
DRAFT NOTES OF THE

First skype meeting of the IOTC Catch Documentation Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)

Nominees to the CDS WG: **Indonesia:** Name: Mrs. Riana Handayani, **Japan:** Ms. Mako IIOKA, Mr. Yuki MORITA; **Korea:** Mr. Seunglyong Kim, Mr. Ilkang Na; **Sudan:** Mrs. Randa Eltayeb Babiker; **South Africa:** Buyekezwa Polo, Thanduxolo Ntshangashe; **Thailand:** Mr. Piyachoke Sinanun, Mrs. Passarapa Kaewnem; **Taiwan, Province of China:** Ms. I-Lu LAI, Ken Chien-Nan LIN; Mr. Jia-Chun WU; **Sri Lanka:** Mr Marcus, Ms Sepalika Wickramasinghe; **Iran:** Mr Fariborz Rajaei; **Seychelles:** Mr. Johnny Louys, Mrs. Julie Bibi; **Bangladesh:** SHOUKOT KABIR CHOWDHURY; **Mozambique:** Mr Antonio Kechane CUAMBE; **Yemen:** Mr. Ahmed Saleh Phone; Ms. Rehab; **Madagascar:** RAZAFIMANDIMBY Yacinthe; RANDRIAMANANTSOA Sitraka

Seychelles, 9H00 am UTC +4

Date: 18 December 2019

Participants to the 1st skype meeting of the CDS WG (hereinafter referred to as "Participants"):

Japan: Mr Yuki Morita; **Korea:** Mr Ilkang Na; **Sri Lanka:** Mr Marcus, Ms Sepalika Wickramasinghe; **Iran:** Mr Fariborz Rajaei; **Seychelles:** Mrs. Julie Bibi.

IOTC Secretariat: Gerard Domingue, Florian Giroux, Fernandez Diaz Cynthia.

Points discussed and summary of the WG discussions:

1. *Election of a chairperson of the WG, How?*

CDS WG: Participants agreed that the Secretariat should act as the interim Chair of the CDS WG for the time being.

Secretariat's Notes: Members of the WG shall nominate a Chair of the CDS WG, among CPCs, during the CDS meeting to be held in Kenya, Nairobi. The Chairperson of any IOTC body or WG should be a CPC; this is the standard practice.

2. *The work: to define the way forward considering:*

- 1) *the CDS Study provide technical background,*
- 2) *Draft proposal of a IOTC CDS Resolution.*

CDS WG: Participants agreed that the first primary tasks of its work, should be:

- a) To decide on which one of the three options presented in the report of the CDS study ([IOTC-2019-WPICMM02 -MCS CDS Study](#)) should be chosen to proceed with further discussions.
- b) To decide which IOTC species shall be subject to the CDS.

3. *The CDS Meeting 10/11 February 2020?*

CDS WG: Participants agreed to meet physically in Nairobi, Kenya from 10/11 February 2020, just prior to the WPICMM03.

4. *Expert/resource persons to contribute to the work of the CDS WG*

- 1) FAO CDS expert
- 2) CCSBT/CCAMLR Compliance manager
- 3) Any other expert ?

CDS WG: Participants agreed on the possible participation of resources persons from other RFMOs: ICCAT, CCSBT or CCAMLR, depending on budget available.

5. *Next virtual meeting*

CDS WG: Participants agreed to have another virtual meeting before the physical meeting in Nairobi.

Secretariat's Notes: It is proposed that the next virtual meeting be held on 23rd January 2020 at 1000hrs Seychelles time (UTC +4). It is also proposed that Members of the CDS WG are in a position to articulate their preference on the three options proposed in the CDS Study, so as to allow for a more focussed meeting in February.

6. *Budget for the CDS WG meeting of 10/11 February 2020*

CDS WG: Participants requested the Secretariat to provide a cost estimate of the CDS WG meeting in February 2020.

Secretariat's Notes: An estimated budget is provided below.

- Venue will be funded by extrabudgetary funds available to the IOTC (SWIOFISH 2). Estimated cost 2,000 USD.
- Attendance of CDS WG nominated participants: (i) through MPF for eligible CPCs; (ii) through extrabudgetary funds available to the IOTC (EU GRANT) for LDC CPCs, and (iii) through extrabudgetary funds available to the IOTC (SWIOFISH 2 Project) for eligible CPCs. These are also described in the meeting information documents of the WPICMM03.
- Participation of resource persons from ICCAT or CCSBT or CCAMLR: through extrabudgetary funds available to the IOTC (EU GRANT) (Japan: How much fund available?). Cost estimate 3,000 USD for one person.

Japan: It would be worth consideration that the Secretariat contacts to other RFMO's experts to obtain their expertise/advice in advance and circulates the summary paper(s) within the CDS-WG, for the sake of fund saving and prior consideration/digestion thereon by participants to the February meeting.

7. *Additional remarks*

CDS WG: Participants noted the low level of participation in the meeting and strongly encouraged that all nominees to the CDS WG attend future meetings.

Secretariat's Notes: Members of the CDS WG are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the CDS study (Chapter III), including Annex XII of the document ([IOTC-2019-WPICMM02 -MCS CDS Study](#)). This will allow for a more effective meeting.

Japan: Attendance from current CDS-WG nominees was low as noted, but current CDS-WG coverage is also low and misses participation from some major CPSs; e.g. EU, Maldives. It would be worth consideration to make another invitation to CDS-WG before February meeting, in order to make the meeting more fruitful.