



CCSBT-EC/1810/17 (Rev. 2)

Confidentiality of Data and Documents

Purpose

To determine whether the reports of any meetings or any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 25 should be restricted from public release.

Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2018

Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the reports prepared of Extended Commission meetings will be made available for public release unless a Member makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission. Restrictions on release of a report require a decision from the Extended Commission.

Documents submitted to Extended Commission meetings are also to be made available for public release unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document or the Member (if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission.

The 2006 Farm and Market review reports have been classified as confidential and consequently other documents that include information derived from these documents must also be kept confidential. For 2018, this comprises:

- A catch table incorporating this information that was prepared by the Secretariat and included in the material considered at the 2018 meeting of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC). The Secretariat requests that Attachment A of this paper (CCSBT-ESC/1809/04) be treated as confidential.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1809/16 and CCSBT-CC/BGD04/04 from Australia titled “Japan Market Update 2018”.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1809/28 from Japan titled “Update of estimation for the unaccounted catch mortality in Australian SBT farming in the 2017 fishing season”.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1809/29 from Japan titled “Summary points of farm uncertainty relevant to size and total catch estimation of southern bluefin tuna, based on Attachment 7 in Report of ESC22”.
- Papers CCSBT-ESC/1809/30 and CCSBT-CC/1810/BGD/02 from Japan titled “Monitoring of Southern Bluefin Tuna trading in the Japanese domestic markets: 2018 update”.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1809/31 from Japan titled “Summary points of market monitoring of southern bluefin tuna, based on Attachment 7 in report of ESC22”.

However, it should be noted that papers CCSBT-ESC/1809/28 and 29 only commented that the independent review could not reach an agreed/final conclusion mainly because of the scarcity of data or referenced the Farm Review as being a document that shows the details of the 40-fish sampling method. Consequently, Members may wish to exempt these two papers from being considered as confidential.

The Secretariat also recommends that its papers CCSBT-CC/1810/20 on Potential Non-Member Fishing Activity & Trade/Emerging Markets and CCSBT-EC/1810/14 on relationships with non-Members, be treated as confidential due to the activity of named vessels being specified in those papers.

At the time of writing this paper, no other documents have been nominated to the Secretariat as having a confidential status.