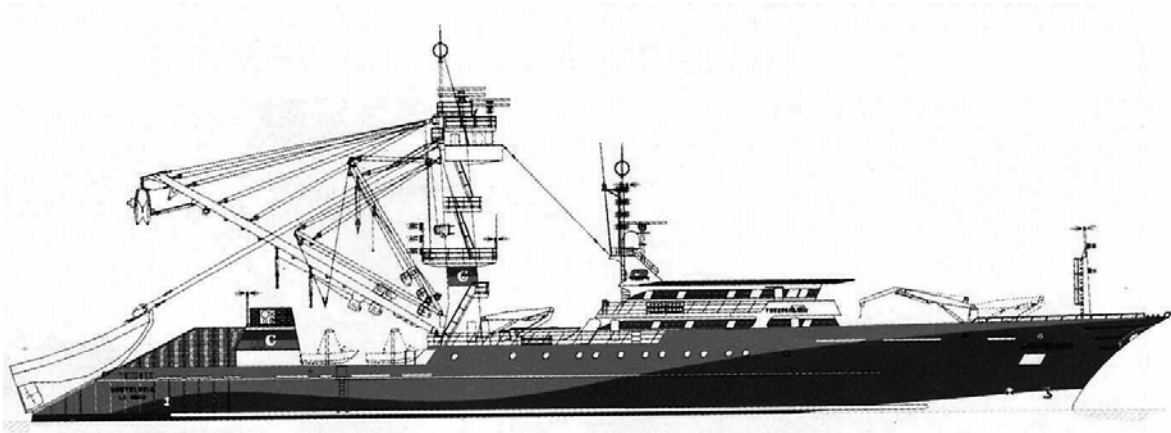




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WTPO Resolution, WTPO Declaration (2nd Interim Evaluation Meeting, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 18 June 2002)



World Tuna Purse Seine Organization



2ND WTPO INTERIM EVALUATION MEETING
KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN
18 JUNE 2002
RESOLUTION

Whereas WTPO members are committed to preserve World Tuna resources and to ensure a stable supply to the Tuna Market in a sustainable way,

Whereas there is a need to involve other purse seine operators so as not to jeopardize the WTPO efforts to achieve its objective for a stable market situation,

Participants to the 2nd WTPO Interim Evaluation Meeting listed below agreed to take the following actions


To limit the number of purse seine boats operating in the Western and Central Pacific Region, through the existing tuna management agreement (Palau Arrangement) in cooperation with the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

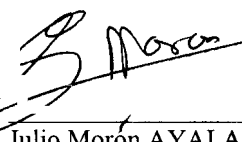
To attract and encourage membership to WTPO through cooperation with tuna traders and processors.

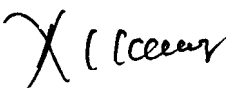
To implement a continuing catch reduction effort by extending the time in port for every vessel to ten days, every time they call to unload, when the average price of skipjack among Asian members goes below the acceptable level. To review this reduction effort every month provided all decisions on the agreed reduction shall at least be effective for two months.

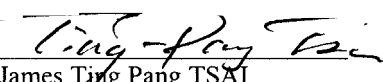
As witnessed and signed by


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DECLARATION

WTPO members meeting with Tuna Fish Traders and Tuna Packers from Thailand and the Philippines:

- Expressing their common concern for the preservation of the tuna fish resources
- Seeking for the stabilization of the world tuna market
- Looking for the improvement of the quality of frozen tuna and tuna products

Agreed to undertake the following measures:

To create a joint technical and quality improvement committee to analyze and establish tuna fish quality specification of tuna fish delivery to the packers

To exchange validated information and statistic about tuna catch, tuna production and tuna consumption on a global basis

To maintain consultations in order to continually analyze world tuna market situation

Tuna Fish Traders, Philippine Packers and Thailand Packers will give preferential treatment to boat owners that will comply to the tuna fish quality specification that will be jointly established.

As witnessed and signed by

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