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RESOLUTION C-~~03~~26-~~05~~XX

RESOLUTION ON DATA PROVISION

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Lisbon, Portugal, on the occasion of its 104th Meeting*:*

Emphasizing the importance of obtaining comprehensive information on the catches, effort, and related information, by all vessels fishing for species under the purview of the Commission;

Understanding that all ~~member~~ Members ~~nations of the Commission~~ and Cooperating Non-Members (CPCs) are obliged to provide information on catches and effort by all of their vessels fishing for any species under the purview of the Commission;

~~*Aware* of the long-standing and well-established practice of vessels fishing in the EPO providing catch information to the Director;~~

~~*Noting* that nations not members of the Commission which are fishing in the region are obliged under international law to cooperate with the Commission, and that the provision of catch data is one aspect of such cooperation;~~

Concerned that the Director is not receiving all ~~pertinent~~ catch, effort, and related information for all vessels, regardless of vessel size and gears deployed;

Recognizing that operational-level data with corresponding size information are necessary to improve the indices of abundance routinely used in the stock assessments for bigeye and yellowfin tuna and are increasingly important for other commercially important species such as swordfish, other billfish, and dorado and the importance of making these equivalent longline data available to the IATTC on an annual basis for the purposes of improving the quality of data reporting and research to facilitate fulfillment of Commission mandates.

Considering the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), at its 17th meeting, as well as the IATTC scientific staff, recommended that the Commission consider amending Resolution C-03-05, per SAC-16-INF-O, to include compulsory reporting of TASK II, level 1, operational-level (vessel-specific, set-by-set) logbook data—from the year the fleet began operating, where available, to the most recent year possible;

Noting Article IV(3) of the Antigua Convention requires that where the status of target stocks or non-target or associated or dependent species is of concern, the members of the Commission shall subject such stocks and species to enhanced monitoring in order to review their status and the efficacy of conservation and management measures.

Further noting that Antigua Article VII - Functions of the Commission - includes “promote, carry out and coordinate scientific research concerning the abundance, biology and biometry in the Convention Area of fish stocks covered by this Convention and, as necessary, of associated or dependent species, and the effects of natural factors and human activities on the populations of these stocks and species”;

Without prejudice to the other applicable provisions on information and data reporting contained in decisions and resolutions currently in force;

~~*Therefore recommends to the High Contracting Parties that*~~*Agrees*:

ALL VESSELS AND GEARS

1. Through the appropriate government authorities and in collaboration with those authorities, ~~they take the necessary steps to~~CPCs shall ensure that all ~~pertinent~~ catch information is provided to the Director on an annual basis, for all of their vessels fishing for species under the purview of the Commission.

2. For all vessels and gears, CPCs shall report catch, effort and size composition~~The~~ data ~~be provided,~~ by species (see Annex 1, Tables 1a-c) and ~~fishing~~ gear type, at the Task, Level, and spatial temporal resolution specified~~where practical, via vessel logbooks and unloading records, and otherwise in aggregated form as~~ in the following table~~:~~. ~~with Level 3 catch and effort data as a minimum requirement, and, whenever possible, Levels 2 and 1 catch and effort data and length-frequency data.~~

   a. Task I and Task II data shall be derived from vessel logbooks and unloading records.

   b. Task III data, where available, shall be derived, *inter alia* from onboard human observers, electronic monitoring, port sampling, dockside surveys and other sources. CPCs shall report size composition data at the finest possible spatial and temporal resolution in the originally measured type and unit for tunas and tuna-like species (Annex 1; Table 1a) and for priority shark species whether brought onboard or estimated in the water ((Annex 1; Table 1b), indicating the time, location, and number of set, trips and vessels sampled by time and location.

   ~~b.~~c. Where available, CPCs shall report size composition data for other relevant species (Annex 1; Tables 1b and 1c).

   d. CPCs shall provide a meta-data document that explains the data collection and sampling program for Task III data. Where previously submitted Task III data were incomplete, and additional information is later available, CPCs shall revise previously submitted Task III data to include all relevant information.I

