



CCSBT-EC/0910/17

## Cooperating Non-members

### Purpose

To discuss the on-going status of existing Cooperating Non-Members.

### Discussion

The resolution establishing the status of Cooperating Non-Membership requires annual confirmation of that status after evaluation by the Extended Commission of the performance of Cooperating Non-Members against commitments given to the Extended Commission.

#### Philippines

The Philippines is complying with its data submission requirements (monthly catch reporting, reporting of final catch per vessel and scientific data exchange), the Trade Information Scheme, the Authorised vessel list and most of the requirements of the CCSBT transshipment resolution.

The Philippines has a catch limit of 45 tonnes and the reported catch for 2008 was just under this limit at 44.7 tonnes. Reported monthly catches for 2009 up to June totalled 29.5 tonnes.

#### South Africa

South Africa is complying with its data submission requirements (monthly catch reporting, reporting of final catch per vessel and scientific data exchange). It has also complied with the Authorised vessels list and with one exception relating to providing a list of exports in one period, it has also complied with the Trade Information Scheme.

South Africa has a catch limit of 40 tonnes. Its catch in 2008 was over this limit at 45.5 tonnes, and South Africa took action to limit its 2008 catch by closing its fishery from midnight on 1 July 2008. Reported monthly catches for 2009 up to June totalled 13.9 tonnes.

#### European Community

The European Community (EC) has continued to have difficulty in complying with CCSBT's monthly catch reporting system and in reporting its final catch per vessel. As at 21 August 2009, no catch reports had been received from the EC for any of its 2009 catch and no catch per vessel information has been provided. The EC also had no authorised vessels on the CCSBT record of authorised vessels for the first 6 months of 2009. However, the EC has improved its compliance with the Trade Information Scheme by providing information concerning both imports and exports. In addition, at CCSBT 15, the EC advised that that it was seeking to transpose the CCSBT measures into Community law and therefore fully abide by the CCSBT's measures in the future.

The European Community has a catch limit of 10 tonnes and reported taking 6.5 tonnes of SBT in 2008 against this quota. The EC's catch to date for 2009 is currently not known.

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