

**Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08
establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the
Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean**

(submitted by the Chair of Panel 2)

RECOGNIZING that Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08) has some ambiguities and errors, which require clarifications or corrections;

NOTING that the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 in March 2023 agreed that several Annexes of Rec. 22-08 required an amendment;

ALSO NOTING that the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) in June 2023 endorsed "Proposed amendment to Annex 10 of Rec. 22-08" as well as "Modification to Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08) - Errors and inconsistencies" and agreed that both would be forwarded to Panel 2 for consideration;

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

The following amendments shall be made to Rec. 22-08:

1. Paragraph 120 shall be amended as follows:

"120. Each donor operator CPC shall take the necessary measures to ensure that identical copies of the relevant video records are provided without delay by the donor operator:

- a) for the first transfer operation and the eventual voluntary or control transfer, to the ICCAT regional observer and to the receiving towing vessel and, at the end of the fishing trip, to the flag or trap CPC competent authority of the donor operator;"

2. A new paragraph (paragraph 12) shall be added to Annex 10.

"12. The provisions of this **Annex** shall not apply to release of bluefin tuna from traps as a result of lifting of the gear at the end of the activity."

3. In Annex 11, a new column "Destination of dead fish (discarded or landed)" shall be added between the columns "N° of dead BFT" and "Master's signature" in the template to Annex 11 (Reporting of fish that die during further transfers and towing operations).

4. The first paragraph in Annex 14 shall be amended as follows:

"Prior to their deployment on a purse seine vessel, a trap, or a towing vessel, the provider responsible for the ROP ~~and national competent authorities~~ shall provide a minimum of 25 ICCAT seals to each ICCAT regional ~~and national~~ observers under their responsibility and maintain a record of the seals provided and used."