
**PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMISSION
FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN
AND CENTRAL PACIFIC**

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DRAFT WCPFC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT PROGRAMME

Submitted by the delegation of Japan

AWARE that there is uncertainty of the catch of Western Central Pacific bigeye tuna and that the availability of trade data would greatly assist in reducing such uncertainty;

RECOGNIZING that bigeye tuna is the main target species of IUU fishing operations and that the Statistical Document Programme is an effective tool to assist the Commission's effort for the elimination of IUU fishing operations;

1. Members of the Commission, [by January 1, 2005] or as soon as possible thereafter, require that all bigeye tuna, when imported into the territory of a member of the Commission, be accompanied by a WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document which meets the requirements described in Annex 1 or a WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate which meets the requirements described in Annex 2. Bigeye tuna caught by purse seiners and baitboats and destined principally for canneries [in the Convention area] are not subject to this statistical document requirement. The Commission and the Members of the Commission importing bigeye tuna shall contact all the exporting countries to inform them of this Programme in advance of the implementation of the Programme.

2. (1) The WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document must be validated by a government official or other authorized individual or institution of the flag State of the vessel that harvested the tuna, or, if the vessel is operating under a charter arrangement, by a government official or other authorized individual of the exporting state, and;

(2) The WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate must be validated by a government official or other authorized individual or institution of the state that re-exported the tuna.

3. Each member of the Commission shall provide to the Executive Director sample forms of its statistical document and re-export certificate required with bigeye tuna imports and information on validation in the format specified in Annex 4, and inform him of any change in a timely fashion.

4. Members of the Commission which export or import bigeye tuna shall compile data from the Programme.

5. Members of the Commission which import bigeye tuna shall report the data collected by the Programme to the Director each year by April 1 for the period of July 1 - December 31 of the preceding year and October 1 for the period of January 1 - June 30 of the current year, which shall be circulated to all the Members of the Commission by the Executive Director. The formats of the report are attached as Annex 3.

6. Members of the Commission which export bigeye tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data mentioned in paragraph 5 above from the Executive Director, and report the results to the Commission annually.

7. Members of the Commission should exchange copies of statistical documents and re-export certificates to facilitate the examination mentioned in paragraph 6, consistent with domestic laws and regulations.

8. The Commission shall request non-Members of the Commission to take the measures described in the above paragraphs.

9. The Executive Director shall request information on validation from all the non-Members of the Commission fishing and exporting bigeye tuna to Members of the Commission, and request them to inform him in a timely fashion of any changes to the information provided.

10. The Executive Director shall maintain and update information specified in paragraphs 3 and 9 and provide it to all the Members of the Commission, and promptly circulate any changes.

11. Commission shall request the non-Members of the Commission which import bigeye tuna to cooperate with the implementation of the Programme and to provide to the Commission data obtained from such implementation.

12. Implementation of this Programme shall be in conformity with relevant international obligations.

13. At the initial stage of the Programme, the statistical documents and the re-export certificates will be required for frozen bigeye products. Prior to implementing this Programme for fresh products, several practical problems need to be solved, such as guidelines to ensure procedures to handle fresh products at customs.

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, the Members of the Commission shall implement this decision by [1 January 2005] or as soon as possible thereafter in accordance with the regulatory procedures of each Member of Commission.

Annex 1

Requirements Concerning the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document

1. The sample form of the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document shall be as in the Appendix.
2. Customs or other appropriate government officials will request and inspect all import documentation including the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document for all bigeye tuna in the shipment. Those officials may also inspect the content of each shipment to verify the information on the document.
3. Only complete and valid documents will guarantee that shipments of bigeye tuna will be allowed to enter the territory of Contracting Parties.
4. Shipments of bigeye tuna that are accompanied by improperly documented Bigeye Tuna Statistical Documents (i.e., improperly documented means that the Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document is either missing from the shipment, incomplete, invalid or falsified) will be considered illegitimate shipments of bigeye tuna, that are contrary to WCPFC conservation efforts, and their entry will be suspended (PENDING RECEIPT OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED DOCUMENT) into the territory of a Contracting Party or subject to administrative or other sanction.
5. The import of fish parts other than the meat, i.e., head, eyes, roe, guts, tails may be allowed without the document.

