

Resolution on action plans to ensure compliance with Conservation and Management Measures

The Commission resolves that:

1. Each Members or Cooperating Non-Member shall submit to the Secretariat by April 1, 2010 an action plan to ensure its compliance with the Commission conservation and management measures, in particular its allocation under the global quota for southern bluefin tuna. The action plan shall include a scheme to systematically verify catch data of SBT and ERS reported by fishermen.
2. The flag Members and Cooperating Non-Members of pelagic longline vessels shall specify in their action plans improvement in at least three areas: port state inspection of transshipment of southern bluefin tuna, verification of catch data through scientific observers on fishing vessels of coverage of 10 % in terms of effort and actual inspection of catches by authorities of those flag Members and cooperating Non-Members. For effective port state inspection, those Members and Non-Members should designate foreign ports of transshipment of southern bluefin tuna for their vessels, prohibit such transshipment at other foreign ports and communicate with those designated port states to share relevant information required for effective inspection. All the above measures should be implemented in a manner that will not interfere with legitimate commercial transaction of SBT.
3. The Members and Cooperating Non-Members farming southern bluefin tuna shall implement in the 2011 fishing season commercial trials of stereo video systems for monitoring 10 % of the southern bluefin tuna transferred to their cages and, if the systems prove successful, adopt them in the following season as the systems for ongoing monitoring.
4. The Extended Commission shall explore the possibility of and if appropriate, develop a regional observer program to be applied to all the SBT fishing and farming activities.
5. All the Members and Non-members shall submit the reports on implementation and results of the action plans in 2010 to the 2010 meeting of the Compliance Committee.