

**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ICCAT REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME (ROP) FOR TRANSHIPMENT 2015/16**

(ICCAT Secretariat)

Introduction

According to the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Programme for Transhipment* [Rec. 12-06], all at-sea transhipments 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 transhipment, to be placed on board by the Secretariat.

The ROP-transhipment 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, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Korea, Philippines, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Chinese Taipei participated in the ROP-transhipment until April 2016. Philippines has withdrawn from the programme; Côte d'Ivoire and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have joined.

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 **Appendix 1** of **COC-305/16**. 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 2016 are available from the ICCAT web site on: <http://iccat.int/Documents/Comply/transhipmentreports.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, 187 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 2016, a total of 290,276.2 t of fish and fish products had been reported as transhipped at sea under the programme since its inception, but this figure includes some transhipment of non-ICCAT species

Table 1 shows the quantities transhipped in 2015, as reported through the ROP implementing consortium. Some discrepancies in breakdowns and / or totals exist between the CPC annual transhipment reports and the data base provided by the consortium.

Table 1 Quantities transhipped in 2015 by CPC and species.

Year	Fishing Flag	Species Code	Product Type (t)									Grand Total	
			Dressed weight	Gilled & gutted	Number	Fillet	Live weight	Shark fins	Rounded Weight	Belly meat	Other		
2015	Belize	BET		226								226	
		SWO	29									29	
		YFT		6								6	
	China, P.R.	ALB							49				49
		BET		4,244			0						4,244
		BLM	1										1
		BUM	15										15
		OIL	1										1
		OPA	1										1
		OTF	0									15	15
		PXX	1										1
		SBF		3									3
		SKH				1							1
		SSM	0						0				1
		SWO	147			3							150
		TUN		17									17
		YFT		166									166
		YOU		0									0
	Chinese Taipei	ALB		1					6				7
		BET	40	12,918									12,958
		BIL	4										4
		BUM	0										0
		OTF	4										4
		SWO	222	16									238
		TUN		17									17
		YFT		632							1		633
	Japan	ALB		7					1,257				1,264
		BET	0	7,242							1		7,243
		BIL	1	4									5
		BLM	1	2									3
		BRA							1				1
		BSH	47										47
		BUK	115										115
		BUM	143	35								2	180
		COM	1						1				2
		DOL							0				0
		MAK	3			2		0					5
		MAW	0										0
		MLS	0	2									2
		OIL	9										9
		OPA	26			0						0	26
		OTF	16			4		0	0			33	53
PXX		2								1		3	
SAI	8										8		

		SBF		1,098							1,098	
		SKH					2				2	
		SKJ						0			0	
		SMA	2			0					2	
		SSM	2								2	
		SSP	1								1	
		SWO	291			141					432	
		TUN		42						2	43	
		WAH	0								0	
		WHM		0							0	
		YFT		2,105						0	2,105	
	YOU	0	1							1		
	Korea, Republic of	BET		493							493	
		TUN		3							3	
YFT			17							17		
St. Vincent and Grenadines	BET		471							471		
	SWO	3								3		
	YFT		24							24		
2015 Total			1,136	29,792		151	0	2	1,315	3	52	32,452

In 2015, the number of LSPLVs and transhipments by CPC were:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>No. of LSPLVs</i>	<i>Total No. of transhipments</i>
Japan	60	141
Chinese Taipei	53	248
China, P.R.	28	71
Korea, Republic of	3	7
Belize	2	6
Côte d'Ivoire	2	2
St. Vincent and Grenadines	2	9

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

For information on potential non-compliance issues detected under the ROP-transhipment, please see **COC-305/16** – Appendix 1.

A summary of the deployments since October 2015 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-202/2016**. This programme is financed through contributions by those CPCs participating in the programme. Since the inception of the programme, contribution shares have based on historic catches, as no other information was available to determine the proportion of contribution at the inception of the programme.

As Côte d'Ivoire has 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 2016, the percentage shares would be as follows:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Percentage share *</i>
Belize	0,52
China PR	11,15
Chinese Taipei	42,61
Côte d'Ivoire **	0,52
Japan	40,80
Korea	2,74
St. Vincent and Grenadines	1,66
TOTAL	100,00

* Total weight transshipped all species combined 2014-2015

** Percentage participation in ROP-Transhipment 2015-16 based on historic catches as no transshipment history available

The level of financing required for 2017-18 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.

