

**AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION
PROGRAM**

**WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AIDCP
DOLPHIN SAFE TUNA CERTIFICATION SYSTEM**

40th MEETING

**Panama City, Panama
30 August 2025**

REPORT OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Actions to promote AIDCP dolphin safe tuna
4. Recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties
5. Date and place of next meeting
6. Adjournment

The 40th meeting of the Working Group to Promote and Publicize the AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification System was held in Panama City, Panama, on 30 August 2025.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Abilio Orellana, of El Salvador, who thanked the participants for their confidence in him to Chair the Working Group meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Actions to promote AIDCP dolphin safe tuna

The Secretariat presented a report on the follow-up to the actions mandated by the Meeting of the Parties, highlighting the progress made in their implementation and the opportunity to further develop them at the next meeting to be held in October, using a formal table showing the progress of those actions.

It was noted that the authorized US\$ 5,000 was used to update the information displayed at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the final version was received on 13 June 2025.

Venezuela took the floor to provide an update on its individual efforts to implement promotion and dissemination actions. The first part of a permanent exhibition on tuna fishing, with a focus on dolphin-associated fishing, has opened at the Museo Del Mar in Boca del Río, Margarita Island. Videos of the AIDCP and other content related to this method are on display, as well as a replica of a tuna vessel and AIDCP brochures. A similar exhibition is planned for October and November at the Museo del Mar of the Universidad de Oriente in Cumaná, taking advantage of a Marine Science

Congress. Similar activities are planned for the Museo de Ciencias Naturales in Caracas and the Ministry of People's Power for Fisheries and Aquaculture by 2026.

The activities carried out by Venezuela and those planned for the future were recognized by the Group.

4. Recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties

The Group agreed that, for the next meeting, the Secretariat should prepare a table showing the progress made in the promotion and dissemination work.

5. Other business

No other business was discussed.

6. Date and place 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 11:25 a.m. on 30 August 2025.

APPENDICES

1. List of participants

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