

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING
55th MEETING
, Lisbon, Portugal
August 24, 2026

MEETING REPORT

AGENDA

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3. Review of the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System	TT-55-01
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1. List of participants

The 55th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Lisbon, Portugal, on August 24, 2026.

1. Opening of the meeting

Ms. Yarkelia Vergara, Chair of the AIDCP, gave the floor to the Chair of the working group, Ms. Jeiris Galicia from Venezuela, who started the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was approved without amendments.

3. Review of the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System

Mr. Marlon Román, from the Secretariat, presented document TT-55-01 “Matters related to the Tuna Tracking and Dolphin Safe Certification Programs”, which reports on the latest developments regarding the implementation of the Dolphin Safe Certification System.

He noted that the Secretariat has received 975 original TTFs or electronic copies of the 982 trips with a completed TTF, and that these ended between June 16, 2025, and June 15, 2026.

Also, the historical rates of original TTFs sent to the Secretariat between 2016 and 2025, according to information updated as of August 10, 2026. By 2025, the number of original submissions received was 1,048, with a compliance rate of 98%. This percentage was practically identical to that observed in recent years.

Between June 16, 2024, and June 15, 2025, the Secretariat received 492 copies of AIDCP dolphin safe certificates, corresponding to 424 TTFs completed during 424 fishing trips. Of the certificates received, 479 were considered valid, and 13 certificates were cancelled by the national authority.

The certified tonnage (255,856 t) represents 77.5% of the total 330,154 t registered as dolphin safe in the TTF of the 424 trips recorded in the certificates. In accordance with the procedures for AIDCP dolphin safe tuna certification, 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 in the TTF. Of the 424 TTFs completed, there were nine cases where the certified weight exceeded the estimate in the corresponding TTF by 10%. In response to these cases, the relevant national authority provided the Secretariat with the results of the investigation carried out. The Secretariat later confirmed the validity of these certificates.

The working group did not comment on this document.

4. Other business

There was no other business to discuss.

5. Recommendations for the International Review Panel

The Working Group did not issue recommendations to the IRP.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates agreed upon for AIDCP meetings in October 2026.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on August 24, 2026, at 09:40 am.

Annex 1

55th MEETING OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING (TT-55) / 55ª REUNIÓN DEL GRUPO DE TRABAJO PERMANENTE SOBRE EL SEGUIMIENTO DEL ATÚN

Lisbon, Portugal — 24 August 2026 / Lisboa, Portugal — 24 de agosto de 2026

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