

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA
AND
THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC);

Recalling that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna is to ensure, through appropriate management, the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna;

Further recalling that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean is to ensure, through effective management, the long term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean;

Recognising that under the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna CCSBT claims competence over southern bluefin throughout its migratory range;

Recognising further that under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean WCPFC has competence to regulate southern bluefin tuna within its area of jurisdiction as a highly migratory stock;

Noting Article 12 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna which requires the CCSBT to collaborate with other inter-governmental organisations which have related objectives to, among other things, obtain the best available information including scientific information to further the attainment of the objective of the Convention and seek to avoid duplication with respect to the work of the other organizations;

Further noting Article 22 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean which requires the WCPFC to cooperate with other organizations, including specifically, CCSBT, in order to avoid the duplication of measures in respect of species in that area which are regulated by both organizations;

Recalling paragraph 86 (a) of the Final Report of the Preparatory Conference for the Establishment of the Commission for the Conservation of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean of 7 December 2004, which recognises the need to establish an understanding between WCPFC and the CCSBT clarifying that, because CCSBT has competence with respect to southern bluefin tuna throughout its migratory range, the WCPFC recognizes that CCSBT is the appropriate body to develop and implement southern bluefin tuna conservation and management measures;

Desiring to put in place an arrangement to implement Article 12 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna and Article 22 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean,

The CCSBT and the WCPFC record the following understandings:

(a) that the CCSBT is the appropriate body to develop and implement southern bluefin tuna conservation and management measures;

(b) that the CCSBT will provide a report each year to the WCPFC covering the stock assessment for southern bluefin tuna for that year; and the latest catch data classified by ocean, gear and catching country;

c) that the WCPFC will provide a report to the CCSBT each year detailing the catches of southern bluefin tuna by vessels fishing for highly migratory species within the WCPFC Convention area by flag and gear;

(d) that the CCSBT and the WCPFC agree to:

- exchange data and scientific information on annual basis;
- exchange information on fisheries management on annual basis;
- cooperate in investigations and studies of mutual interest;
- grant permanent reciprocal observer status at meetings; and
- to consider methods of recognising each others conservation and management measures

This MOU is effective upon signature by both parties.

This MOU does not alter the obligations of members of either body to comply with the management and conservation measures of those bodies.

Revisions to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made by mutual consent of both the parties, by the issuance of a written notification, signed and dated by both parties, prior to any changes being performed.

Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving twelve (12) months' notice in writing.

Signed and duly dated:

original signed by _____
Yoshimi Suenaga
Chairman

original signed by _____
Glenn Hurry
Chairman

Commission for the Convention for the
Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

Commission for the Conservation of Highly
Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central
Pacific Ocean

Date: _____

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