DOCUMENT NUMBER		WCPFC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT		
EXPORT SECTION				
1.FLAG OF COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY				
2.DESCRPTION OF VESSEL AND REGISTRATION NUMBER (if applicable)				
Vessel Name				
Registration Number				
LOA (m)				
WCPFC Record No. (if applicable)				
3.TRAPS (if applicable)				
4.POINT OF EXPORT (City, State / Province, Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)				
5.AREA OF CATCH (check one of the following)				
(a) Western Central Pacific (other than b) (b) Pacific(duplicated area with IATTC)				
(c) Pacific(other than (a) and (b)) (d) Atlantic (e) Indian				
* In case of (c) or (d) or (e) checked, the item 6 and 7 below do not need to be filled out.				
6.DESCRPTION OF FISH				
Product Type (*1)		Time of Harvest (mm/yy)	Gear Code (*2)	Net Weight (Kg)
F/FR	D/GG/DR/FL/OT			

*1= F=Fresh, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled and Guttled, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet

OT=Other, describe the type of product

*2= When the Gear Code is OT, describe the type of gear,_____.

7. EXPORTER CERTIFICATION I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Number (if applicable)	Company name	Address	Signature	Date	License
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8. GOVERNMENT VALIDATION I validate that information listed above is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Total weight of the shipment _____ Kg

Name & Title	Signature	Date	Government Seal
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IMPORT SECTION:

IMPORTER CERTIFICATION I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Importer Certification (Intermediate Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)

Name applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if
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Importer Certification (Intermediate Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)

Name applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if
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Final Point of Import

City _____ State/Province _____ Country / Entity / Fishing Entity _____

NOTE: If a language other than English is used in completing this form. Please add the English translation on this document.

INSTRUCTIONS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: Block for the issuing Country to designate a country coded Document Number.

(1) **FLAG COUNTRY/ENTITIES/FISHING ENTITIES:** Fill in the name of the country of the vessel that harvested the bigeye tuna in the shipment and issued this Document. According to the Decision, only the flag state of the vessel that harvested the bigeye tuna in the shipment or, if the vessel is operating under a charter arrangement, the exporting state can issue this Document.

(2) **DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL** (if applicable): Fill in the name and registration number, length overall (LOA) and WCPFC Record number of the vessel that harvested the bigeye tuna in the shipment.

(3) **TRAPS** (if applicable): Fill in the name of the trap that harvested the bigeye tuna in the shipment.

(4) **POINT OF EXPORT:** Identify the City, State or Province, and Country from which the bigeye tuna was exported.

(5) **AREA OF CATCH:** Check the area of catch. (If (c), (d) or (e) checked, items 6 and 7 below do not need to be filled out.)

(6) **DESCRIPTION OF FISH:** The exporter must provide, to the highest degree of accuracy, the following information.

NOTE: One row should describe one product type

(1) **Product Type:** Identify the type of product being shipped as either **FRESH** or **FROZEN**, and in **ROUND, GILLED AND GUTTED, DRESSED, FILLET** or **OTHER** form. For **OTHER**, describe the type of products in the shipment.

(2) **Time of Harvest:** Fill in the time of harvest (in month and year) of the bigeye tuna in the shipment

(3) **Gear Code:** Identify the gear type which was used to harvest the bigeye tuna using the list below. For **OTHER TYPE**, describe the type of gear, including farming.

(4) **Net product weight** in kilograms.

(7) **EXPORTER CERTIFICATION:** The person or company exporting the bigeye tuna shipment must provide his/her name, company name, address, signature, date the shipment was exported, and dealer license number (if applicable).

(8) **GOVERNMENT VALIDATION:** Fill in the name and full title of the official signing the Document. The official must be employed by a competent authority of the flag state government of the vessel that harvested the bigeye tuna appearing on the Document or other individual or institution authorized by the flag state. When appropriate, this requirement is waived according validation of the document by a government official, or if the vessel is operating under a charter arrangement, by a government official or other authorized individual or institution of the exporting state. The total weight of the shipment shall also be specified in this block.

(9) **IMPORTER CERTIFICATION:** The person or company that imports bigeye tuna must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the bigeye was imported, license number (if applicable), and final point of import. This includes imports into intermediate countries. For fresh and chilled products, the signature of the importer may be substituted by a person of a customs clearance company when the authority for signature is properly accredited to it by the importer.

GEAR CODE:

GEAR CODE GEAR TYPE,

BB; BAITBOAT

GILL; GILLNET

HAND; HANDLINE

HARP; HARPOON

LL; LONGLINE

MWT; MID-WATER TRAWL

PS; PURSE SEINE

RR; ROD AND REEL

SPHL; SPORT HANDLINE

SPOR; SPORT FISHERIES UNCLASSIFIED

SURF; SURFACE FISHERIES UNCLASSIFIED

TL; TENDED LINE

TRAP; TRAP

TROL; TROLL

UNCL; UNSPECIFIED METHODS

OT; OTHER TYPE

RETURN A COPY OF COMPLETED DOCUMENT TO: (the name of the office of the competent authority of the flag state).