Category	Level	Obligation	Spatial-Temporal Resolution	Data Required
Task I – Annual Catch and Effort	—	Compulsory	Annual, Convention Area-wide	Fleet wide gross annual removals (metric tons) and disposition (retained/discarded) by gear and species. Effort: number of fishing vessels, by gear, operating in the Antigua Convention Area in each calendar year
Task II – Catch and effort	1	Compulsory	Set-by-set; start/end position and time of each set~~, logbook data with information on gear configuration and target species~~	Vessel-specific, set-by-set logbook data, from the year the fleet began operating to the most recent year possible ~~Total catch in numbers, and weight if available; fishing effort~~
	2	Preferred for the fleet not yet reporting Level 1	1°x1°–month~~, with information on gear configuration and target species~~ by vessel aggregated	Vessel-specific catch and effort
	3	Compulsory minimum for fleets not yet	5°x5°–month, ~~with information on gear configuration and target~~	Catch and effort raised to total catch and effort, with the statistical method used documented; coverage rates and conversion factors

		reporting Level 1 or 2	~~species~~aggregated	referenced; number of vessels per grid cell reported
Task III - Size Composition ~~Length-frequency~~	1	Compulsory, where available per provisions of para 4c	Set position, start or end of set; finest possible spatial-temporal resolution	Length or weight of individual fish, in the originally measured type and unit. Time, location, and number of sets/trips/vessels sampled reported by time and location. A metadata document describing the sampling program and the measurement types and units shall be provided

3. The ~~aggregated~~ data referred to in paragraph 2 for each year shall be provided by the CPCs by 30 June of the following year.

4. By June 30, 2028, CPCs shall provide all available Task II level 1, operational-level (vessel-specific, set-by-set) logbook data—from the year the fleet began operating, or from 1975, whichever is more recent, to Dec 31, 2027 using the data fields in Annex 1 (Table 2).

~~4. The technical aspects of the data to be supplied shall be established by the Director in collaboration with scientists of the members.~~

EXCEPTIONS

5. ~~The following exceptions shall apply to the immediate entry into force of this resolution:~~ Notwithstanding other provisions of this Resolution, in the case of vessels <10m Length Overall (LOA) and recreational vessels, CPCs may elect to take the following alternative measures to fulfill Task I and Task II data reporting obligations:

   a. Vessels <10m Length Overall (LOA):

      i. Task I data shall be reported as total annual catches;

      ii. Task II Level 2 or Level 3 data on fishing effort shall be reported in the number of days fished

      ~~i.~~iii. To the extent possible, CPCs exercising this exception shall provide information about the vessels utilizing this exception, including their LOA measurements, to the Director.

   ~~b. For vessels of less than 24 meters in length overall, the requirements of this resolution shall not enter into force until 1 January 2007. However, each member shall make its best efforts to provide as much data as possible for these vessels.~~

      ~~Catch data from artisanal vessels may be reported as total annual catches, without data on fishing effort.~~

   b. Catch data from recreational fishing vessels shall~~may~~ be reported as Task I total annual catches, and CPCs should endeavor to provide data on fishing effort when available.~~without data on fishing effort.~~ These data may be derived from fisher reports or government agency surveys.

   c. CPCs with fleets or portions of fleets not yet able to report Task II data at Level 1 with 100% coverage shall establish a capacity-building plan with IATTC Staff so that 100% of the required data is submitted starting in 2030 and annually thereafter. In 2027, 2028, and 2029, CPCs with these plans shall report Level 2 or Level 3 data for those fleets or fleet portions, unless the CPC is able to provide the data at Level 1 prior to 2030.

   CPCs electing to fulfil obligations through these alternative provisions shall notify the Director of their intent annually by June 30. The Director shall provide information about CPCs exercising these exceptions in its annual report to the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (COR).

~~4. The Director communicate with the governments of states not party the Commission whose flag~~

~~vessels may be fishing in the region, to comply with the terms of this resolution.~~

~~7. The Director ensure that the catch information provided to the Commission is maintained in strict accordance with the Commission's confidentiality rules and procedures.~~

DATA REPORTING MECHANISMS

6. At the 18th meeting of the SAC in 2027, the Director and the scientific staff shall develop and present the following:

   a. Standards, guidelines and templates for mandatory data fields, to allow CPCs to submit data in their preferred format (e.g. CSV, XLS) as long as they follow these templates.

   b. Default digital templates in Excel to ease CPCs workflow.

   c. Options for electronic logbook reporting.

   ~~c.~~d. Mechanisms for reviewing logbook data collection programs.

   ~~d.~~e. Capacity building plan templates for use in the implementation of paragraph 5(c).

7. At the 20th meeting of the SAC in 2029, the Director and the scientific staff shall develop and present an update to the SAC of future data reporting mechanism improvements including, but not limited to, data fields that would be useful for catch per unit (CPUE) standardization and to better understand changes in technology to inform effort creep.

~~4.~~8. In 2027, the IATTC staff shall assist CPCs in improving data reporting and transitioning to meet the requirements of this Resolution, including via capacity building workshops.

