

*Annex 12****REPORT OF THE STATISTICS WORKING GROUP WORKSHOP***

International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species
in the North Pacific Ocean

30 May, 2013
Shimizu, Japan

The STATWG Steering Group conducted its second intercessional meeting since the 2012 ISC Plenary in Sapporo, Japan. The Chair of the STATWG convened the 4th STATWG steering group meeting on May 30 2013 at the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries in Shimizu, Japan. The participants included Dr. Hideki Nakano, the chair and co-chair of STATWG Mr. Ren-Fen Wu and Mr. Darryl Tagami, and data administrator of ISC Dr. Izumi Yamasaki.

The items discussed during this meeting are as followed:

1. The group reviewed the status of work plan proposed by STATWG at the ISC12 Plenary meeting, and noted that most of the items listed in work plan were completed already. The public domain data was recognized with some uncertainties still needed to be interpreted by some members in July's STATWG meeting.
2. The ISC data inventory for 2012 was provided to IATTC in February, 2013 and the 2012 data inventory from IATTC was received in April, 2013. The group reviewed the format of the data inventory provided by IATTC. The group also recommended that DA distribute the ISC data inventory for 2013 to WCPFC and IATTC simultaneously in July this year.
3. Regarding the archival of Species Working Groups' files, the Group had developed a draft guideline and will propose it in July's meeting for further discussion and approval.

Next meeting

The group recommended the next STATWG steering group meeting will be held in Busan on July 8, 2013.

AGENDA

STATWG Steering Group

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1. Review of future work plan set in 2012
2. Data exchange with IATTC & WCPFC
3. Arrangement of July's meeting
4. Other matters

Appendix 1

Report on Online Data Submission System Workshop

28-29 July, 2013

To facilitate using the new online system for the data correspondents of ISC members to submit their fisheries data this June, STATWG held a workshop from 28 to 29 May 2013 at the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries in Shimizu, Japan. The participants included Dr. Koji Uosaki, data correspondent from Japan, Mr. Wei-Jen Wang, data correspondent from Taiwan, chair and co-chair of STATWG Mr. Ren-Fen Wu and Mr. Darryl Tagami, data administrator of ISC Dr. Izumi Yamasaki and web master of ISC Ms. Yumi Okochi. After a brief introduction made by the STATWG chair, the workshop proceeded with the approved agenda. The following sections illustrate the proceedings of this workshop:

1. Data format of ISC database

Dr. Izumi Yamasaki, ISC data administrator, made a presentation on the format for the 3 data categories. There are 8, 7, 18 and 22 columns in the formats for Category Ic, Ie, II and III data, respectively. Regarding the reporting of discards, she recommended members report it in their Category Ic and Category II tables using the disposition code for “discards”. Since the format of Category III data needed more discussion and was not finalized for the new online data submission system, she suggested that members submit their Category III data tables to her through email.

2. Codes used in the ISC database

Dr. Yamasaki made a thorough introduction on the codes used in the ISC database. Since the quadrant information has become an essential field for Category II data this year, she focused on how to deal with the geographic grid in 4 quadrants, and gave an example to demonstrate the process of grid transforming.

3. Introduction of the online data submission system

Dr. Yamasaki presented on how to use the new online system to submit the members' fishery data. The items explained included the general rule for input file, data input, result notification mail, error correction and the file preparation of Category II data. She recommended the data correspondents use Microsoft Excel to process the fishery data, and save the pre-uploading data as CSV file.

4. Practice session for online data submission

The data correspondents of Japan and Taiwan made trials to upload their fishery data through the new online data submission system, and the data administrator checked the results immediately after each uploading attempt. In this section, the data administrator helped the data correspondents fix the errors in the upload file. The chair recommended that such errors and the method of error correction be documented in the user's manual and distributed to all

data correspondents.

5. Metadata

Dr. Yamasaki made a brief presentation on the metadata. She emphasized that the metadata documents the fishery data source and the data type. Regarding the multi-species targeting fishery, she recommended the data correspondents document the main species caught in the metadata.

6. Data report card

Mr. Wu, the STATWG chair, made a brief introduction on the data report card. He described the process from checking the fishery data submitted by members' to producing the data report card. The participants recommended this process be presented in July's STATWG meeting.