Requirements Concerning the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate

1. The sample form of the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate shall be as in the Appendix2.
2. Customs or other appropriate government officials will request and inspect all import documentation including the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate for all bigeye tuna in the shipment. Those officials may also inspect the content of each shipment to verify the information on the document.
3. Only complete and valid documents will guarantee that shipments of bigeye tuna will be allowed to enter the territory of Contracting Parties.
4. A Contracting Party shall be free to validate WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificates for bigeye tuna imported by that Contracting Party, to which WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Documents or WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificates are attached. WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificates shall be validated by government organizations or by recognized institutions which are accredited by a Contracting Party's government to validate the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document. A copy of the original Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document accompanying the imported bigeye tuna must be attached to an WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate. The copy of the original Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document so attached must be verified by that government organization or by that recognized institution accredited by a government which validated the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document. When re-exported bigeye tuna is again re-exported, all copies of documents, including a verified copy of a Statistical Document and Re-export Certificate which accompanied that bigeye tuna upon importation, must be attached to a new Re-export Certificate to be validated by a re-exporting Contracting Party. All copies of the Documents to be attached to that new Re-export Certificate must be also be verified by a government organization or a recognized institution accredited by a government which validated the WCPFC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document.
5. Shipments of bigeye tuna that are accompanied by improperly documented Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate (i.e., improperly documented means that the Bigeye Tuna Re-export Certificate is either missing from the shipment, incomplete, invalid or falsified) will be considered illegitimate shipments of bigeye tuna, that are contrary to WCPFC conservation efforts, and their entry will be suspended (PENDING RECEIPT OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED DOCUMENT) into the territory of a Contracting Party or subject to administrative or other sanction.
6. WCPFC Contracting Parties that validate Re-export Certificates in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph 4 shall require from the re-exporting bigeye dealer necessary documents (e.g. written sales contracts) which are to certify that the bigeye tuna to be re-exported corresponds to the imported bigeye tuna. Contracting Parties which validate Re-export Certificates shall provide flag states and importing states with evidence of this correspondence upon their request.
7. The import of fish parts other than the meat, i.e., head, eyes, roe, guts, tails may be allowed without the document.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER		WCPFC BIGEYE TUNA RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE		
RE-EXPORT SECTION:				
1.RE-EXPORTING COUNTRY / ENTITY / FISHING ENTITY				
2.POINT OF RE-EXPORT				
3.DESCRPTION OF IMPORTED FISH				
Product Type(*) F/FR RD/GG/DR/FL/OT		Net Weight (Kg)	Flag country/ Entity/Fishing Entity	Date of Import
4.DESCRPTION OF FISH FOR RE-EXPORT				
Product Type(*) F/FR RD/GG/DR/FL/OT		Net Weight (Kg)		
* F=FRESH, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled and Gutted, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet OT=Other(Describe the type of product)				
5.RE-EXPORTER CERTIFICATION: <u>I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</u>				
Name/Company Name Address Signature Date License Number (if applicable)				
6.GOVERNMENT VALIDATION: <u>I validate that the above information is complete.</u>				

<u>true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</u>				
Name & Title	Signature	Date	Government Seal	
IMPORT SECTION:				
<u>7.IMPORTER CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</u>				
Importer Certification (Intermediate Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)				
Name	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)
Importer Certification (Intermediate Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)				
Name	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)
Importer Certification (Intermediate Country / Entity / Fishing Entity)				
Name	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)
Final Point of Import				
City _____ State/Province _____ Country / Entity / Fishing Entity				

NOTE: If a language other than English is used in completing this form. Please add the English translation on this document.

INSTRUCTIONS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: Block for the issuing Country/Entity/Fishing Entity to designate a Country/Entity/Fishing Entity coded document number.

(1) RE-EXPORTING COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY

Fill in the name of the Country/Entity/Fishing Entity which re-exports the bigeye tuna in the shipment and issued this Certificate. According to the Recommendation, only the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity can issue this Certificate.

(2) POINT OF RE-EXPORT

Identify the City/State Province and Country/Entity/Fishing Entity from which the bigeye tuna was re-exported.

