

Summary Record of Discussion

1. Mr. Andres Couve, Undersecretary of Fisheries of the Republic of Chile, visited Japan from November 1st. through November 9th., 1992. During his stay, Mr. Couve made a courtesy call to Mr. Junji Kawai, Director General of the Fisheries Agency of Japan and held talks with Mr. Kazuo Shima, Deputy Director General of the Fisheries Agency of Japan, exchanging views and explaining in detail the respective national policies on several issues of mutual interest to the fisheries sectors of both countries.

2. The main subjects discussed were the following:

- National policies in the International Whaling Commission, towards rational use of the whale resources and the reassumption of commercial whaling. Coincidences were noted on most of the different items under consideration by the IWC, such as revised management schemes, whale Sanctuary in the Southern Hemisphere and small cetaceans, with a view to their implementation during the next annual meeting of the Commission, which will be held in Kyoto, Japan.

- Market performance of the mero (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) in the Japanese domestic market, where the prices dropped drastically during the last period of time, affecting the Chilean fishermen and exporters;

- The research activities requested by Japanese companies vessels on the American jumbo squid (*Dosidicus gigas*) in the Chilean jurisdictional waters.

An import quota system on squid established for the Japanese market.

- Technical and financial cooperation for the enhancement of the capacity of distribution, marketing and consumption of catches harvested by the domestic Chilean fleet, through the construction of a Fishing Terminal in Santiago, which is to be recommended by the Fisheries Agency of Japan.

3. Both sides recognize the principle of sustainable utilization of all living marine resources, including cetaceans - as stated in the Cancun Declaration on Responsible Fishing, UNCED's Agenda 21 and the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling - as the basis for the proper management of fisheries. Likewise, international cooperation between States with an interest in fishing should be encouraged, with a view to ensuring responsible fishing, conservation, rational use of said resources and the development of the respective fisheries sectors, to the benefit of both countries.

4. Taking into account the need to have adequate channels of communication and an effective exchange of views, including data and information, between both countries on important fisheries matters of mutual interest, Mr. Couve proposed to set up a perma-

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ment consultative mechanism which would meet every year alternatively in Tokyo and Santiago, at the Government level. Mr. Shima, responding to this proposal, stated that it is of a positive nature and of a significant interest for Japan, and he promised to inform Chile of his response in a timely fashion.

Both sides agreed that the importance of their respective fisheries sectors for their economies and the welfare of their peoples, make Japan and Chile to acknowledge the need to coordinate their fisheries policies and seek understanding in main issues both for the short and long term interests.

5. Mr. Couve further suggested that the following areas of bilateral cooperation are to be considered among the ones in the establishment of a long term relationship between the fisheries sectors of Japan and Chile:

- Education and training for fishermen, particularly those with low income;
- Research and scientific investigation in marine culture, stock assessment and fishing gear;
- Marketing of marine products, both in the international and the domestic markets;
- Joint ventures for the development of underutilized fisheries, specially in the high seas;

6. Both sides recognized that these talks were very useful for the future relationship in the fisheries sector of Japan and Chile.

Made in Tokyo, Japan, on November, 9th., 1992.

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