

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW PANEL

69th MEETING

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CASES OF POSSIBLE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE *OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS* DESCRIBED IN ANNEX VIII OF THE AIDCP AND OCCURRED SINCE THE 68TH MEETING (AND PREVIOUS CASES NOT REVIEWED YET)

During the period since the 68th meeting of the IRP, the Secretariat has reviewed a total of 594 fishing trips. Of these, we have nine trips with cases of possible non-compliance that the IRP identifies at predetermined form; that is, the Secretariat has been instructed by the IRP to forward them to the Parties for investigation after each meeting. In addition, we have six cases of possible non-compliance that the IRP requires to analyze and provide guidance to the Secretariat during its meeting.

THE CASES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE ARE THOSE THAT THE PANEL WILL BE IDENTIFYING AT PREDETERMINED FORM, AND WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PARTIES AFTER THE MEETING

	Sin reflector de alta intensidad No high intensity floodlight	Sin PPD No DSP
Número de casos Number of cases	5	4

THE CASES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE ARE THOSE THAT THE PANEL IS REQUIRED TO ANALYZE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE SECRETARIAT.

	Viaje sin observador No observer trip	No Cap Calificado No AIDCP Capt
Número de casos Number of cases	2	4

Overview of the cases to be reviewed:

1. 2021936: **Vessel with DML without Qualified Captain:**

The trip took place from December 18, 2021, to February 19, 2022. The vessel did not have a DML assigned for 2021 but did have a DML assigned for 2022. The fishing authority notified the Secretariat of the DML assignment on December 9, and the fishing captain was added to the list of qualified captains on January 12.

2. **2022097: Vessel with DML without a qualified captain:**

The fishing trip was conducted without an AIDCP-qualified captain. The captain was added to the list of qualified captains subsequent to this trip.

3. **2022118: Vessel with DML without a qualified captain:**

Part of the fishing trip was conducted without an AIDCP-qualified captain. The captain was added to the list of qualified captains during the course of this trip.

4. **2022126: Fishing without an observer:**

At the time of departure, the observer was not present. Shortly after departure, the absence of the observer was noticed, and the observer was transported by another vessel of the company, to board the assigned vessel at dawn the following day. The observer program and the vessel's flag fisheries authority took corrective action, and the Director of the observer program notified to this Secretariat that this was a serious observer error, and that he has taken the necessary measures not only to minimize the negative effect of this observer failure but also to prevent this from happening again.

5. **2022369: Fishing without an observer:**

The fishing trip was conducted without an observer on board or an exemption to fish without an observer due to the Pandemic COVID-19 contingencies. According to the vessel's logbook, there was fishing activity in the EPO. Note that the communications to request an observer exemption, due to the COVID-19 contingencies, between the observer program and the vessel's company were initiated; however, were left pending and without continuity and, therefore the letter of impossibility of the observer program to place an observer was not issued, and it seems nor the exemption for fishing without observer by the fishing authority.

6. **2022432: Vessel with DML without a qualified captain:**

The fishing trip was conducted without an AIDCP-qualified captain.