

MINUTES SKYPE CALL 29 APRIL 2020

ATTENDANTS

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Ian Scott (Echebaster)

Jose Luis Jauregui (Echebaster)

Conference call started at 12:30 h

1. Review on other tuna fisheries / MSC Assessment.

PNA – TUNACONS -CFTO- OPAGAC. There are no major developments to report since the last team meeting.

2. Review Of Seychelles Government Activities.

The Seychelles Government, through the SFA has proposed the new Fad Managements Plan 2020/21. The draft has been distributed to the operators, in order to receive possible feedbacks from the Industry. There are no other major developments to report since the last team meeting.

3. Review of SIOTI activities.

Regular meetings have been held throughout April, in order to find joint actions related with the certification processes and the need of a new action plan (year 3) considering the facts of Echebaster (Certified) and CFTO (Assessment process).

4. Review Of IOTC / SC.

The commission Meeting has been postponed to November, but still pending on confirmation whether it will be held electronically. Regarding new stock assessments, still to receive further news from the SC.

5. Review of Fad Watch (Seychelles)

The one related with Seychelles is progressing but very slowly. The team is discussing the possibility of starting contacts with other coastal states to extend same kind of actions. But as a starting point, we all agree to have the Seychelles FW operational and identify all issues before launching new initiatives with other countries.

6. Review of Stakeholder contacts.

We continue in contact with stakeholders. And we are receiving their feedbacks in connection with the publications in our web site. We are encouraging them to increase their participation.

7. Review of IOTC Tuna Catches.

Global catch data is currently available for the Seychelles-based tuna fleet. There is no official information yet on catches by species for the year 2019.

8. Review of Contacts with other tuna fisheries.

Contacts with other operators are being maintained through the meetings held within SIOTI

9. Summary of postings on Echebatar web site.

We have been quite active in the last month. Catch data, analysis of catch per species, situation based on catches, fleet fishing licenses, etc.... have been published.

10. Up-Date Catch Data.

It is updated.

11. Up-Date position on Observers data.

With many difficulties and delays due to the Covid 19, but we trust to have the information on the web in sufficient volume of data to justify the activity of Echebatar according to the requirements of the auditors.

12. Up-Date Position on ETP Release For Internal Review At ESWG Monthly Meeting.

This information for 2019 is already completed and available in our web site.

AOB:

- Tagging proposal for Sharks Post release survival. Offers for Tagging.
- SIOTI activities analysis.
- HCR on Skipjack. Gorka Merino (Azti) is confirmed.
- Condition 5. Extension of M.^º Jose Juan Jorda. Under study. Would need to request a budget.
- Last analysis on Silky Shark. Table and study in our SharePoint. Need to be studied.
- Implementation or possibilities for an alert system for the team when new topics or inputs are placed in our SharePoint.

The conference call ends at 13:45 h.