

**REPORT FROM THE CCSBT OBSERVER (CHINESE TAIPEI)
TO THE 83RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

1. The 83rd annual meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in La Jolla, California, USA from 25 to 29 June, 2012.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives of all 21 Members of the Commission: Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, France, Guatemala, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Chinese Taipei, United States, Vanuatu, and Venezuela. Bolivia and Indonesia attended as an observer. Several international organizations and non-governmental organizations were also represented.

Cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT

3. No matter related to cooperation between IATTC and CCSBT was discussed in the meeting.

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

4. The Commission decided to remove from the IUU list the Bolivian-flagged vessel *Mar Cantábrico*, and to withdraw from the list the seven Indonesian vessels: *Bhineka*, *Hiroyoshi 17*, *Jimmy Wijaya 35*, *Permata 1*, *Permata 2*, *Permata 6*, and *Permata 8*. The updated IUU list has been posted on the website of IATTC.

Adopted Resolutions

5. Nine resolutions and one recommendation were approved:
 - (a) *Amendment to Resolution C-11-01 on tuna conservation*: Of the various possible amendments that were discussed, including increasing the length of the closures from 62 to 72 days or other alternative measures, the only ones adopted were those in the proposal on exemptions due to force majeure to compliance with the closures prescribed by the resolutions.
 - (b) *Amendment to Resolution C-11-09 on establishing a program for transshipments by large-scale fishing vessels*: The Commission agree to extend the catch species being subject to the Resolution, from “tuna and tuna-like species” to “tuna and tuna-like species and sharks”
 - (c) *Conservation and management measures for bluefin tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean*: The Commission agrees that in the IATTC Convention Area, the commercial catches of bluefin tuna by all the members and cooperating non-members during the two-year period of 2012-2013 shall not exceed 10,000 metric tons.
 - (d) Other resolutions and recommendation regarding administrative matters:
Establishment of a Committee on administration and finance, IATTC rules and

procedure, Ad hoc financing for fiscal years 2013-2017 and beyond, Financing for fiscal year 2013, Rules of procedures regarding capacity loans or concessions and chartering of vessels with temporary transfers of capacity, Protocol for sealing fish wells on purse-seine vessels, Recommendation on best available science.

Other Issues Discussed

6. Several other proposals were also discussed, such as Catch certification system, Minimum standards for in-port inspections, Management of FADs, Hammerhead sharks, Silky Sharks, Rules and procedures regarding confidentiality, Management of fishing capacity, North Pacific albacore tuna, Contribution by the IATTC to the AIDCP national observer program, Amendment to Resolution C-11-07 on the process for improved compliance of resolutions adopted by the Commission, Observers on lingline vessels, Amendment of Resolution C-05-07 on IUU Vessel List, Rules of procedure for the provisional transfer of bigeye catch limits by large-scale longlines. However, no consensus was reached on these issues.