

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

36TH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)
19 October 2015

REPORT OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

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2. Election of the chair	
3. Adoption of the agenda	
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8. Place and date of next meeting	
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APPENDIX

1. List of attendees

The 36th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California (USA), on 19 October 2015. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Working Group, Ing. Luis Torres, of Ecuador.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 35th meeting

The minutes of the 35th meeting, circulated previously by the Secretariat, were approved without changes.

4. Review of the implementation of the [dolphin safe certification system](#)

The Secretariat presented Document TT-36-04, *Matters related to the Tuna Tracking and Dolphin Safe Certification programs*.

It was reported that between 2 May 2015 and 15 September 2015, the Secretariat had received 196 copies of dolphin-safe certificates, corresponding to 74 fishing trips. All were considered valid. The certified tonnage (10,094 t) represents 5.5% of the total of 182,459 t recorded as dolphin-safe.

It was also reported that, as of October 2015, 279 TTFs from 300 trips had been received, which denotes 93% compliance.

Colombia requested that its percentage of TTFs submitted in Document TT-36-04 be corrected to 100%, since it had already sent all the original TTFs. Guatemala indicated that it would deliver three TTFs during the meeting.

Three previous cases of altered certificates were noted, plus another that had been recently identified, which involve two Parties: the vessel's flag State and the port State. The flag State was not present at the meeting to provide any additional information on these cases. It was agreed that a communication would be sent to the relevant government asking for the corresponding updated information.

5. Other business

No other business was discussed.

6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The group recommended that an appropriate follow-up be given to the cases of altered certificates described above.

7. Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in June 2016.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on 19 October 2015.

Appendix 1.

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