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China's direction to improve catch records of mixed catches of Japanese sardine and small chub mackerel in its purse seine fishery

At sea

- When a purse seine fishing vessel encounters a mixed catch of Japanese sardine and small chub mackerel, the fishing vessel is required to conduct random sampling at least from 4 plates (later to be 4 bags) for each haul and acquire the best estimation of the mixture rate of each species.
- Based on the above sampling, catch amount for each species shall be recorded on its logbook on a daily basis, along with the estimated average mixture rate for chub mackerel, the total number of these mixture bags of the day.
- Sampled mixture bags are required to be clearly marked together with the date of catch.
- The fishing vessel shall ensure the consistency of data among its electronic logbook, paper logbook and transshipment reports.
- In the course of High Seas Boarding Inspection, upon request by inspectors, the fishing vessel is required to facilitate the inspectors to check these mixture bags on board.

At landing site

- The Chinese authority will continue to strengthen conducting random landing inspections/samplings to assess the accuracy of the estimation by its fishing vessels of species mixing rates for these mixtures bags.