FINAL PROVISIONS

9. Without prejudice to *Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Party or Fishing Entity in IATTC* (Res. C-07-02), the Director shall communicate with the governments of non-CPCs whose flag vessels may be fishing in the region, to request submission of information consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

~~5.~~10. The Director shall ensure that the catch information provided to the Commission is maintained in strict accordance with the Commission's confidentiality rules and procedures, and relevant provisions of the Antigua Convention.

11. The Commission shall periodically review this measure to determine whether revisions are needed, in particular the technical annexes, in order to ensure the objective of the Resolution is met.

12. This Resolution amends and replaces Resolution C-03-05 upon its entry into force on January 1, 2028.

ANNEX 1

TABLE 1a. Principal tuna and tuna-like species prioritized for data collection (i.e., species for which data shall be provided) for each gear type.

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific or family name	ASFIS Code
Tunas	Albacore tuna	*Thunnus alalunga*	ALB
	Bigeye tuna	*Thunnus obesus*	BET
	Pacific bluefin tuna	*Thunnus orientalis*	PBF
	Skipjack tuna	*Katsuwonus pelamis*	SKJ
	Yellowfin tuna	*Thunnus albacares*	YFT
	Black skipjack tuna	*Euthynnus lineatus*	BKJ
	Bullet tuna	*Auxis rochei*	BLT
	Frigate tuna	*Auxis thazard*	FRI
	Unidentified tunas nei	Scombridae nei	TUN
Tuna-like species	Eastern Pacific bonito	*Sarda chiliensis*	BEP
	Striped bonito	*Sarda orientalis*	BIP
	Unidentified bonitos	*Sarda spp.*	BZX
	Black marlin	*Istiompax indica* (indixa)	BLM
	Blue marlin	*Makaira nigricans*	BUM
	Striped marlin	*Kajikia audax*	MLS
	Sailfish	*Istiophorus platypterus*	SFA
	Shortbill spearfish	*Tetrapturus angustirostris*	SSP
	Unidentified billfishes	Istiophoridae nei	BIL
	Swordfish	*Xiphias gladius*	SWO
	Wahoo	*Acanthocybium solandri*	WAH

TABLE 1b. Species of special interest for the Commission, understood as those species or species groups specifically referred to in a dedicated Resolution, for which data shall be provided. These include Resolution C-25-08, Annex 4: priority shark species and other resolutions on sharks (C-25-09 C-19-06, C-11-10); Resolution C-15-04: mobulid rays, resolutions C-19-04, C-04-07 on sea turtles; Resolution C-11-02 on seabirds; Resolution C-23-09 on dorado, and the Agreement for the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), Resolution A-03-02 on dolphin mortality. Noting this table has been revised from tables 5a-b in WSDAT-02-01 to reflect comments made by workshop participants during WSDAT-02 to define priority species (see WSDAT-02-Rprt). These species lists may change depending on any new species-specific resolutions and priorities that may be adopted or defined by the Commission.

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	ASFIS Code
Sharks	Thresher shark nei[1]	*Alopias spp.*	MAK
	Pelagic thresher shark	*Alopias pelagicus*	PTH
	Bigeye thresher shark	*Alopias superciliosus*	BTH
	Common thresher shark	*Alopias vulpinus*	ALV
	Copper Shark	*Carcharhinus brachyurus*	BRO
	Silky shark	*Carcharhinus falciformis*	FAL
	Galapagos shark	*Carcharhinus galapagensis*	CCG
	Oceanic whitetip shark	*Carcharhinus longimanus*	OCS
	Tiger shark	*Galeocerdo cuvier*	TIG
	Mako shark nei[1]	*Isurus spp.*	THR
	Shortfin mako	*Isurus oxyrinchus*	SMA
	Longfin mako	*Isurus paucus*	LMA
	Salmon shark	*Lamna ditropis*	LMD
	Porbeagle shark	*Lamna nasus*	POR
	Blue shark	*Prionace glauca*	BSH
	Crocodile shark	*Pseudocarcharias kamoharai*	PSK
	Whale shark	*Rhincodon typus*	RHN
	Hammerhead shark nei[1]	*Sphyrna spp.*	SPN
	Scalloped hammerhead shark	*Sphyrna lewini*	SPL
	Great hammerhead shark	*Sphyrna mokarran*	SPK
	Smooth hammerhead	*Sphyrna zygaena*	SPZ
Mobulid rays	Alfred manta	*Mobula alfredi*	RMA
	Giant manta	*Mobula birostris*	RMB
	Devil fish	*Mobula mobular*	RMM
	Munk's devil ray	*Mobula munkiana*	RMU
	Chilean devil ray	*Mobula tarapacana*	RMT
	Smoothtail manta	*Mobula thurstoni*	RMO
	Manta rays nei	*Mobula spp.*	RMV
Turtles	Olive Ridley turtle	*Lepidochelys olivacea*	LKV
	Green turtle	*Chelonia mydas*	TUG
	Loggerhead turtles	*Caretta caretta*	TTL
	Hawksbill turtle	*Eretmochelys imbricata*	TTH

