

**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ICCAT REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME (ROP) FOR TRANSHIPMENT 2014/15**

(ICCAT Secretariat)

Introduction

According to the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Programme for Transshipment* [Rec. 12-06], all at-sea transshipments are prohibited, except for those from large-scale tuna longline vessels (LSPLVs), which may only tranship subject to a series of provisions, including the requirement to have an observer on board the carrier vessels receiving transshipment, to be placed on board by the Secretariat.

The ROP-transshipment is thus currently implemented by a consortium comprising Marine Resources Assessment Group Ltd (MRAG) and Capricorn Fisheries Monitoring, (CapFish), under a contract signed on 23 April 2007. This contract has been renewed annually on 23 April each year since then. The Programme is funded by the participating Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (CPCs). Belize, China, Japan, Korea, Philippines and Chinese Taipei participated in the ROP-transshipment until April 2015. Philippines has withdrawn from the programme and St. Vincent and the Grenadines requested to join. Although transshipments have been received from SVG vessels, they have not yet made the corresponding payment.

Implementation and operation

Details on the operational aspects of the programme are presented in the report submitted by the implementing consortium, contained in **Appendix 1**.

Potential issues of non-compliance are now sent by the consortium directly to the CPCs (with copy to the Secretariat). These, together with CPC responses, are contained in document **Annex 4** of **COC-305/15**. Since the entry into force of Rec. 12-06, the observer reports contain a section relating to LSPLV inspection where appropriate. Observer reports received by 1 October 2015 are available from the ICCAT web site on: <http://iccat.int/Documents/Comply/transshipmentreports.pdf>

Cooperation with other tuna RFMOs

The Secretariat continues to implement the part of the observer programme corresponding to the Atlantic Ocean southern bluefin tuna on behalf of the CCSBT, given that southern bluefin tuna is also an ICCAT species and is already covered by the ICCAT Programme. A revised MoU was signed in 2015 with the CCSBT to reflect updates to the recommendation. The Memorandum of Understanding signed with the IOTC to set up a joint pool of observers which could remain on the carrier vessels which operated in both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans on the same voyage remains in force.

Results to date

Since the inception of the programme, 173 requests for observer deployments have been received, although four requests were cancelled. As required by Rec. 12-06, observer reports are now published on the ICCAT Web site with the relevant sections hidden for confidentiality purposes. At 1 October 2015, a total of 256,533.2 t of fish and fish products had been reported as transhipped at sea under the programme since its inception, but this figure includes some transshipment of non-ICCAT species

Table 1 shows the quantities transhipped in 2014, as reported through the ROP implementing consortium. Some discrepancies in breakdowns and / or totals exist between the CPC annual transshipment reports and the data base provided by the consortium.

Table 1 Quantities transhipped in 2014 by CPC and species.

Year	Fishing Flag	Sp. Code	Product Type (t)		No.	Fillet	Live weight	Shark fins	Rounded Weight	Belly meat	Other	Grand Total	
			Dressed weight	Gilled & gutted									
2014	Chinese Tai	ALB		3					11			15	
		BET		10809								10809	
		MIX		471								471	
		MLS		0								0	
		OTF				0						0	
		SWO	307	18		5					3	12	345
		TUN		51									51
		YFT		745									745
	China, PR.	ALB			8				24				32
		BET			1960								1960
		BIL	2	3									5
		BSH	17	6									24
		BUM	9										9
		MAK	4	1									5
		MIX		69									69
		OIL	0	0					1				1
		OTF	1						0			2	3
		SAI	0										0
		SMA	6										6
		SSM	0										0
		SWO	144	48									191
		TUN		87					1				88
		YFT		83									83
		SKH	4										4
		OPA	1	0									1
	Korea, Rep.	BET			894								894
		MIX			143								143
		OTF										4	4
		TUN			14								14
		YFT			78								78
		TUS										3	3
	Philippines	ALB							1				1
		BET			2375								2375
		SWO	26	10									36
		TUN		11									11
		YFT		69									69
	Japan	ALB			1			1		658			660
		BET			8339		1					0	8340
		BIL	2										2
		BLM	6										6
		BSH	67				1		2				69
		BUK	96										96
		BUM	64	23			1					2	89
		COM	0										0
		MIX		743			0					3	746
		MLS	1	4									4
		OTF	10			1	0			3		25	39
SAI		10										10	

		SBF		584							584
		SFA	0								0
		SKJ						1			1
		SMA	1		1		0				1
		SSM	2								2
		SSP	1								1
		SWO	453	65	144	3		0		9	674
		TUN		131						5	136
		WAH	0								0
		YFT		1614							1614
		BLZ	1								1
		MAW	2								2
		SKH	31				1				33
		OPA	10					1		1	11
	Belize	BET		106							106
		YFT		5							5
2014											
Tot.			1276	29570	1	152	3	3	700	3	65
											31774

In 2014, the number of LSPLVs and transhipments by CPC were:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>No. of LSPLVs</i>	<i>Total No. of transhipments</i>
Japan	80	219
Chinese Taipei	56	184
China, P.R.	21	49
Philippines	10	39
Korea, Republic of	6	22
Belize	1	3

The reports received from the participants in the programme, as required by paragraph 22 of Recommendation 12-06, are attached as **Appendix 2**, and reports on transhipment in port as **Appendix 3**.

