

ECHEBASTAR SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING: 22nd OCTOBER 2020

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The video conference started at 09:00 h

In a preliminary discussion, there was comment on the progress of the SIOTI FIP and the new Fishery Progress audit. The position of WWF on the potential for a fishery to enter a main assessment when conditions to any certification was likely to require conditions remains uncertain. It was noted that a third Indian Ocean tuna fishery (AGAC) that had a FIP in progress had recently entered main assessment.

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1. Status of the 10 conditions.

- The updated status of the 10 conditions was reviewed.

2. Objectives and deliverables for the second audit year.

- The participants agreed that all indicators show the good progress being achieved in responding to the defined Second Surveillance Audit milestones for the 10 conditions.

3. Silky Shark Tagging Project.

- The tagging team is on board the Echebistar purse seiner Jai Alai. The equipment, including tags, was safely delivered. The ETD of the vessel was the 23rd of October

4. Status of 2020 observer data analysis.

- AZTI is analyzing the data which is reduced due to the inability of the at-sea observers to embark due to COVID pandemic measures.

5. Fleet: Set Type

- The third quarter data had been collected and analyzed.

6. Lost and recovered FADs and buoys.

- Updated records are available by fishing trip and port landings. SIOTI is pending finalization of the Fad Watch Program.

7. Landing Reports.

- Updated to 30th September 2020.

8. Date for the Second Surveillance Audit

- In conversation with the Maldives MSC certified fishery, it was agreed to coordinate timing of the 2021 audits, at the earliest May 2021 but later depending on the situation that may be defined by the up-coming IOTC meeting.

9. Other.

- Condition 5 Ecosystems. SIOTI has signed the contract allowing M.^a Jose Juan Jorda to proceed with the new study.
- Echebistar has confirmed its participation as stakeholders in the CFTO and AGAC MSC assessments.

10. Date of next ESWG meeting,

- Provisionally November 26 at the Bermeo office but dependent on the COVID measures.

The video conference ended at 11:45 h