

**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**

49th MEETING

Victoria, B.C., Canada
31 July 2023

REPORT OF THE MEETING

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The 49th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Victoria, Canada, on 31 July 2023.

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Julio Guevara, of Nicaragua, in his capacity as Chair of the Group, opened the meeting. Delegations were asked to introduce themselves, and the delegations of Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, the United States and Venezuela were present, thus reaching a quorum to hold 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-49-01](#), “*Matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin-safe certification programs*”, which contains the latest developments of the Dolphin Safe Certification System from 26 August 2022 to 25 June 2023. He reported that the Secretariat received 584 original TTFs or electronic copies of the 588 trips made in that period with a completed TTF. This represents a 99% compliance rate, which was highlighted and acknowledged with satisfaction by the Group.

Additionally, between 26 August 2022 and 25 June 2023, the Secretariat received 247 copies of dolphin-safe certificates corresponding to 225 TTFs completed during 225 fishing trips. Of the certificates received, 225 certificates were considered valid, and 22 certificates were voided by the national authority. The certified tonnage (146,709 t) represents 33.1% of the total of 442,904 t recorded as dolphin safe on the TTFs of the 588 trips completed during the reporting period.

4. Other business

No other business was discussed.

5. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The Working Group did not issue recommendations for the IRP.

6. 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 October 2023.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 on 31 July 2023.

Appendix 1. List of assistance

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