

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP
CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME (CDS) TECHNICAL MEETING**

ELECTRONIC MEETING
09:00 – 11:00, Japan Standard Time
12 July 2022

General pending issues to be discussed at the Technical Meeting

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Taking into account the limited meeting hours at the 3rd CDS Technical Meeting, Japan considers that discussion at the Technical Meeting should focus on the following general pending issues.

- 1 Budgetary and administrative consideration for the development of the ePBCD system**
In the intersessional work for the development of draft CMM, a member suggested that WCPFC and IATTC should consider cooperating to hire a consultant to provide expertise on budgetary and administrative aspects of different options for establishing an ePBCD system and deliver recommendations related to the design and operation of the system. In contrast, another member commented that the Secretariats of WCPFC and IATTC should be tasked to work collaboratively to provide options because they are responsible for the management of the budget and administration issues and hiring a consultant will incur a cost. The WCPFC Secretariat advised that some indicative guidance from the Joint WG on respective roles of each Secretariat in the administration of the ePBCD system, anticipated budget for the development and ongoing maintenance of the ePBCD system would be helpful.

- 2 Scope and functions of the draft CMM for the development of CDS**
At the 2nd technical meeting, members had some common grounds on the objectives of PBCD, as “The objective of Pacific Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation (PBCD) scheme is to identify the origin of Pacific bluefin tuna in order to support the implementation of CMM/Resolution for Pacific bluefin tuna, including by providing a tool to assist in combatting IUU fishing”. In the intersessional work for the development of draft CMM, some members emphasized the importance of providing the CDS with the function to promote seafood traceability beyond the transaction immediately after catch or harvest. Further, some members commented on the inclusion of specific monitoring, controlling and surveillance measures, such as additional reporting requirement in the draft CMM for CDS. We need to discuss the scope and functions of the draft CMM that we are endeavoring to develop within a certain timeframe.

- 3 Next steps**
Given the delay in the discussion on the draft CMM for the past couple of years, we need to consider a concrete timeframe for the development of the draft CMM, and a necessary consultative process, including more frequent holding of Technical Meetings or intersessional works.