

## Distribution of Southern Bluefin Tuna in Japanese and Global markets

The Extended Commission (EC) of CCSBT held in October 2024 analysed the overall situation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) market as follows.

### 1. Global Distribution of SBT

#### <General situation>

According to the information obtained from the Catch Document scheme (CDS), the total amount of SBT that entered Japan's market in 2023 was 16,153 tons. This accounts for 87.22 % of all SBT caught or harvested by all CCSBT Members (18,519 tons) in 2023. The proportion of SBT entering Japan decreased by 0.25 % from the previous calendar year.

	SBT entered into Japan (t)	Proportion of SBT sold in Japanese markets (%) against all SBT caught/harvested by all CCSBT Members
2023	16,153.09	87.22%
2022	14,821.65	87.47%
2021	15,987.24	88.91%
2020	15,998.06	89.57%

\*Data source: CDS

### 2. Distribution of SBT in Japanese Market

#### <General situation>

All the SBTs caught by Japanese vessels were landed in Japan in 2023. The SBTs were all frozen, and the amount was 6,335 tons according to the information obtained from CDS. The amount increased by 7.6 % from the previous year. The amount of SBT imported into the Japanese market in the year 2023 is shown below by product type and by exporting Member. In addition, the amount of import of farmed SBT, and the proportion of SBT traded in major markets (Toyosu and Yaizu) are also shown below.

#### a) Proportion of SBT imported into Japan by product type (2023)

Product Type	Proportions (%)
Fresh Wild	11.66%
Fresh Farmed	58.10%
Frozen Wild	15.32%
Frozen Farmed	14.93%
Total	100.00%

\*Data source: CDS

**b) SBTs imported into Japan by exporting Member (2023)**

Exporting Member	The amount of imported SBTs (t)
Australia	7,949.49
Indonesia	34.46
Korea	1,081.29
New Zealand	687.76
South Africa	9.82
Taiwan	518.90

\*Data source: CDS

**c) Imported SBTs farmed in Australia**

*<General Situation>*

In 2023, based on CDS, the total amount of SBT farmed in Australia and exported to Japan was 7,602 tons, and increased by 8.7 % from the previous year.

**d) Proportion of SBTs traded in major markets in Japan (2023)**

*<General Situation>*

In 2023, the proportion of SBTs traded in two major markets in Japan, Toyosu (Tokyo) and Yaizu (Shizuoka), among the total amount of SBTs entered Japan was 39.54 % and decreased by 1.78 % from the previous year. Please note that the transaction of a SBT that entered Japan in a particular year does not always occur in the same year.

\*Data source: CDS data, Statistics of Tokyo Central wholesale market, and Yaizu Fisheries Cooperative Association.

**3. Conclusion from comparison and verification between TAC, catch and distribution**

- a) Analyses of the available information on the catch by all Members, including CDS data, have detected no over-catch from allocation or TAC in the 2023 fishing season. (From existing analysis; Attachment B of CCSBT-CC/2410/04).
- b) Verification of CDS data, trade statistics, surveys regarding the Japanese market and other data sets indicates no remarkable discrepancy between such data in relation to the distribution of SBT in the Japanese market in 2023, taking into account elements such as the time lag between catch and import/landing.

**4. Future actions**

EC recommends that the analyses of the distribution of Southern Bluefin Tuna in Japanese and Global markets be continued next year.