

Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Brazil's Bigeye Tuna payback plan
(Document submitted by Brazil)

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RECOGNISING the overharvest of 1,587 t from 2022 is to be paid in 2024;

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil is paying back in 2023 the overharvest of 553 t from 2021;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil has established a National Regulatory Framework to overcome the continued overharvest of bigeye tuna from 2023, under the coordination of the newly created Ministry of Fisheries;

CONSIDERING that Brazil has recently strengthened the National Regulatory Framework through a programme with a more robust monitoring, control and inspection measures for tuna;

NOTING Brazil's disposition to payback accumulated exceeding catches and fulfill ICCAT's management and conservation measures;

CONSIDERING that Brazil is committed to keep the goals of ICCAT's management and conservation plan for tropical tunas, especially the bigeye.

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

1. The overharvest of bigeye tuna of 1,587 t for 2022 will have to be paid back over a period of 5 years, from 2024 to 2028, in the following way:
 - 2024: 355.34 t
 - 2025 to 2028: 308 t
2. Brazil undertakes to comply with this plan and the compliance measures defined by the Compliance Committee, using its best endeavours to avoid further overharvests.