

Results of the 4th Technical Meeting and intersessional work thereafter

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- 4th CDS Technical Meeting was held in Fukuoka, Japan on July 3, 2023
- After the Chair briefly explained the results of the 3rd CDS Technical Meeting and intersessional work, the meeting discusses budgetary and administrative matters.
- For this purpose, Japan presented the options for budgetary and administrative considerations for the development of the ePBCD system.
- 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 to use resources from the CCSBT e-CDS as a basis for development, and potentially draw inspiration or elements from the ICCAT eBCD.

(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 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 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 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.

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

Follow-up actions

- On July 13, 2023, Chair sent a letter to the CCSBT Secretariat about the potential future use of the e-CDS to aid in development of the e-PBCD system.
- On July 24, 2023, Chair had a meeting in Tokyo with the Executive Secretary of the CCSBT to further explain this matter.
- On August 7, 2023, the CCSBT replied, requesting Chair to contact the SPC whose TUFMAN 2 platform is at the core of the SBT eCDS. It also said that without the consent of the SPC, the CCSBT will be constrained to share technical information on the eCDS.
- On August 8, 2023, Chair sent an e-mail to the SPC to pursue the possibility of cooperation.

Follow-up actions (continued)

- On September 13, 2023, the SPC sent Chair a draft letter of agreement to provide some indication of what to do, noting that they need to clarify several points.
- On September 21 and 22, 2023, the SPC provided a list of questions and Chair answered them.
- On October 24, 2023, the SPC indicated that they can proceed with an agreement similar to the CCSBT, which involves the SPC, WCPFC and IATTC, and suggested to have a meeting during the WCPFC 20 to discuss details.

Follow-up actions (continued)

- During WCPFC20, Chair updated WCPFC with the progress.
- Japan, on behalf of Chair, had a meeting with SPC, which confirmed that:
 - There is no problem for the use of Tufman 2.
 - An MOU must be established between SPC and WCPFC/IATTC. It must be formally approved by SPC.
 - SPC will produce a draft MOU based on the one with the CCSBT and consult with WCPFC/IATTC.
 - No fees will be charged for the use of Tufman 2. However, there is a possibility that certain assistance or contribution may be sought when Tufman 2 will be updated in the future. This may have to be inserted into the MOU subject to mutual consent.
 - Tufman 2 is a framework for data processing. It is possible to set up various modules within the framework among which data sharing is possible. This does not mean that data in a new module set up in Tufman 2 will be automatically transmitted to other modules or SPC. In fact, SPC has no business with the CCSBT CDS system and cannot look at the inside.

Follow-up actions (continued)

- On January 15, 2024, Chair received a draft letter of agreement (LOA) from the SPC. The SPC sent the draft LOA also to the WCPFC Secretariat.
- On January 30, 2024, Chair received questions from the WCPFC Secretariat and answered them in his capacity.
- On February 6, 2024, Chair circulated the draft LOA among members of the CDS SWG with a copy to the WCPFC and IATTC Secretariats.
- On June 11, 2024, Chair received comments from the CDS SWG and transmitted them to the SPC for further review.
- On July 3, 2024, the SPC sent its comment (only one).
- The draft agreement was posted on July 4, 2024.