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Subject: National Compliance Scheme and Actions Taken by China to Implement Measures in C-25-01

Chinese fleets operating in IATTC Area are all longline vessels targeting tuna species such as bigeye and albacore tuna with bycatch of other pelagic species. China has been attaching great importance to the conservation and management measures of the commission.

In accordance with the conservation and management measures adopted by the IATTC Commission, China has issued the *Notification of the General Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on Strengthening International Compliance with Tuna Fisheries* [Nongbanyu (2024) No. 3], and *The Implementation Elements of the Eastern Pacific Tuna Fisheries (2024 version)*. I hereby advise the actions we took as follows.

Record of Fishing Vessels

All fishing vessels operating in the IATTC Convention area shall register in the secretariat of Commission. Fishing vessels not registered in the secretariat of the Commission shall not be allowed to fish for tunas, transship tuna products and material supply at sea in the IATTC area of competence.

Catch Limit Regulation for Bigeye

Catch limit is one of the regulations China established for the vessels operating under IATTC in accordance with C-25-01. All vessels shall operate under the total catch limit while each vessel owner enjoys their allocation fixed internally. Once the total catch limit is reached, the vessel must stop fishing and go back to port. The company will be punished severely if its vessel refuses to stop fishing in the IATTC area when overfished.

As usual, China received 6000 tons of BET quota from Japan in 2025, resulting in total BET catch limit of 8507 tons. China has provided the monthly report to Secretariat. No BET Statistical Document will be issued for overfished catch.

Fishing Log Books

Fishing vessels shall fill out Tuna Fishing Log Book, including record incidental catch

and release information of sharks, sea birds, sea turtles, marine mammal, and mobulid rays that were prohibited to be retained on board, according to the request of *Notification by General Office of Ministry of Agriculture on Regulation of Tuna Fishing Log Books [Nongbanyu (2008)No. 44]*, and submit each vessel's log book for last year to China Distant Water Fisheries Data Center before 31 March of each year. All fishing vessels shall fill in the electronic fishing log book simultaneously according to the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Vessel Monitoring System

Fishing vessels are required to submit vessel position information in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Ministry and the Commission, that is, automatically submit vessel position information once every hour. The location information shall include the name of the vessel, the geographical location of the vessel (latitude and longitude), the date, time, heading and speed of the vessel at the said position, etc. Vessel position information shall be submitted manually once every 6 hours within 30 days of failure of vessel position monitoring equipment; If the VMS cannot be restored within 30 days or is still faulty, the vessel must return to port for repair.

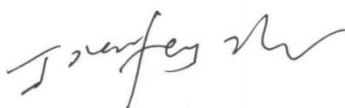
Observer

Each year China dispatches the national observers to the vessels fishing in convention area in line with C-19-08. Chinese government covers budget to support the observer program. In 2025, a total of 27 observer trips were completed in the IATTC Area by Chinese national observers, meeting the requirement of 5% observer coverage.

We will continue taking actions to work with the Commission to implement the measures in C-25-01.

Regards,

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