

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

9TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

ANTIGUA (GUATEMALA)
25 JUNE 2003

RESOLUTION A-03-02

RESOLUTION ON AT-SEA REPORTING

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), meeting in Antigua, Guatemala, on the occasion of their 9th Meeting:

Believing that regular and timely reporting of information on dolphin mortality from vessels at sea is important in the implementation of the AIDCP;

Aware that the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission is already committed to providing agreed information on catches of tuna on a weekly basis;

Has agreed as follows:

1. To require all purse-seine vessels which carry an on-board observer to transmit to the Secretariat a weekly report by the observer, by fax, e-mail, or radio, as appropriate;
2. The report transmitted pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be prepared by the observer, using a format provided by the Director, and shall include the estimated catch of tuna, by species and set type, and the mortalities of dolphins by stock;
3. To encourage fishing companies to cooperate by providing to the Secretariat this same information with respect to purse-seine vessels which do not carry on-board observers;
4. All information must be handled pursuant to the AIDCP Rules of Confidentiality.