

Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna



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Memorandum of Understanding between the CCSBT¹ and IOTC² Secretariats for Monitoring Transshipment at Sea by Large-Scale Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels

Introduction

1. The IOTC adopted Resolution 08/02³ that required implementation of a monitoring program for transshipment at sea by large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (LSTLV's) within the IOTC convention area. The CCSBT has adopted a similar resolution (CCSBT15, Attachment 10⁴) for tuna longline fishing vessels with freezing capacity that applies globally to all transshipments involving southern bluefin tuna (SBT).
2. Within the IOTC convention area, the CCSBT and IOTC resolutions have the same provisions and most vessels that are required to comply with the CCSBT resolution are also required to comply with the IOTC resolution.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established to minimise the duplication of work and to minimise the associated costs for those that are required to comply with both the CCSBT and IOTC resolutions.

Scope of this Memorandum of Understanding

4. This MOU applies to transshipments at sea involving southern bluefin tuna (SBT) within the IOTC convention area, by LSTLV's with freezing capacity that are Members/Contracting Parties (CPCs)⁵ of both CCSBT and IOTC. At present, this comprises:
 - Australia
 - European Community
 - Indonesia
 - Japan
 - Korea
 - Philippines
 - South Africa

¹ Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

² Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

³ Resolution 08/02 on establishing a programme for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

⁴ Resolution on establishing a program for transshipment by large-scale fishing vessels

⁵ For the purpose of this MOU, "Members" includes Cooperating Non-Members and "CPCs" includes Cooperating non Contracting Parties

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5. This MOU also applies to any other fleets that are participating in both the CCSBT and IOTC programs for monitoring transshipments at sea.
6. CCSBT and IOTC will notify each other of any changes in their Members/CPCs/participating fleets that may affect this list.

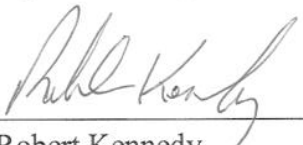
The Arrangement between CCSBT and IOTC

7. All provisions of IOTC transshipment Resolution 08/02 will continue to apply to transshipments at sea that fall within this arrangement.
8. All provisions of the CCSBT transshipment resolution will also apply to transshipments at sea that fall within this arrangement, except that:
 - a. To enable a single Transshipment Declaration form to be completed for transshipment by an LSTLV, an IOTC Transshipment Declaration form may be used instead of the CCSBT Transshipment Declaration form. This only applies while the IOTC and CCSBT forms are unchanged unless there is agreement to the contrary. Furthermore, transmission of this form by Carrier Vessel masters to the IOTC Secretariat is deemed to also be a transmission to the CCSBT Secretariat. The IOTC Secretariat will transmit these documents to the CCSBT Secretariat without delay.
 - b. IOTC Register Numbers for LSTLV's and Carrier Vessels may be used instead of the CCSBT equivalents. The CCSBT Secretariat will conduct the necessary conversions between IOTC and CCSBT registration numbers.
 - c. To enable a single set of Transshipment Observers to be used, IOTC Transshipment Observers will be deemed to be CCSBT Transshipment Observers providing these observers meet the standards established in the CCSBT Transshipment Resolution and providing that the CCSBT Secretariat is informed.
 - d. Transmission of Observer Reports by the Contractor to the IOTC Secretariat is deemed to also be a transmission to the CCSBT Secretariat. The IOTC Secretariat will transmit these documents to the CCSBT Secretariat without delay.
9. The combined effect of paragraphs 7 and 8 is that the IOTC Secretariat and Transshipment Observers will continue to follow the requirements of the IOTC resolution with the additions that:
 - a. The IOTC and CCSBT Secretariats will advise each other regarding any planned or actual changes to their resolutions for at sea transshipment including the Transshipment Declaration form.
 - b. The IOTC Secretariat will transmit copies of Transshipment Declarations and Observer Reports for all transshipments involving SBT to the CCSBT Secretariat without delay.
 - c. In addition to the experience and training required by IOTC Resolution 08/02, IOTC Transshipment Observers that observe transshipments of SBT must:
 - have sufficient experience and knowledge to identify southern bluefin tuna; and
 - have a satisfactory knowledge of the CCSBT conservation and management measures.
 - d. An up-to-date list of Transshipment Observers will be maintained and regularly provided to the CCSBT Secretariat by the IOTC Secretariat.

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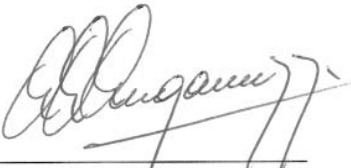
- e. When IOTC is informed that an observer deployment will involve transhipments of SBT, IOTC will notify CCSBT prior to approving the observer deployment so that the CCSBT Secretariat can check the validity of authorisations of the Fishing Vessels and Carrier Vessels against the published list of CCSBT Authorised Fishing Vessels and CCSBT Authorised Carrier Vessels, respectively.
- f. In addition to tasks specified in IOTC Resolution 08/02, Transhipment Observers that observe transhipments of SBT will:
- From 1 January 2010, sign the transhipment verification section of the CCSBT CDS documentation to indicate that the transhipment details (date, name and registration of carrier vessel) were filled in correctly and that the transhipment of product was observed according to the CCSBT Transhipment Resolution⁶.
10. Additional costs imposed on the IOTC Secretariat by operating according to this MOU (e.g. additional training and insurance required for observers) will be recovered from the CPC's concerned through IOTC's transhipment cost recovery mechanism. This will involve distributing these costs amongst participating fleets from the CCSBT in proportion to those fleets average SBT catch in the IOTC Convention area over the past three years. The costs will be invoiced by the IOTC in arrears.
11. This MOU comes into effect for twelve months, commencing 1 April 2009. It will be automatically renewed for another twelve months on 1 April each year unless otherwise decided by either the CCSBT or IOTC Secretariat and informed to the other in writing. Either of the Secretariats may terminate the MOU at any time by written notice to the other Secretariat.

Signed and duly dated:



Robert Kennedy
Executive Secretary
Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna

Date: 9 March 2009



Alejandro Anganuzzi
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Date: 9/3/2009

⁶ A discrepancy between the stated product on the CDS document and the quantities recorded by the observer would be recorded in the observers report (not the CDS document) and would not prevent the observer from signing the CDS document.

