

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION ON THE EXCHANGE AND RELEASE OF  
DATA**

**between**

**THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF  
HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL  
PACIFIC OCEAN**

**and**

**THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (hereafter WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (hereafter IATTC):

**NOW THEREFORE** the WCPFC and IATTC confirm the following conditions for the exchange and release of data from fisheries which capture highly migratory fish species:

**1. CONDITIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA**

- (a) Subject to fulfilling internal requirements of each Commission regarding data confidentiality and information security, both Commissions exchange equivalent data on a reciprocal basis, and maintain the data in a manner consistent with the security standards established by each Commission.
- (b) The conditions in paragraph (a) above shall apply to all data as specified below to be disseminated to other Commission.
- (c) The historical data of fishing activities prior to the date of the signature of this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be disclosed, confirmed or used only for scientific purposes.

**2. OPERATIONAL LEVEL DATA**

Operational-level tuna fisheries data includes catch and effort (including by-catch of mammals, turtles, sharks and billfish), observer, unloading, transshipment and port inspection data.


**3. AGGREGATED DATA**

Aggregated catch and effort data includes:

- (a) Data for long line gear aggregated by flag State by 5° latitude and by 5° longitude by month;
- (b) Data for surface gear (including purse seine) aggregated by flag State by 1° latitude and by 1° degree longitude by month; and
- (c) Aggregated observer data (made up of observations from a minimum of three vessels).

**4. OTHER DATA**

Monitoring, control, surveillance, inspection and enforcement data includes:



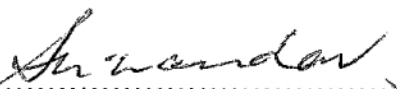
- (a) The names and other markings of 'Vessels Of Interest' to each organization subject to this memorandum; and
- (b) Transshipment verification reports for vessels transshipping in the Convention Area of one RFMO but which have fished within the Convention Area of the other.

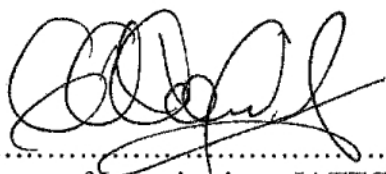
**5. OTHERS**

This cooperation on the exchange and release of data may be modified by mutual consent.

Either Commission may end this cooperation on the exchange of data by giving six months' notice of intention to terminate to the other Commission.

Signed on behalf of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission:

  
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Chairman, WCPFC

  
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Director of Investigations, IATTC