

ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH DOCUMENTATION


Recommendation 07-10

Recommendation 08-12


Recommendation 09-11


OBJECTIVE

- Traceability, from catch to market, identifying the origin of any blue fin tuna (BFT)
 - landed at port
 - delivered to farm
 - harvested from farm

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- BFT shall be accompanied by a validated Bluefin Tuna Catch Document (BCD) when domestically traded, imported, exported or re-exported – except when tagged.
 - Contracting Parties shall provide BCD forms only to authorized traps and catching vessels.
 - Each BCD has a unique documentation identification number:

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- BCD and re-export certificates (BFTRC) shall be validated by an authorised government or authority.
 - Contracting Parties notify to the ICCAT Secretariat the list of the authorised persons.

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- The validated BCD or BFTRC shall be communicated, within five working days following the date of validation, to the ICCAT Secretariat
 - The Secretariat shall enter some information of these documents in a database on a password protected webpage.

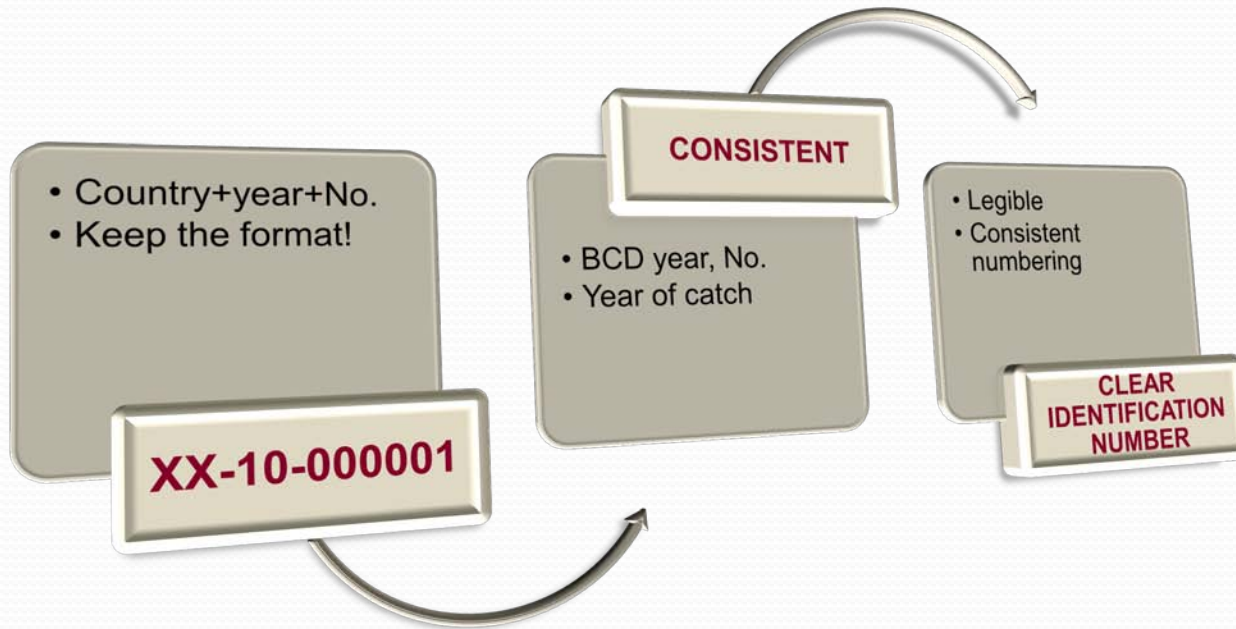
INFORMATION ENTERED IN THE DATABASE

SECTION 1: ICCAT BFT–BFTRC document number

The order is not always followed:

- Country code – year - number
- Country code – year – number - version, in case of split shipments

