

**DRAFT RESOLUTION BY ICCAT ESTABLISHING  
AN ICCAT WORKING GROUP ON CATCH DOCUMENT SCHEME**

*(Submitted by Japan)*

RECALLING that ICCAT agreed at the 2019 annual Commission meeting that detailed discussion should be continued without prejudging the future course of development of Catch Document Schemes (CDS);

RECOGNIZING the ever-increasing market demand for fishery products whose legality are verified/certified;

NOTING the successful development and implementation of an electronic bluefin tuna catch documentation scheme in ICCAT;

RECALLING the Recommendation by ICCAT on a Process Towards the Establishment of a Catch Certification Scheme for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species (Rec. 12-09);

EMPHASIZING the need to implement a risk-based approach with respect to CDS;

MINDFUL of the Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes adopted by FAO in 2017, which set out guidance to States, RFMOs, regional economic integration organizations, and other intergovernmental organisations when developing and implementing new CDS, or harmonizing or reviewing existing CDS;

RECOGNISING that the Convention amendment process consisted of two parts, i.e., the first part focused on the review of the Convention and the second part focused on developing specific amendments, and a similar two-step approach could be a good way to proceed with the discussion on this issue;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF  
ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES THAT:

1. An ad-hoc Working Group (WG) on CDS is established with the following objectives and rules.
2. The objective of the WG is to consider whether to establish an electronic CDS for any additional major ICCAT stocks/species.
3. In [2022 and 2023], the WG should be held a meeting at least once a year, preferably in conjunction with another intersessional meeting, particularly an the IMM Working Group meeting, so that the Meeting Participation Fund can be efficiently utilized to support for the participation of developing CPCs. If the WG is held in conjunction with an IMM Working Group meeting, the total duration of these two meetings should be no more than five days at maximum.
4. The WG is open to all CPCs and accredited observers.
5. The Chair of the WG will should be elected its own Chair by the Commission.
6. The WG should discuss wW/out prejudging the conclusion on possible establishment of the CDS and taking into account the factors specified in paragraph 1 of Rec. 12-09 and the provisions of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Catch Documentation Schemes, the WG should discuss, inter alia;

コメントの追加 [A1]: These additions are intended to recognize ICCAT's previous discussions and progress in the area of CDS.

コメントの追加 [A2]: This addition recognizes the progress made more globally on the CDS issue that can and should inform our work.

コメントの追加 [A3]: We are not sure this clause is needed given the structure of the measure. If it were struck, you might consider combining paragraphs 1 and 2 as follows: "An ad hoc Working Group (WG) on CDS is established with the objective of considering whether to establish an electronic CDS for any additional ICCAT stocks/species."

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コメントの追加 [A4]: This is intended to recognize that ICCAT already has CDS in place for bluefin tuna.

コメントの追加 [A5]: We have included brackets around these dates in this paragraph and also in paragraph 7 consistent with discussions at the 2021 IMM WG meeting.

コメントの追加 [A6]: Edits intended to bring this in line with ICCAT's Rules of Procedure, which specify that subsidiary bodies elect their own Chair. We don't see a reason to deviate from this approach here.

コメントの追加 [A7]: Edits intended to improve readability, properly reference ICCAT's previous work on this matter as well as international developments within FAO, and ensure the WG has flexibility to consider all relevant matters.

- a) Which species ~~might~~ should be and could be covered ~~with special attention given to the multi-species nature of tropical tuna fisheries.~~
  - b) What ~~practical and~~ technical difficulties ~~exist with respect to the design and implementation of CDS~~ should be dealt with and how ~~they may be~~ overcome them.
  - c) Whether ~~it is feasible and appropriate to utilize~~ the eBCD ~~system could be utilized~~ for other species ~~and what without too many~~ modifications ~~would be needed.~~
  - d) ~~What~~How to ~~enhancements to the~~ capacity of developing CPCs ~~may be needed to support their CDS implementation and how to meet them.~~
  - e) How to avoid duplication with existing schemes ~~while, and~~ possibly ~~also~~ ~~reduc~~ing the workload of exporting CPCs.
  - f) ~~How to ensure compatibility between CDSs being developed or implemented in other tuna RFMOs, as well as with FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Catch Document Schemes.~~
7. The Chair of the WG should report on the progress of its work to the PWG during the annual meetings of the Commission in [2022 and 2023]. In [2023], or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission should decide on whether to start work on expansion of ~~the~~ CDS to one or more ICCAT stocks/species.

コメントの追加 [A8]: We have suggested deleting this clause since the inclusion of the reference to Rec. 12-09 in the chapeau of this paragraph ensures this and many other factors that will need to be considered, including how fisheries are prosecuted and what processing and trade practices are involved, will be discussed.

コメントの追加 [A9]: The voluntary guidelines are an important toolbox that can help guide ICCAT's approaches to the specific decision/discussion points listed, but it is not appropriate to refer to compatibility with the guidelines. We have, therefore, proposed to delete this reference to them here and instead have included a more appropriate reference to the guidelines in the chapeau text of paragraph 6.