(3) DESCRIPTION OF IMPORTED FISH

The exporter must provide, to the highest degree of accuracy, the following information: NOTE: One row should describe one product type. (1) Product type: Identify the type of product being shipped as either FRESH or FROZEN, and in ROUND, GILLED AND GUTTED, DRESSED, FILLET or OTHER form. For OTHER, describe the type of products in the shipment. (2) Net weight: Net product weight in kilograms. (3) Flag Country/Entity/Fishing Entity: the name of the Country/Entity/Fishing Entity of the vessel that harvested the bigeye tuna in the shipment. (4) Date of import: Imported date.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FISH FOR RE-EXPORT

The exporter must provide, to the highest degree of accuracy, the following information: NOTE: One row should describe one product type. (1) Product type: Identify the type of product being shipped as either FRESH or FROZEN, and in ROUND, GILLED AND GUTTED, DRESSED FILLET or OTHER form. For OTHER, describe the type of products in the shipment. (2) Net weight: Net product weight in kilograms.

(5) RE-EXPORTER CERTIFICATION

The person or company re-exporting the bigeye tuna shipment must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the shipment was re-exported, and re-exporter's license number (if applicable).

(6) GOVERNMENT VALIDATION

Fill in the name and full title of the official signing the Certificate. The official must be employed by a competent government authority of the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity appearing on the Certificate, or other individual or institution authorized to validate such certificates by the competent government authority.

(7) IMPORTER CERTIFICATION

The person or company that imports bigeye tuna must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the bigeye tuna was imported, license number (if applicable) and re-exported final point of import. This includes imports into intermediate Countries/Entities/Fishing Entities. For fresh and chilled products, the signature of the importer may be substituted by a person of a customs clearance company when the authority for signature is properly accredited to it by the importer.

RETURN A COPY OF THE COMPLETED CERTIFICATE TO: (the name of the office of the competent authority of the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity).

REPORT OF THE WCPFC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT

Period _____ to _____, ____ IMPORT COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY

Month	Month	Year	Product Type		Product Wt.(Kg)
Flag Country/Entity/Fishing Entity	Area Code	Gear Code	Point of Export	F/FR	RD/GG/DR/FL/OT

Gear Code **Gear Type**

BB	Baitboat
GILL	Gillnet
HAND	Handline
HARP	Harpoon
LL	Longline
MWT	Mid-water trawl
PS	Purse seine
RR	Rod & reel
SPHL	Sport Handline
SPOR	Sport fisheries unclassified
SURF	Surface fisheries unclassified
TL	Tended line
TRAP	Trap
TROL	Troll
UNCL	Unclassified methods
OTH	Other type (Indicate the type of gear):

Product type**Area Code**

F	Fresh	WCP	Western Central Pacific (other than PA-D)
FR	Frozen	PAD	Pacific(duplicated area with IATTC)
RD	Round	PAO	Pacific(other than WCP and PA-D)
GG	Gilled & gutted	AT	Atlantic Ocean
DR	Dressed ID	ID	Indian Ocean
FL	Fillet		
OT	Other form, describe the type of products in the shipment		

REPORT OF THE WCPFC BIGEYE TUNA RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Period _____ to _____, _____ IMPORT COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY

Month	Month	Year	Flag	Re-export	Point of Re-export	Product Type	Product Wt.(Kg)
			Country/Entity/Fishing Entity	Country/Entity/Fishing Entity		F/FR RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	

Product type

F Fresh
 FR Frozen
 RD Round
 GG Gilled & gutted
 DR Dressed
 FL Fillet
 OT Other form, describe the type of products in the shipment

Area Code

WCP Western Central Pacific (other than PAD)
 PAD Pacific(duplicated area with IATTC)
 PAO Pacific(other than WCP and PAD)
 AT Atlantic Ocean
 ID Indian Ocean

Information On Validation Of WCPFC Statistical Documents

1. Flag
2. Government/Authority Organization(s) accredited to validate Statistical Documents

Organization Name	Organization Address	Sample Seal

NOTE: For each organization, attach a list with the names, titles and addresses of the individuals authorized to validate Documents.

3. Other institutions accredited by the government/authority to validate Statistical Documents

Organization Name	Organization Address	Sample Seal

4. NOTE: For each organization, attach a list with the names, titles and addresses of the individuals authorized to validate Documents.

Instructions

Contracting Parties, non-Contracting Parties, Entities, Fishing Entities having vessels that harvest species whose international trade must be accompanied by Statistical Documents are requested to submit the information on this sheet to the Secretary of WCPFC, and to ensure that any changes to the above are also transmitted to the Secretary on a timely fashion.

*The Secretary of WCPFC: (address)
