

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP
CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME (CDS) TECHNICAL MEETING**
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**Proposed outline on major elements to be included in
the draft WCPFC CMM for Pacific bluefin tuna CDS¹**

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1 General Provisions

1.1 Objective

- The objective of Pacific Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation (PBCD) scheme is to identify the origin of any Pacific bluefin tuna in order to support the implementation of Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) for Pacific bluefin tuna, as well as to prevent the products incompliant with the CMM from entering into a supply chain.

1.2 Electric/paper

- Use of the electronic Pacific Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation (ePBCD) system is mandatory for all CCMs.
- Paper PBCDs shall not be accepted, except in the limited circumstances specified in XX.

**The schedule of the introduction of ePBCD system will be considered later, taking into account of capacities and resources available of developing countries including Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), as well as of the development of a Catch Documentation scheme for tropical tunas.*

1.3 Definition of term

For the purpose of this CMM, the following definition of terms applies: *see the Attachment.*

1.4 Others

- Any landing, transfer into cages, harvest, transshipment, import, export or re-export of Pacific bluefin tuna without a completed and validated ePBCD shall be prohibited.
- Import, export or re-export of fish parts other than the meat (i.e., heads, eyes, roes, guts and tails) shall be exempted from the requirement of this CMM.

2 Validation of ePBCDs

2.1 General provisions

- (1) The catching vessel master or trap operator, (2) its authorized representative,

¹ A draft IATTC Resolution for Pacific Bluefin Tuna CDS will be developed in a same format as a WCPFC CMM.

(3) the operator of farms, or (4) the authorized representative of the flag, farm, or trap CCM shall complete the ePBCD by providing the required information in appropriate sections and request validation for the ePBCD for catch landed, transferred to cages, harvested, transhipped or exported on each occasion that it lands, transfers, harvests, transships or exports Pacific bluefin tuna.

- Validation shall not be required for transfer of live Pacific bluefin tuna between cages, while such transfer shall be recorded in the ePBCD.
- The ePBCD shall be validated for each landing, transfer to cages, harvest, transshipment or export. When Pacific bluefin tuna is not exported, sections of the ePBCD for transfer to cages and/or harvest can be validated at the end of each fishing season.
- Where the Pacific bluefin tuna quantities caught and landed are less than X metric ton or Y fish, the logbook or the sales note may be used as a temporary PBCD, pending conversion to the ePBCD and the validation within a period of Z working days or prior to export, whichever is first.
- Validation shall not be required in the event that all Pacific bluefin tuna available for sale are tagged by the flag CCM of the catching vessel or the trap CCM that fished the Pacific bluefin tuna.

2.2 Timing of validation

**A timing of validation after landing, transfer to cages, harvest, transshipment or export will be considered later, taking into account of specifications of the ePBCD system.*

2.3 Validator

The ePBCD must be validated by an authorized government official, or other authorized individual or institution, of the flag CCM of the catching vessel, the CCM of the seller/exporter, or the trap or farm CCM that caught, harvested or exported the Pacific bluefin tuna.

3 Relationship with non-members

Access to the ePBCD system shall be granted to WCPFC non-members to facilitate trade of Pacific bluefin tuna.

4 Others

- A cloud-based the ePBCD system shall be set up in the WCPFC/IATTC Secretariat. The WCPFC/IATTC Secretariat shall allocate necessary staff and resources to support, maintain and develop functions of the ePBCD system.
- A cost associated with support, maintenance and functionality development of the ePBCD system, which is calculated by dividing its total cost between WCPFC and IATTC in proportion to a Pacific bluefin tuna catch in each Convention area, shall be financed by additional annual contributions made by those CCMs that catch and/or trade Pacific bluefin tuna.

Draft definition of terms	Reference
<p><i>Transfer means:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any transfer of live Pacific Bluefin tuna from the fishing vessel, its net, or the trap to the transport cage or other fishing vessels; - any transfer of live Pacific Bluefin tuna from the transport cage to another transport cage; - any transfer of live Pacific Bluefin tuna from one farm to another, or between different cages in the same farm; 	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 3 of Recommendation 18-02.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the catching vessel's net to the transport cage; - any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the transport cage to another transport cage; - any transfer of the cage with live bluefin tuna from a towing vessel to another towing vessel; - any transfer of live bluefin tuna from one farm to another, or between different cages in the same farm; - any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the trap to the transport cage independently of the presence of a towing vessel.
<p><i>Caging means:</i> The relocation of live Pacific Bluefin tuna from the transport cage or trap to the farming or fattening cages</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 3 of Recommendation 18-02. The relocation of live bluefin tuna from the transport cage or trap to the farming or fattening cages</p>
<p><i>Farming/fattening means:</i> Caging of Pacific Bluefin tuna in farms and subsequent feeding aiming to fatten and increase their total biomass.</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 3 of Recommendation 18-02 Caging of bluefin tuna in farms and subsequent feeding aiming to fatten and increase their total biomass.</p>
<p><i>Harvest means:</i> The killing of bluefin tuna in farms.</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 3 of Recommendation 18-02 The killing of bluefin tuna in farms or traps</p>
<p><i>Export means:</i> Any movement of Pacific Bluefin tuna from the territory of the CCM where the fishing vessel is flagged or where the trap or farm is established to the territory of another CCM or non-member of the Commission, or from the fishing grounds to the territory of a CCM which is not the flag CCM of the fishing vessel or to the territory of a non-member of the Commission.</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 2 b) of Recommendation 18-13 Any movement of bluefin tuna in its harvested or processed form (including farmed) from the territory of the CPC where the fishing vessel is flagged or where the trap or farm is established to the territory of another CPC or non-Contracting Party, or from the fishing grounds to the territory of a CPC which is not the flag CPC of the fishing vessel or to the territory of a non- Contracting Party.</p>

<p><i>Import means:</i> Any introduction of Pacific Bluefin tuna into the territory of a CCM, which is not the CCM where the fishing vessel is flagged or where the trap or the farm is established.</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 2 c) of Recommendation 18-13 Any introduction of bluefin tuna in its harvested or processed form (including farmed) into the territory of a CPC, which is not the CPC where the fishing vessel is flagged or where the trap or the farm is established.</p>
<p><i>Re-export means:</i> Any movement of Pacific Bluefin tuna from the territory of a CCM where it has been previously imported.</p>	<p><ICCAT> Paragraph 2 d) of Recommendation 18-13 Any movement of bluefin tuna in its harvested or processed form (including farmed) from the territory of a CPC where it has been previously imported.</p>
<p><i>Artificial fry means:</i> Fry of Pacific Bluefin tuna raised from fertilized eggs spawned by adult fish that are in an artificially controlled environment.</p>	<p>None</p>