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On 1 July 2005, the CCSBT authorised vessel list was enhanced to include all vessels authorised to fish for SBT regardless of vessel size. The CCSBT is also cooperating with the other tuna RFMOs in the provision of information for the global list of authorised tuna vessels that is now displayed through the tuna-org web site<sup>1</sup>.

In addition its annual data exchange process, on 1 January 2006, the CCSBT implemented a monthly catch reporting system to improve the management and compliance regimes for the fishery.

During 2006, reviews were conducted of southern bluefin tuna farming and market data. The reviews indicated that southern bluefin tuna catches over the past 10 to 20 years may have been substantially under-reported. This in turn has resulted in uncertainty regarding the reliability of past catch and effort series that have been used in assessing the fishery. As a consequence, implementation of the CCSBT management procedure has been postponed and the CCSBT is holding a CPUE modelling workshop with terms of reference that include: determining whether it is possible to correct past CPUE series; and to develop robust CPUE series to use in the future.

At its annual meeting in October 2006, the CCSBT decided to strengthen its Monitoring, Control and Surveillance measures, to include:

- Reporting of initial quota allocations and final catch per company/vessel;
- Catch Documentation Scheme including tagging of individual fish;
- Mandatory Vessel Monitoring System; and
- Regulation of Transshipment by Large Scale Fishing Vessels.

The first of these measures has been implemented and the others are currently targeted for implementation during 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> Technical development of the global tuna vessel list was conducted by IATTC. The tuna-org web site was developed by ICCAT.