SECTION 1: BCD UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER



SECTION 2: CATCH INFORMATION

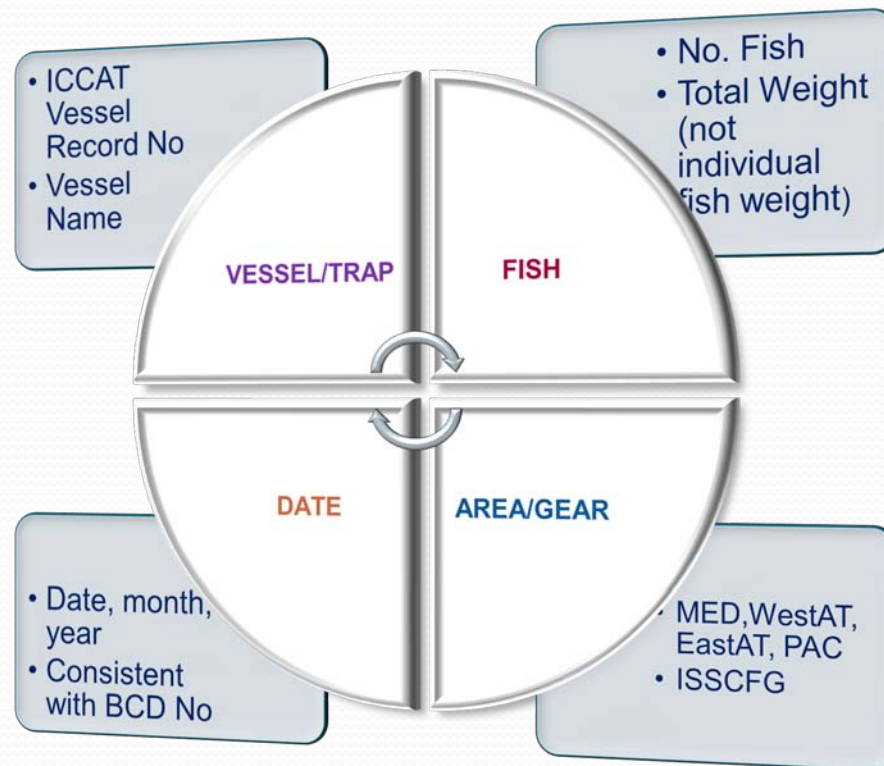
- Need of legible information throughout all the form.
- In ICCAT official language.
- Example of a BCD difficult to read:

The image shows a scan of a BCD (Biological Catch Document) form. The form is filled with handwritten text in Greek, which is difficult to read. The form includes fields for catch information, vessel details, and a section for the authority's signature and date. A circular seal is visible on the right side of the form, featuring a cross and the text "ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ" (Hellenic Republic) and "ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑΣ ΨΑΡΕΙΑΣ" (Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries).

ΕΤΥΠΑΔΟ ΙΚΑΤΑ ΠΡΟΤΥΠΟ - ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ		ON BOARD	
ICCAT CATCH DOCUMENT - BUREAU		ON BOARD	
2	ΣΥΜΠΟΡΕΙΣ ΑΝΕΥΒΑΤΙΣ / CA		
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ΠΕΡΙΓΡΑΦΗ ΑΝΕΥΒΑΤΙΣ / CATCH DESCRIPTION			
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(16/09/09)	26,22%	235,7kg	235,7kg
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JOINT RECORD No OF JOINT FISHING OPERATIONS IN APPROX.			
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΕΥΒΑΤΙΣ / SIGN VALIDATION			
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SECTION 2: CATCH INFORMATION

Data needed:



