

Winners of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal

2005

The Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP)

The Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) was selected as the recipient of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal Award for the biennium 2004-2005. The AIDCP is an international agreement whose objective is to reduce dolphin mortality in the tuna purse-seine fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean, and to ensure the sustainability of tuna stocks and associated species in the ecosystem. The Parties to the Agreement are Bolivia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, the European Union, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the United States, Vanuatu and Venezuela. The AIDCP has been an unqualified success and has diligently applied the relevant principles set forth in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, in particular those aspects relating to the precautionary approach and the utilization of fishing gear and techniques which minimized the catch of non-target species and allowed for the enormous reduction in dolphin mortality that was achieved. AIDCP was also commended for its active involvement with the fishing industry and environmental non-governmental organizations, which constituted a successful and exemplary interaction among the various stakeholders.

Director-General's remarks presentation of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal – 33rd Session of the Conference (Rome, 19-26 November 2005)

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Acceptance speech by Dr. Robin Allen (AIDCP)

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