[1] For use if species-specific catch reporting is not possible

	Leatherback turtle	*Dermochelys coriacea*	DKK
Seabirds	Albatrosses nei	Diomedeidae	ALZ
	Petrels nei	*Procellaria spp.*	PTZ
	Shearwaters nei	*Puffinus spp.*	PQW
	Seagulls nei	*Larus spp.*	LHX
Marine Mammals	Pantropical spotted dolphin	*Stenella attenuata*	DPN
	Spinner dolphin	*Stenella longirostris*	DSI
	Striped dolphin	*Stenella coeruleoalba*	DST
	Rough-toothed dolphin	*Steno bredanensis*	RTD
	Common dolphin	*Delphinus delphis*	DCO
	Long-beaked common dolphin	*Delphinus sp.*	—
	Bottlenose dolphin	*Tursiops truncatus*	DBO
	Risso's dolphin	*Grampus griseus*	DRR
	Pacific white-sided dolphin	*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*	DWP
	False killer whale	*Pseudorca crassidens*	FAW
	Melon-headed whale	*Peponocephala electra*	MEW
	Dolphins nei	Delphinidae	DLP
	Pilot whales nei	*Globicephala spp.*	GLO
Other fishes	Common dolphinfish	*Coryphaena hippurus*	DOL
	Pompano dolphinfish	*Coryphaena equiselis*	CFW
	Dolphinfishes nei	Coryphaenidae	DOX

TABLE 1c. Selected principal taxa of interest known to be caught by vessels and gears fishing in the Antigua Convention Area for species covered by the Convention. Catches of species not shown on this list should be reported using the common name, and the scientific name if known, as well as the ASFIS 3-alpha code if available. Resolutions pertaining to certain taxa and general data provision are provided in the technical guidelines for data provision. These species lists may change if any new species-specific resolutions and priorities are adopted or defined by the Commission.

Taxonomic Group	Common Name	Scientific or family name	ASFIS code
Sharks	Scalloped bonnethead shark	*Sphyrna corona*	SSN
	Scoophead shark	*Sphyrna media*	SPE
	Bonnethead shark	*Sphyrna tiburo*	SPJ
	Great white shark	*Carcharodon carcharias*	WSH
	Sand tiger shark	*Carcharias taurus*	CCT
	Blacktip shark	*Carcharhinus limbatus*	CCL
	Spottail shark	*Carcharhinus sorrah*	CCQ
	Silvertip shark	*Carcharhinus albimarginatus*	ALS
	Bull shark	*Carcharhinus leucas*	CCE
	Dusky shark	*Carcharhinus obscurus*	DUS
	Sandbar shark	*Carcharhinus plumbeus*	CCP
	Carcharhinus sharks nei	*Carcharhinus spp.*	CWZ
	Requiem sharks nei	*Carcharhinidae*	RSK
	Longnose velvet dogfish	*Centroscymnus crepidater*	CYP
	Velvet dogfish	*Scymnodon squamulosus*	SSQ
	Cookie cutter shark	*Isistius brasiliensis*	ISB
	Bigeye sand tiger shark	*Odontaspis noronhai*	ODH
	Nurse shark	*Ginglymostoma cirratum*	GNC
	Sicklefin smooth-hound	*Mustelus lunulatus*	MUU
	Speckled guitarfish	*Rhinobatos glaucostigma*	RBL
	Tope shark	*Galeorhinus galeus*	GAG
	Whitenose shark	*Nasolamia velox*	CNX
	Kitefin shark	*Dalatias licha*	SCK
	Sharks nei	*Elasmobranchii*	SKX
Rays	Pelagic stingray	*Pteroplatytrygon violacea*	PLS
	Stingrays nei	*Dasyatis spp.*	STI
Fishes	Jacks, crevalles nei	*Caranx spp.*	TRE
	Rainbow runner	*Elagatis bipinnulata*	RRU
	Yellowtail amberjack	*Seriola lalandi*	YTC
	Longfin yellowtail	*Seriola rivoliana*	YTL
	Greater amberjack	*Seriola dumerili*	AMB
	Samson fish	*Seriola hippos*	RLH
	Amberjacks nei	*Seriola spp.*	AMX
	Sunfish	*Mola spp.*	MOP
	Barracudas nei	Sphyraenidae	BAZ
	Opah	*Lampris guttatus*	LAG
	Opahs nei	*Lampris spp.*	LAP