SECTION 3 & 8: TRADE

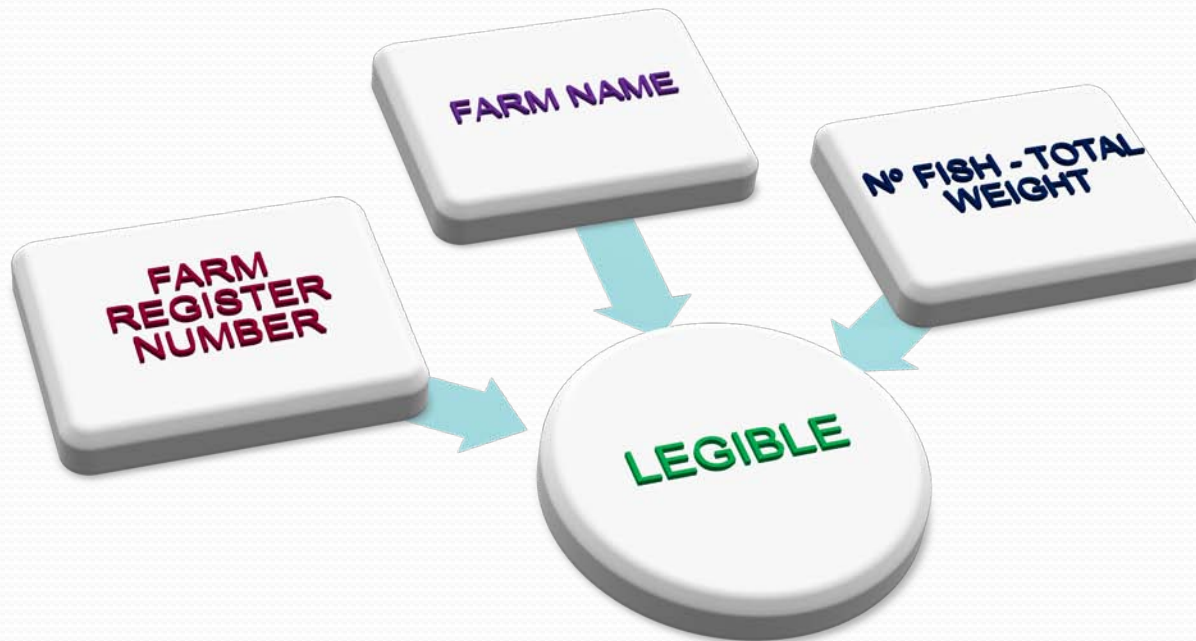


- *Product description*
- *Weight in Kg*

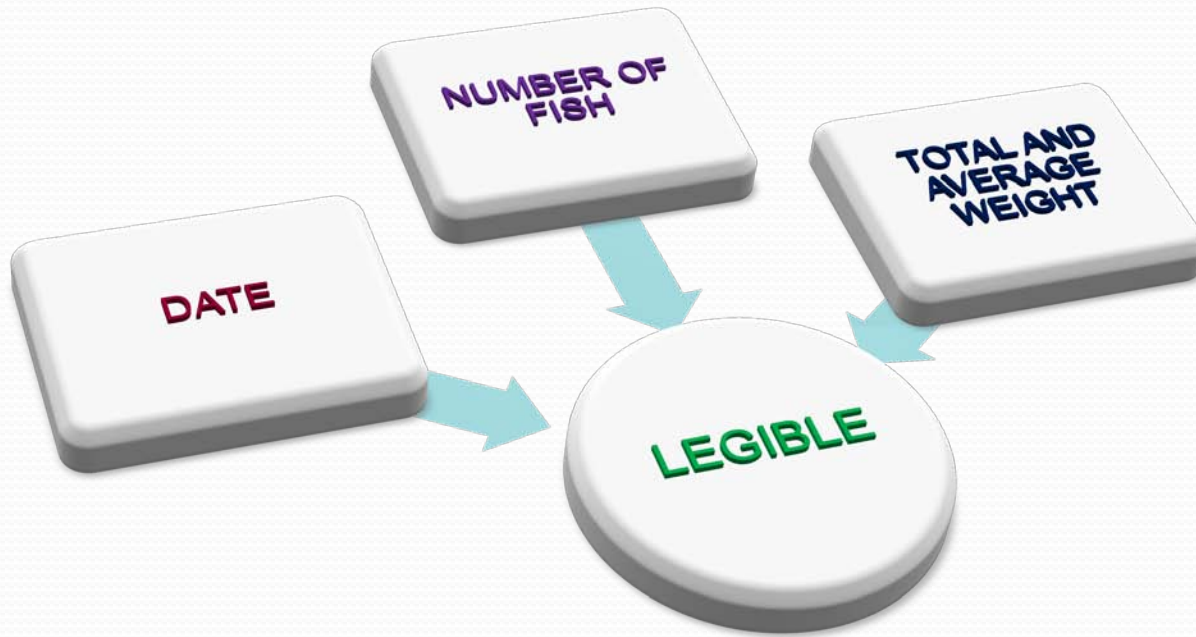
- *Point of export*
- *Point of import: not always mentioned!*

- *These are the compulsory data in the trade sections.*

SECTION 6: FARMING INFORMATION



SECTION 7: HARVESTING



EXPERIENCE

Since 2008, CPCs have improved the BCD transmission to the Secretariat (less delay, more legible forms, better numbering).

The ICCAT database is more complete.

CONCERNS

In 2010, the Secretariat is still receiving BCDs from 2008 (some with incorrect numbering, some with 2009 catches but 2008 number, some with the same number but for different catches/vessels, etc.).

This does not allow to obtain exact data of the catches by year.

Furthermore, versions of BCD (split shipments) tend to be received one year after or more.