

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA (USA)  
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**DRAFT CONVERSION FACTOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

During its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2005, the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking asked the Secretariat to draft a questionnaire that the Parties could circulate to their respective processing industries to gather information on the yield of processed products from whole tuna. This information would be used to derive average conversion factors to relate the weight of whole tuna caught, as recorded by the observers on the Tuna Tracking Forms (TTFs), to various frozen and processed products recorded on the dolphin safe certificates. It is important to be able to establish an objective correlation between the two values, and thus ensure the integrity of the certificates.

The form needs to include three points: a) the weight of the whole tuna; b) the species of tuna; and c) the type of processing. After informal consultations with industry representatives, the attached questionnaire was drafted, which could easily and quickly be filled out.

If approved, the questionnaire will be distributed by each Party to the appropriate representatives of the industries that process tuna in its territory. The completed forms will be sent to the Party, which would forward them to the Secretariat for analysis and a subsequent report to the Working Group. All information received would be maintained confidential by the Secretariat.

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**CONVERSION RANGES FOR TUNA PRODUCTS**

(See instructions on back)

Company:		Tel:	
Address:			Company code
Contact:	E-mail:		
Processing type:			Process code

Weight (kg)	Yield (%)								
	YFT			SKJ			BET		
	Max	Min	Avge	Max	Min	Avge	Max	Min	Avge
≥10									
<10 - ≥3,5									
<3,5 - ≥2									
<2									

**COMMENTS:**

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

This information is requested as part of the dolphin-safe certification program of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program. All information provided will be released only to the Secretariat of the AIDCP and will be maintained **strictly confidential**.

**Complete one of these forms for each type of processing done by the company that requires AIDCP dolphin-safe certification.**

<b>Company code – Process code:</b> Leave these spaces blank. The data provided will be coded to maintain confidentiality.
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If there is insufficient space for any entry, please use the COMMENTS section or attach more forms.

#### Company

The name of the company that processes the tuna.

#### Address

The physical (not postal) address of the company.

#### Contact (tel, e-mail)

The name, telephone (including country and area/city codes), and e-mail address of a designated person who can be contacted if further information is required.

#### Processing type

Indicate the type of processing (e.g., canning, vacuum-packed loins, chunks in pouches, etc).

#### Yield (%) - YFT, SKJ, BET

For each weight category specified ( $\geq 10$  kg,  $< 10 - \geq 3,5$  kg,  $< 3,5 - \geq 2$  kg, and  $< 2$  kg) enter the maximum, minimum and average percentage of product obtained for each of the three species: YFT (yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares*); SKJ (skipjack tuna, *Katsuwonus pelamis*); BET (bigeye tuna, *Thunnus obesus*).

#### Comments

Use this space for any additional information or comments.