Table 2. Summary of deployments (from October 2015-October 2016).

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 (€)*
172/15	TAISEI MARU NO.15	Cape Town	Cape Town	01/10/2015	YES	03/07/2015	29/08/2015	58	1.940,98	17.279,76	8,90
	AT000JPN00651										
173/15	TAISEI MARU NO.24	Cape Town	Cape Town	03/12/2015	YES	19/08/2015	20/10/2015	63	3.081,39	18.415,09	5,98
	AT000JPN00571										
174/15	Ibuki	Port Louis	Port of Spain	15/01/2015	YES	31/10/2015	06/01/2016	68	3.158,96	20.359,27	6,44
	AT000JPN00163	with IOTC deployment									
175/15	Futagami	Cape Town	Sao Vicente	03/12/2015	YES	19/10/2015	25/11/2015	31	743,46	10.124,69	13,62
	AT000VUT00027										
176/15	Chikuma	Port Louis	Port of Spain	15/03/2016	YES	05/12/2016	10/02/2016	68	2.589,58	19.475,13	7,52
	AT000LBR00003										
177/15	Genta Maru	Cape Town	Singapore	07/12/2015	YES	04/12/2015	23/02/2016	56	1.818,28	15.275,68	8,40
	AT000LBR00006										
178/15	TAISEI MARU NO.15	Cape Town	Cape Town	11/03/2016	YES	16/12/2015	14/02/2016	61	2.139,34	16.639,58	7,78
	AT000VUT00019										
179/15	Chitose	Walvis Bay	Colon/Panama	31/03/2016	YES	27/01/2016	26/03/2016	60	2.829,07	17.577,47	6,21
	AT000SGP00001										
180/16	Victoria II	Cape Town	Singapore	03/06/2016	YES	07/02/2016	03/05/2016	87	1.320,37	26.164,20	19,82
	AT000LBR00008										

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181/16	TAISEI MARU NO.24 AT000JPN00571	Cape Town	Cape Town	19/05/2016	YES	23/02/2016	09/05/2016	67	3.116,04	18.276,26	5,87
182/16	Futagami AT000LBR00016	Cape Town	Cape Town	30/05/2016	YES	08/04/2016	30/05/2016	45	1.045,78	12.275,10	11,74
183/16	Gentamaru AT000LBR00006	Cape Town	Cape Town	12/07/2016	YES	05/05/2016	29/06/2016	55	2.265,64	15.002,90	6,62
184/16	Chikuma AT000LBR00003	Panama City	Singapore	09/05/2016	YES	24/05/2016	25/07/2016	62,5	2949,47	19.000,40	6,44
185/16	TAISEI MARU NO.15 AT000JPN00651	Cape Town	Cape Town	24/05/2016	YES	09/06/2016	06/08/2016	59	1803,86	16711,21	9,26
** 186/16	Victoria II AT000LBR00008	Cape Town	Cape Town	07/07/2016	YES						
187/16	SHOTA MARU AT000LBR00022	Cape Town	Singapore	09/05/2016	YES	10/08/2016 25/07/2016 (debriefing)	29/09/2016	47	1077,26	15.786,75	14,65

* Exclusive of training, equipment and Secretariat overheads

** No "Final Report" received at the date

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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 2016*).

IN-PORT TRANSHIPMENT			
<i>Albania</i>	No information	<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>Received</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	No information	<i>Panama</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Canada</i>	No information	<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>	No information	<i>South Africa</i>	No information
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	No information	<i>SVG</i>	No information
<i>El Salvador</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Syria</i>	No information
<i>EU</i>	<i>Received (Malta)</i>	<i>Trinidad & Tobago</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>France (SPM)</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Tunisie</i>	No information
<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>	No information	<i>USA</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Honduras</i>	No information	<i>Vanuatu</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>Iceland</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<i>Venezuela</i>	<i>not applicable</i>
<i>Japan</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Bolivia</i>	No information
<i>Korea</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	<i>Received</i>
<i>Liberia</i>	No information	<i>Guyana</i>	No information
<i>Libya</i>	<i>not applicable</i>	<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.