

Results of the 5th CDS Technical Meeting
(Kushiro, Japan on July 10, 2024)
for Agenda item 2.1

prepared by the Chair

- The participants revisited and reaffirmed the conclusions drawn at the 4th CDS Technical Meeting except for the demarcation of responsibility between the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats in the operational work for the development and maintenance of the system.
- As to the demarcation of responsibility between the two Secretariats, the participants shared a common understanding about the need to have coordination between WCPFC and IATTC for the ePBCD.
- There were two differing views about the development of system: One system for both organizations and a separate but harmonized system for each organization.
- The participants agreed to continue to discuss these two views.

- The participants discussed elements to be included in the draft CMM and agreed to:

(1) initially cover International transactions.

(2) exclude heads, eyes, roes, guts and tails from the scope.

(3) mandate registration of fishing vessels targeting PBF and farms.

(4) include information on vessel, catch, trade, caging, harvesting and transshipment and further discuss the exact definition of transfer, looking at the actual practice in the Pacific Ocean.

- (5) keep tagging optional and exempt tagged fish from validation.
- (6) validate CDS by government authorities or delegated organizations to be registered.
- (7) validate catch, farm or export information by the flag, farming or exporting Member while verification to be done by the importing Member.
- (8) establish a reconciliation process for checking the validity of data to be carried out by the system automatically.

- The participants agreed to further discuss:
 - (1) the treatment of vessels not targeting PBF, looking at other RFMOs' practice.
 - (2) data confidentiality arrangements and possible contribution to the ISC work.
 - (3) kinds and means of communication.
 - (4) potential exceptional arrangements, including the case of the malfunction of the ePBCD.

- The participants agreed to further discuss at a later stage:
 - (1) interaction with domestic programs.
 - (2) implementation and review.
 - (3) form(s).

Follow-up actions

- The Small Working Group was tasked to produce an amended draft CMM based on the discussions and to present it at the 2025 CDS Technical Meeting.→CDS06-2025/02
- The draft letter of agreement between the IATTC/WCPFC and the SPC was finalized and sent to the JWG for endorsement.
- The draft letter was endorsed by the JWG, and consequently by the IATTC and the WCPFC. It was signed on May 9, 2025 by the IATTC, WCPFC and SPC.
- The Small Working Group will informally contact the external company contracted to develop the CCSBT's e-CDS system regarding the feasibility of developing an ePBCD based on the CCSBT's CDS system.