

# Access to Data

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## The Basic Tenant

**“Records of statistics of individual catches and individual company operations shall be treated as being confidential.”**

It is Required by International Agreement

- PICD/AIDCP [Rules of Confidentiality](#)
- CIAT/IATTC [Rules of Procedure](#).

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## 1. Recent Issues

### 1. Longline fishery data

1. Number of vessels not provided with in data
2. Not able to identify **with certainty** areas with > 2 vessels
3. Advised by some States that all data to considered confidential

### 2. Purse seine fishery data

Not able to publish catch-by-country for flags with < 2 vessels or companies

## 2. Action Taken by the Secretariat

### 1. Issue brought to the attention of members

### 2. Preparing recommendation that

1. Meets requirement for full access to data to meet needs of the IATTC
2. Meets requirement for confidentiality
3. Meets the need for maximum transparency of data and information