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**EXCHANGE OF DATA WITH THE WCPFC**

This document, which was circulated to the Commissioners on 1 May 2008, was discussed in June 2008 under agenda item 3 of the WCPFC-IATTC Consultative Meeting and also under agenda item 10b of the 78th Meeting of the IATTC. The Commission needs to decide whether this cooperative agreement can be signed by a representative of the IATTC.. It has been approved for signature by the WCPFC. Data exchanged pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding would be subject to the Commission's confidentiality rules.



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Dear Dr Campeán,

I enclose a draft agreement that proposes arrangements for the exchange of data between the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). The draft is based on *Rules and Procedures for the Protection, Access to, and Dissemination of Data Compiled by the Commission* which were adopted by the members of the WCPFC at the last annual session held at Guam in December 2007. A copy of these *Rules and Procedures* is also attached.

I would be pleased to respond to any queries related to this draft in the hope of concluding arrangements for the exchange of fisheries data between our two organisations at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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## AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF DATA

between

**THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY  
MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

and

**THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (hereafter WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (hereafter IATTC):

**RECOGNISING** the Convention for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC Convention) and the Antigua Convention for the strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (Antigua Convention) have provisions to address the cooperation with other organizations in order to ensure that the objectives of both Conventions are reached;

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING** that the Memorandum of Understanding between the WCPFC and the IATTC agreed to establish and maintain consultation, cooperation and collaboration in respect of exchange of data and information, in a manner consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission; and

**NOW THEREFORE** the WCPFC and IATTC agree to the following conditions for the exchange and release of data from fisheries which capture highly migratory fish species:

### **1. CONDITIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA**

- (a) Subject to fulfilling internal requirements of each Commission regarding data confidentiality and information security, both Commissions exchange equivalent data on a reciprocal basis, and maintain the data in a manner consistent with the security standards established by each Commission.
- (b) The conditions in paragraph (a) above shall apply to all data as specified below to be disseminated to other Commission.

### **2. OPERATIONAL LEVEL DATA**

Operational-level tuna fisheries data includes catch and effort (including by-catch of mammals, turtles, sharks and billfish), observer, unloading, transshipment and port inspection data.

### **3. AGGREGATED DATA**

Aggregated catch and effort data includes:

- (a) Data for long line gear aggregated by flag State by 5° latitude and by 5° longitude by month;

- (b) Data for surface gear (including purse seine) aggregated by flag State by 1° latitude and by 1° degree longitude by month; and
- (c) Aggregated observer data (made up of observations from a minimum of three vessels).

**4. OTHER DATA**

Monitoring, control, surveillance, inspection and enforcement data includes:

- (a) The names and other markings of 'Vessels Of Interest' to each organization; and
- (b) Transshipment verification reports for vessels transshipping in the Convention Area of one RFMO but which have fished within the Convention Area of the other.

**5. MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT**

This Agreement on the Exchange of Data is subject to modification and amendment by mutual consent.

**6. TERMINATION**

Either Commission may terminate this Agreement on the Exchange of Data by giving six months' notice of intention to terminate to the other Commission.

**7. SIGNATURE**

Signed on behalf of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission:

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Chairman, WCPFC

Date:

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Chairman, IATTC

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