For information on potential non-compliance issues detected under the ROP_transhipment, please see **COC-305/15**

A summary of the deployments since October 2014 is shown in **Table 2**.

Information sharing and Identification guides

The ICCAT Regional Observer Programme Manual (Transhipment) has been published on the ICCAT web site at: http://iccat.int/Documents/ROP/ICCAT_Observer_Manual.pdf. The identification guides for frozen tuna and tuna-like species developed by the consortium were reviewed by SCRS. The guides will, as always, be made available to observers before deployment.

Financing

Information on the budget, contributions and expenditure of this programme can be found in the Secretariat's financial report, **STF-202/2015**. This programme is financed through contributions by those CPCs participating in the programme. Since the inception of the programme, contribution shares have been based on historic catches, as no other information was available to determine the proportion of contribution at the inception of the programme.

Belize has requested a revision of the above cost sharing formula agreed in 2006, as this system does not reflect the true level of transhipment by each party. Their suggestion is that the proportional shares be calculated on transhipment level rather than historic catches, which would reflect a more realistic cost of the activity being contracted. This is the basis for calculation currently used by IOTC.

As SVG have only been participating in the programme for one year, calculation on the basis of historical transhipments is not possible for previous years. However, based on the levels from January to September 2015, the percentage shares would be as follows:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Transhipment t</i>	<i>% share</i>
Belize	145.546	0.691695
China PR	2816.403	13.38472
Chinese Taipei	9190.458	43.67688
Japan	8058.424	38.29698
Korea Rep.	513.204	2.438959
St. Vincent and Grenadines	317.893	1.51076
TOTAL	21041.93	100

Under the current system, the percentage shares using historic catches would be:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Average catches 2008-2010 (t)</i>	<i>Percentage share</i>
Belize	6,629.00	3.40
China PR	19,405.00	9.95
Chinese Taipei	75,380.00	38.66
Japan	75,621.00	38.78
Korea Rep.	10,571.00	5.42
St. Vincent and Grenadines	7,395.00	3.79
TOTAL	195,001.00	100.00

The level of financing required for 2016-17 will depend on the number of deployments foreseen by the participating CPCs, the number of CPCs participating in the Programme, and on whether current prices charged by the consortium are maintained or increased. The final budget for the forthcoming period will be circulated to participants as far in advance of the renewal of the contract as possible.

The Secretariat requests instructions from the participants /PWG on how to calculate the contributions for future years.

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Table 2. Summary of deployments (from October 2014-October 2015).

ICCAT Request Number	Carrier Vessel	Boarded	Disembarked	Report / Data received	Transshipment declarations received from vessel	Base departure date of observer	Base arrival date of observer	Total days (travel + at sea + debriefing)	Total tonnes transhipped	Total cost (Travel + deployment) in €	Average cost per tonne transhipped (€)*
157/14	Taisei Maru No. 24	Cape Town		07/11/2014	YES	04/09/2014	27/10/2014	55	1,818.61	15,002.90	8.25
	AT000JPN00571						31/10/14 (debriefing)				
158/14	Ibuki	Cape Town	Cape Town	10/12/2014	YES	11/09/2014	18/10/2014	38	1,229.62	11,225.84	9.13
	AT000VUT00015										
159/14	Chitose	Cape Town	Cape Town	21/01/2015	YES	26/10/2014	22/12/2014	58	2,260.33	16,756.93	7.41
	AT000SGP00001										
160/14	Genta Maru	Cape Town	Cape Town	16/12/2014	YES	11/11/2014	12/12/2014	33	836.45	9,538.57	11.40
	AT000VUT00014						15/12/14 (debriefing)				
161/14	FUTAGAMI	Cape Town	Cape Town	29/01/2015	YES	27/11/2014	14/01/2015	51	640.59	13,911.78	21.72
	AT000JPN00572					21/11/14 (briefing)	16/01/15 (debriefing)				
162/14	CHIKUMA	Cape Town	Panama	06/03/2015	YES	24/12/2014	23/02/2015	62	1,987.86	19,089.02	9.60
	AT000VUT00018										
163/14	Taisei Maru No.15	Cape Town	Cape Town	17/03/2015	YES	30/12/2014	04/03/2015	67	2,625.82	18,276.26	6.96
	AT000VUT00019					22/12/14 (briefing)	06/03/15 (debriefing)				
164/15	HARU	Cape Town	Cape Town	09/04/2015	YES	07/02/2015	24/03/2015	45.5	1,898.29	13,256.86	6.98
	AT000VUT000023										

