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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 06267/ 2024

SUBJECT: ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE 28TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

I should like to refer to ICCAT Circulars #12741/23 and 13039/23, regarding the transmission of the texts of the 19 Recommendations, 4 Resolutions and 2 Documents of reference adopted during the 28th Regular Meeting of the Commission.

In accordance with Article VIII of the ICCAT Convention, and since no objections have been lodged, I would like you to note that the Recommendations listed below entered into force on **18 June 2024**:

Number	Group	Rec. Title
Rec. 23-01	TRO	Recommendation by ICCAT extending and amending Recommendation 22-01 on a Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme for tropical tunas
Rec. 23-02	BET	Recommendation by ICCAT on Brazil's bigeye tuna payback plan
Rec. 23-03	BET	Recommendation by ICCAT on Senegal's bigeye tuna payback plan
Rec. 23-04	SWO	Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 22-03 extending and amending Recommendation 17-02 for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish
Rec. 23-05	ALB	Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-04 on conservation and management measures, including a management procedure and exceptional circumstances protocol, for North Atlantic albacore
Rec. 23-06	BFT	Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean
Rec. 23-07	BFT	Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-09 establishing a management procedure for Atlantic bluefin tuna to be used for both the western Atlantic and eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean management areas
Rec. 23-08	BFT	Recommendation by ICCAT for a pilot project for farming bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>) in the Cantabrian Sea
Rec. 23-09	BIL	Recommendation by ICCAT on Curaçao's blue marlin payback plan
Rec. 23-10	SHK	Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 19-07 on management measures for the conservation of North Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
Rec. 23-11	SHK	Recommendation by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 19-08 on management measures for the conservation of the South Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
Rec. 23-13	BYC	Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 22-12 on the bycatch of sea turtles caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
Rec. 23-16	GEN	Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 21-13 on establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities
Rec. 23-17	GEN	Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 18-09 on Port State measures to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing



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Number	Group	Rec. Title
Rec. 23-18	GEN	Recommendation by ICCAT to establish minimum standards and programme requirements for the use of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) in ICCAT fisheries
Rec. 23-21	SDP	Recommendation by ICCAT amending and replacing Recommendation 18-13 on an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation programme
Rec. 23-22	TOR	Recommendation by ICCAT on establishment of a Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG)

However, there are two recommendations that will enter into force only in 2025:

Number	Group	Rec. Title
Rec. 23-12	SHK	Recommendation by ICCAT for the conservation of whale sharks (<i>Rhincodon typus</i>) caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
Rec. 23-14	BYC	Recommendation by ICCAT on mobulid rays (family Mobulidae) caught in association with ICCAT fisheries

Rec. 23-12 – shall enter into force no later than 1 January 2025, provided a consensus is reached on the interpretation of the SCRS advice at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Rec. 23-14 – shall become effective no later than 1 July 2025 only if there is a consensus on the interpretation of the SCRS advice at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

The text of these Recommendations is available on the [ICCAT website](#).

Embassies are kindly requested to distribute this correspondence to their competent national authorities.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



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