



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

Introduction

1. The IOTC adopted Resolution 14/06³ that required implementation of a monitoring program for transshipment at sea by large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels (LSTLVs) within the IOTC Area of competence. The CCSBT has adopted a similar Resolution⁴ for tuna longline fishing vessels with freezing capacity that applies globally to all transshipments involving southern bluefin tuna (SBT).
2. Within the IOTC area of competence, the CCSBT and IOTC Resolutions have similar 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 area of competence, by LSTLVs with freezing capacity that are Members/Contracting Parties (CPCs)⁵ of both CCSBT and IOTC. At present, this comprises:
 - Australia
 - European Union
 - Indonesia
 - Japan
 - Korea
 - Philippines
 - South Africa.
5. This MoU also applies to any other fleets that are participating in both the CCSBT and IOTC programs for monitoring transshipments at sea.

¹ Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

² Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

³ Resolution 14/06 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

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 14/06 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 where the IOTC and CCSBT forms remain compatible, 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 LSTLVs 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 Observer Deployment Approvals, Transshipment Declarations, Five Day Reports 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 14/06, 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.

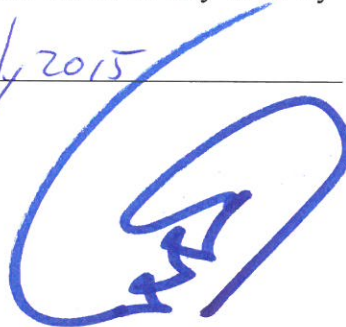
- d) An up-to-date list of Transshipment Observers will be maintained and provided to the CCSBT Secretariat by the IOTC Secretariat, at the beginning of every quarter of the year.
- e) When IOTC is informed that an observer deployment will involve transshipments of SBT, IOTC will notify CCSBT prior to 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 14/06, Transshipment Observers that observe transshipments of SBT will:
- From 1 January 2010, Sign the transshipment verification section of the CCSBT CDS documentation to indicate that the transshipment details (date, name and registration of carrier vessel) were filled in correctly and that the transshipment of product was observed according to the CCSBT Transshipment 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 CPCs concerned through IOTC's transshipment cost recovery mechanism.
11. This MOU comes into effect for twelve months, from the date of entry into force noted below. It will be automatically renewed for another twelve months 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.
12. Date of entry into force: 1 July 2015

Signed and duly dated:



Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna

Date: 25 June, 2015



Chairperson, IOTC
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

Date: 3 June, 2015

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

