

Statement by Belize, Curaçao, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama to Panel 1

Guatemala, on its behalf as well as Belize, Curaçao, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama thanks the Chair of Panel 1 for the discussions that are taking place, aimed at agreeing on the fishing possibilities for bigeye tuna for each CPC, in force in the triennium 2024-2026, in the context of the management measures to be adopted. It should be highlighted that in accordance with the mandate of the Commission, it is indispensable to ensure equitable possibilities and non-discriminatory shares, bearing in mind the specific needs of each of our countries, that are commensurate with their fishing capacity. We wish to inform of our expectations for the process of sharing the bigeye tuna catch limits by country, which should be included in any distribution table during this cycle of meetings:

| <i>CPC</i> | <i>Category</i> | <i>2024-2026 catch limit</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
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| Belize | | 2070 t |
| Curaçao | | 2771 t |
| El Salvador | | 2342 t |
| Guatemala | | 1566 t |
| Honduras | | Not subject to limit as below the threshold |
| Nicaragua | | Not subject to limit as below the threshold |
| Panama | | 2413 t |
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We recognize that the adoption of non-discriminatory catch limits is fundamental for the smooth functioning of the Commission and with that approach we appreciate that these aspirations are part of the bigeye tuna management measure to be developed during this cycle of meetings. Guatemala thanks the Commission staff for their efforts during the preparation and holding of these meetings and is committed to continue working on the conservation and sustainable use of the resources under ICCAT's mandate.