

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**  
**40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**La Jolla, California (USA)**  
**23 October 2017**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

|  | Documents                |
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| 1. Opening of the meeting  |                          |
| 2. Adoption of the agenda  |                          |
| 3. Approval of the report of the 39 <sup>th</sup> meeting                                |                          |
| 4. Review of the implementation of the <a href="#">dolphin safe certification system</a> | <a href="#">TT-40-04</a> |
| 5. Other business  |                          |
| 6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel                                    |                          |
| 7. Place and date of next meeting  |                          |
| 8. Adjournment   |                          |

**APPENDIX**

1. List of attendees

The 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California on 23 October 2017.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Dr. Guillermo Compeán, Director of the IATTC. Mr. David Hogan, of USA, was elected as the Chair of the Working Group.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Approval of the report of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The report of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting, circulated previously by the Secretariat, was approved.

**4. Review of the implementation of the [dolphin safe certification system](#)**

The Secretariat presented [Document TT-40-04](#), “Review of the Implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System”.

It was reported that the Secretariat received 314 original TTFs from the 327 trips that were made and ended between 1 May 2017 and 31 August 2017; this represents 96% of compliance.

Similarly, between 1 May 2017 and 5 October 2017, the Secretariat received 291 copies of dolphin-safe certificates. All certificates, corresponding to 62 TTFs completed during 62 fishing trips, were considered

valid. The certified tonnage (9,255 t) represents 4.8% from the total of 191,174 t recorded as dolphin-safe in the TTFs of the 327 completed trips.

It was recalled that the Working Group has been discussing cases of apparent TTF forgery as well as other cases where the catch shared between two vessels was not documented on the TTFs. It was also recalled that, during the last meeting of the AIDCP held in Mexico City in July 2017, cases TTF-32 and TTF-34 were closed since actions have already been taken to address them; while cases TTF-30, TTF-31a, TTF-31b, and TTF-33 will remain open while waiting for the involved Parties to conclude their corresponding administrative proceedings.

After reviewing the report section by section, there were no comments about it or updates on the pending cases.

#### **5. Other business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **6. Recommendations for the International Review Panel**

No recommendations were made.

#### **7. 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 2018.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM on 23 October 2017.