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STUDY OF THE eBCD IMPLEMENTATION EXPENSES

Following the approval in 2010 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on an electronic bluefin tuna catch document programme (eBCD)* [Rec. 10-11], the Secretariat contracted the company TRAGSA S.A. to carry out a feasibility study for the implementation of the eBCD. The cost of this of study amounted to €19,974.59 and was financed through Chapter 9 - Contingencies of the ICCAT budget.

In the 2011 meeting and in response to the previous Recommendation, the Permanent Working Group (PWG) presented a pilot project for the implementation of an electronic Bluefin Catch Documentation (eBCD) system including all the bluefin caught, farmed, harvested and traded, including the re-export certificates.

Following the adoption of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation 10-11 on an Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Document Programme (eBCD)* [Rec. 11-21] and *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation 09-11 on an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Programme* [Rec. 11-20], the enforcement of the pilot project for the eBCD implementation was approved with the financing through the Working Capital Fund.

In 2012, the ICCAT Secretariat, together with interested CPCs and after a Call for tenders, awarded the contract to the consortium TRAGSA, S.A and The Server Labs, S.L., to develop the software and carry out the pilot testing phase for the implementation of the eBCD system in 2012 and 2013. This contract was extended until 2014 (in accordance with the flexibility of the pilot phase). The signed contract amounted to €496,264.17.

During this period, the following voluntary contributions were received to finance part of these expenses: Albania (€828.29), Algeria (€€3,547.33), China (Rep. of) (€942.04), Croatia (€9,633.34), European Union (€66,402.78), France (SPM) (€102.48), Korea (€1,986.31), Morocco (€35,000.00), Norway (€763.99), Turkey (€13,729.45), United States (€37,500.00) and Chinese Taipei (€1,018.39).

In December 2014, an extension of the contract was signed with TRAGSA, S.A. to continue with the support, development and management, among others, of the project in 2015. The new signed contract amounted to €346,433.05. To complete the maintenance of the application and user support, the contract was modified later adding the amount of €58,348.67.

In 2016, new amendments have been carried out to the contract to cover the year services regarding: user support, application maintenance, management of the project and analysis of requests, infrastructure, certificates, Web application developments and training. The amendments signed included the following amounts: €35,995.11, €243,803.34, €42,248.70, €42,248.70, €30,000.00, €27,313.36 and €65,797.96 (total €445,158.48).

To date, the annual distribution of the expenses is as follows:

Year 2012	€224,297.04
Year 2013	€201,699.75
Year 2014	€437,684.24
Year 2015	€323,605.68
Year 2016	€271,471.76
Total:	€1,458,758.47

The expenses corresponding to 2016 need to be added to these amounts. These have been requested but not yet invoiced (€173,686.72). Therefore, the total would amount to €1,632,445.19.

For 2017, there is an entry in the Commission budget for user support and application maintenance, in the amount of €200,000.00. It should be noted that the user support heading, which was initially estimated has been increased in 2016 by almost €130,000.00, and it is therefore expected that this situation will be repeated in 2017. On the other hand, to note that once the developments requested by the eBCD Technical Working Group have finished, new manuals and/or videos will have to be developed which will have additional costs.