

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING
53rd MEETING

Panama City, Panama
August 30, 2025

REPORT OF THE MEETING

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The 53rd meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Panama City, Panama, on 30 August 2025.

1. Opening of the meeting

The Director of the IATTC, Dr. Arnulfo Franco, requested nominations for Chair of the Working Group. Ms. Jeiris Galicia, of Venezuela, was elected Chair and opened the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Review of the implementation of the *dolphin safe* certification system

Mr. Marlon Román, from the Secretariat, presented document [TT-53-01](#), "*Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin safe certification programs*," which reports the most recent developments in the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System. He noted that, as of 30 August 2025, the Secretariat received 1,064 original TTFs or electronic copies from the 1,073 trips with a completed TTF, which ended between 16 June 2024 and 15 June 2025.

Between 16 June 2024 and 15 June 2025, the Secretariat received 873 copies of AIDCP dolphin-safe certificates corresponding to 594 TTFs. Of the certificates received, 861 were considered valid and 12 certificates were voided by the national authority.

The certified tonnage (363,506 t) represents 77.6% of the total of 468,683 t recorded as dolphin safe on the TTFs of the 594 fishing trips. According to the AIDCP dolphin-safe tuna certification procedures, the national authority is notified of cases where the scale weight recorded for each TTF included in the dolphin-safe certificates exceeds by 10% the estimated weight recorded by the observer on the TTFs. Of the 594 TTFs completed, there were nine cases where the certified weight exceeded the estimated weight on the corresponding TTF by 10%. In these cases, the relevant national authority provided the Secretariat with the results of the investigation carried out. The Secretariat then confirmed the validity of these certificates.

The meeting highlighted the excellent compliance rates of 99% for the submission of electronic and original copies of TTFs, and 97% for the submission of original TTFs for vessels departing in 2024. The importance of maintaining Dolphin Safe certification was also emphasized.

Ecuador asked the Secretariat for the number of days at sea represented by trips with an observer on board completing a TTF during the reporting period. The Secretariat, through Marlon Román, provided preliminary data indicating an average of 33.2 days per trip and a total of 19,699 days at sea for 594 trips during the reporting period.

4. Other business

No other business was discussed.

5. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The Working Group meeting concluded without formal recommendations for the IRP, beyond congratulating the fleet on its high level of compliance.

6. Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed for the AIDCP meetings in October 2025.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on 30 August 2025.

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