

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

9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Japan Standard Time

3 July 2023

Fukuoka, Japan

**CHAIR'S SUMMARY OF THE
4TH CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME (CDS) TECHNICAL MEETING**

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1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Welcome

1. Mr. Shingo Ota, Chair of the CDS Working Group, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

1.2 Selection of rapporteur

2. Mr. Jacques Chaumont of Japan was appointed the rapporteur for the meeting.

1.3 Adoption of the agenda

3. The provisional agenda was adopted without any change (Appendix 1).

1.4 Meeting arrangements

4. The Chair explained the meeting arrangements.

2. Development of a Catch Documentation Scheme for Pacific Bluefin Tuna

2.1 Review of the 3rd CDS Technical Meeting and intersessional work

5. The Chair briefly reviewed the results of the 3rd CDS Technical Meeting and intersessional work.

2.2 Budgetary and administrative consideration

6. Japan presented the options for budgetary and administrative considerations for the development of the ePBCD system as described in the paper IATTC-NC-CDS04-2023/02. Japan also presented screenshots from the CCSBT e-CDS (eSBT) trial system. The meeting participants concluded the following.

(1) Basis of the system development

The participants tentatively agreed on option (b) to use resources from the CCSBT e-CDS as a basis for development, and potentially draw inspiration or elements from the ICCAT eBCD as described in option (a).

(2) Location of the system

The participants agreed to make use of a cloud-based system.

(3) Use of an external company in development and maintenance of the system

The participants agreed to pursue option (a) of contracting an external company for the

development and maintenance of the ePBCD system with general preference for the one for the CCSBT e-CDS, considering option (b) of hiring a specialist officer within the Secretariat if there is an expansion in the scope of the system (i.e., species coverage) in the future.

- (4) Demarcation of responsibility between the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats in the operational work for the development and maintenance of the system

The participants agreed to generally support option (a) of having both the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats take on responsibilities on an equal basis, acknowledging the need for further discussion to materialize demarcations of responsibility such as management of the system based on the area of the catch.

- (5) Cost Sharing between the IATTC and WCPFC and/or among CPCs of each RFMO

The participants agreed to further consider the possible formula to calculate contributions between the WCPFC and IATTC, and members within each RFMO.

7. The participants also agreed to request both Secretariats to review the discussion and results of this meeting and provide their questions, comments, and concerns to the small working group.

8. Japan requested that the Chair send a formal letter to the CCSBT about the potential future use of the e-CDS to aid in development of the e-PBCD system, and the Chair agreed to do so.

2.3 Discussion on the draft CMM

9. The meeting participants requested that Korea produce a paper, based on the past document, on elements to be included in the CMM, and submit it to the small working group for further discussion.

3. Next Meeting

10. The participants recommended convening a virtual meeting of the small working group, ahead of the next CDS Technical Meeting, which should be held in-person and in conjunction with the next Joint Working Group Meeting.

4. Other Business

11. No other business was raised.

5. Report to the Joint WG

12. The Chair will provide his summary of the CDS technical meeting to the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group.

6. Close of the Meeting

13. The meeting was closed at 11:59 am, Japan Standard Time.