme to record all SBT caught by Members and Cooperating Non-Members regardless of whether the Southern Bluefin Tuna was traded, taking into account:
 - The principles of a CDS agreed at CCSBT 12.
 - The need to coordinate with other tuna RFMOs.
 - The practicality of tagging individual fish as a cornerstone of a CDS (certificate of origin)¹.
2. Members and Cooperating Non-Members shall finalise the details of the Catch Documentation Scheme in inter-sessional meetings before the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Commission, in order to have the Commission's approval of the agreed scheme at that meeting. The scheme shall be implemented by 1 January 2008 or another date agreed by the Commission.
3. The Catch Documentation Scheme shall apply to the catch, landing and trade in all Southern Bluefin Tuna by all Members and Cooperating Non-Members, including

¹ As a first step the Secretariat is asked to produce a draft proposal by July 2007.

during transshipment, import, export, re-export, and landings of domestic production.

4. The Catch Documentation Scheme shall include the following elements:
 - (i) The Scheme shall track the catch, landings and trade flows, including transfer, transshipment, import, export, re-export, and landings of domestic production, of all Southern Bluefin Tuna.
 - (ii) Copies of all catch documents shall be submitted to the flag state / fishing entity within a reasonable time and forwarded by the flag state / fishing entity to the Secretariat unaltered within a reasonable time after receipt.
 - (iii) Each shipment of Southern Bluefin Tuna imported, exported, re-exported or domestically landed shall be accompanied by a catch document that has been signed and stamped by a person officially approved by the Member or Cooperating Non-Member as being complete and valid.
 - (iv) Copies of documents shall be kept by the relevant Member or Cooperating Non-Member with additional copies submitted to the Secretariat on a regular basis for collation, analysis and verification.
 - (v) Southern Bluefin Tuna catch without completed and validated catch documents shall be considered as catch taken in contravention of the CCSBT conservation and management measures and shall not be permitted to be imported, exported, re-exported or landed on the domestic market.
 - (vi) The Scheme shall include a requirement that catch documents may be inspected at any time by an official approved by the Member or Cooperating Non-Member to ascertain the validity of documents.
 - (vii) The scheme shall include tagging and measurement of weight and length of individual SBT at the time of kill.

5. This resolution shall bind all Members and Cooperating Non-Members.