Escolar	*Lepidocybium flavobrunneum*	LEC
Oilfish	*Ruvettus pretiosus*	OIL
Luvar	*Luvaris imperialis*	LVM
Snake mackerel	*Gempylus serpens*	GES
Snake mackerels, escolars nei	*Gempylidae*	GEP
Long snouted lancetfish	*Alepisaurus ferox*	ALX
Short snouted lancetfish	*Alepisaurus brevirostris*	ALO
Lancetfishes nei	*Alepisaurus spp.*	ALI
Sickle pomfret	*Taractichthys steindachneri*	TST
Dagger pomfret	*Taractes rubescens*	TCR
Big-scale pomfret	*Taractichthys longipinnis*	TAL
Rough pomfret	*Taractes asper*	TAS
Pomfrets, ocean breams nei	*Bramidae*	BRZ
Finescale triggerfish	*Balistes polylepis*	BIY
Spotted oceanic triggerfish	*Canthidermis maculata*	CNT

TABLE 2. Data fields (vessel and gear characteristics and operational-level logbook) for longline vessels to be collected and submitted by individual CPCs to the IATTC to facilitate stock assessments of target species and vulnerability assessments of species caught as bycatch. 2a: provides metadata fields by trip level for vessel and gear characteristics; 2b: set-level information, including set-level catch information and set-level size composition data.

2a. Trip-level information

Data Type	IATTC proposed logbook fields
Vessel and gear characteristics	Flag (Vessel flag abbreviation)
	Unique Vessel Identifiers: • Vessel name • Vessel call sign • IMO (International Identification IMO number) (if available) • IATTC Vessel number (IATTC Vessel register number assigned to all vessels) (for vessels having operated after 2002) • Assigned code that allows the vessel to be identified over time (for vessels that operated before 2002 and not afterwards)
	Length over all (Length of the vessel (meters))
	Gross tonnage (Vessel Gross Registered Tonnage) per C-18-06
Trip-characteristics	Departure Date (Date the vessel departs from port (MM-DD-YYYY))
	Departure Port (Name of the port of departure or transshipment (if ports are close to the IATTC regional offices, the logbook information could complement port sampling in the future))
	Arrival Date (Date of vessel's return to port at the completion of its trip (MM-DD-YYYY-hh:mm))
	Arrival Port (Name of the port of arrival or transshipment (If the ports are close to the IATTC regional offices, the logbook information could complement port sampling in the future))
	Was an observer onboard (Y/N)

2b. Set-by-set information

Data Type	For each set
Set-level information	Target species of target type or target species groups
	DateTime beginning of daily fishing activities: UTC and vessel operational time (to be able to do time conversions)[2]
	Time of set start (Record the date and time of the start of the set)[3]
	Time of set end (Record the date and time of the end of the set) [3]
	Time of haul start (Record the date and time the first buoy of the mainline is hauled from the water to start the haul) [3]
	Time of haul end (Record the date and time the last buoy of the mainline is hauled from the water to end the haul) [3]

[2] Record in vessel operational time in the format MM-DD-YYYY-hh:mm.
[3] Record in vessel operational time in the format hh:mm.

	Latitude at start of set[4]
	Longitude at start of set[5]
	Latitude at end of set[4]
	Longitude at end of set[5]
	Latitude at haul start[4]
	Longitude at haul start[5]
	Latitude at haul end[4]
	Longitude at haul end[5]
	Number of hooks in the set (Total number of hooks in each set.)
	If available, number of floats
	Number of hooks between floats
	Bait type: Record bait (e.g. fish, squid, artificial)
	Number of light sticks (Record the number of light sticks used)
Catch data	Species code: Provide the ASFIS species code for each species taken in the set
	Catch number: Provide the total number of fish (by species) (Total number of fish caught of each listed species)
	If available, catch weight: Provide the total weight (by species[6]; total weight[7] nearest kg) of fish caught for the reporting day
	Discarded/Released number: PROVIDE the NUMBER of this species DISCARDED or RELEASED
Size information for individual fish	If length or weight data is collected for a set, provide it associated with the set information

[4] Record the latitude in degrees and minutes and indicate 'N' or 'S' for north and south respectively.
[5] Record the longitude in degrees and minutes and indicate 'W' or 'E' for west and east respectively.
[6] Species in Table 1.
[7] Indicate whether round weight, gilled and gulled, or other processing.