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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND RECOMMENDATION 19-08 BY ICCAT ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SOUTH ATLANTIC BLUE SHARK CAUGHT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ICCAT FISHERIES

(submitted by Commission Chair)

NOTING the need to continue with sound management for the conservation of the South Atlantic blue shark;

CONSIDERING that the SCRS has offered no new advice for management measures for the South Atlantic blue shark;

CONFIRMING that additional time is needed in order for the SCRS to be able to assess the stock and provide sound advice;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

The following amendments shall be made to Recommendation 19-08:

- 1. Paragraph 2 shall be replaced with:
 - "2. An annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 28,923 t for South Atlantic blue shark is established. The Annual TAC may be revised subject to a decision of the Commission based on the updated advice of the SCRS in 2023, or at an earlier stage if enough information is provided by the SCRS."
- 2. Paragraph 3 shall be replaced with:
 - "3. On the basis of the stock assessment results, an allocation of the future TAC shall be decided by the Commission, if possible in 2022 and not later than 2023."
- 3. This Recommendation amends the Recommendation by ICCAT on Management Measures for the Conservation of South Atlantic Blue Shark Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries (Rec. 19-08).