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ICCAT Request Number	Carrier Vessel	Boarded	Disembarked	Report / Data received	Transhipment declarations received from vessel	Base departure date of observer	Base arrival date of observer	Total days (travel + at sea + debriefing)	Total tonnes transhipped	Total cost (Travel + deployment) in €	Average cost per tonne transhipped (€)*
165/15	Taisei Maru 24	Cape Town	Cape Town	20/05/2015	YES	24/02/2015	30/04/2015	67	2,899.24	18,276.26	6.30
	AT000JPN00571						11/05/15 (debriefing)				
166/15	Chitose	Cape Town	Panama	16/06/2015	YES	26/03/2015	31/05/2015	68	3,018.57	19,608.33	6.50
	AT000SGP00001						08/06/2015 (debriefing)				
167/15	Meita Maru	Cape Town	Tanger	26/05/2015	YES	27/03/2015	28/04/2015	35	502.08	10,796.84	21.50
	AT000VUT00024						17/05/2015 (debriefing)				
168/15	Ibuki	Cape Town	Panama	23/07/2015	YES	03/05/2015	30/06/2015	61	3,506.91	18,570.83	5.30
	AT000VUT00015					01/05/15 (briefing)	09/07/15 (debriefing)				
169/15	Futagami	Cape Town	Singapore	29/07/2015	YES	11/05/2015	16/07/2015	68	1,185.82	19,960.46	16.83
	AT000JPN00572					08/05/15 (briefing)					
170/15	Chikuma	Cape Town	Cape Town	18/09/2015	YES	19/06/2015	20/08/2015	64	2,118.73	18,007.37	8.50
	AT000VUT00018										
171/15	Genta Maru	Cape Town	Cape Town	24/08/2015	YES	26/06/2015	01/08/2015	68	1,505.98	19,960.46	13.25
	AT000VUT00014										
172/15**	TAISEI MARU NO.15	Cape Town	Cape Town								
	AT000VUT00019										

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<i>ICCAT Request Number</i>	<i>Carrier Vessel</i>	<i>Boarded</i>	<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>Report / Data received</i>	<i>Transhipment declarations received from vessel</i>	<i>Base departure date of observer</i>	<i>Base arrival date of observer</i>	<i>Total days (travel + at sea + debriefing)</i>	<i>Total tonnes transhipped</i>	<i>Total cost (Travel + deployment) in €</i>	<i>Average cost per tonne transhipped (€)*</i>
173/15**	TAISEI MARU NO.24 AT000JPN00571	Cape Town	Cape Town								
174/15**	Ibuki AT000VUT00015	Port Luis	Panama								

* Exclusive of training, equipment and Secretariat overheads

** deployments ongoing at 1 October

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IN-PORT TRANSHIPMENT

Reports on in-port transshipment are contained in Appendix 3. Table 3 below shows a summary of information received.

Table 3. Reports on in-port transshipment received (*information available at 16 October 2015*).

IN-PORT TRANSHIPMENT			
<i>Albania</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Algeria</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Namibia</i>	not applicable
<i>Angola</i>	No information	<i>Nicaragua</i>	No information
<i>Barbados</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Nigeria</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Belize</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	No information	<i>Panama</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Canada</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Philippines</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Cape Verde</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>China</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Sao Tome</i>	No information
<i>Cote d'Ivoire</i>	No information	<i>Senegal</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>Curaçao</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	No information
<i>Egypt</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>South Africa</i>	No information
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>SVG</i>	No information
<i>El Salvador</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Syria</i>	No information
<i>EU</i>	<i>Received (MLT)</i>	<i>Trinidad & Tobago</i>	<i>No information</i>
<i>France (SPM)</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Tunisie</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Gabon</i>	No information	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Ghana</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Uruguay</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Guinea Rep.</i>	No information	<i>UKOT</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Guatemala</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Honduras</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Vanuatu</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Iceland</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Venezuela</i>	No information
<i>Japan</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Bolivia</i>	No information
<i>Korea</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Liberia</i>	No information	<i>Guyana</i>	No information
<i>Libya</i>	No information	<i>Suriname</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Maroc</i>	not applicable		
<i>Mauritania</i>	No information		

No information – No report received, and the Secretariat does not know whether or not the requirement is applicable

Not received – CPC reported previously that the requirement was applicable, but the report was not received

Not applicable – CPC informed the Secretariat that this reporting requirement was not applicable, or that no such transshipments had taken place in 2014. Bold type indicates this was reported, but other reports indicate possible transshipment activity in port.

Received – Report was received from CPC.