

Report of the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1
(hybrid, Lisbon, Portugal, 27-31 March 2023)

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Paul Bannerman (Ghana), the Chair of Panel 1, opened the meeting.

2. Appointment of rapporteur and meeting arrangements

Since no CPC offered to rapporteur the meeting, the Chair indicated he would assume this role.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Panel reviewed the agenda which, following slight modification, was adopted and focussed on establishing a TAC, an allocation key and additional measures to sustain the tropical fishery (**Appendix 1**).

Appendix 2 includes a list of delegates from each participating CPC as well as observers.

The ICCAT Executive Secretary, indicated that there were no changes in the Panel 1 membership. The 41 members are Angola, Belize, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, China (P.R.), Côte d'Ivoire, Curaçao, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, European Union, France (St Pierre et Miquelon), Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea (Rep.), Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Liberia, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

32 CPCs, 4 Cooperating Parties and 7 NGOs participated in the meeting. Bolivia expressed its intention to apply for Panel 1 membership at the following meeting of the Commission.

The Chair of Panel 1 reiterated the fact that there were different approaches from the previous meetings from different CPCs which needed to be consolidated and that more effort was needed to harmonise existing measures in line with SCRS reports. The “Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 21-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas” (PA1_505_REV/2022) had been produced by the Chair of Panel 1 during the 2022 Annual Meeting, and included all comments by CPCs during previous intersessional meetings and would serve as the basis for further discussion for building consensus on the TAC, allocation key and other measures to sustain the tropical fishery with emphasis on the continuous recovery of the bigeye tuna stock. The Chair of Panel 1 mentioned that the ICCAT Secretariat would inform about issues on fishing plans, compliance tables and catch limits, without modifying the information, which is the responsibility of the CPCs, which may facilitate discussions on Panel 1.

The meeting was held in hybrid format in Lisbon (Portugal) from 27-31 March 2023.

4. Review of fishing, capacity and FAD management plans submitted by CPCs, including statements for development of fisheries

A number of issues were raised regarding fishing plans and several CPCs answered questions about their fishing plans.

Japan pointed out that Senegal's payback plan for their overage written in their fishing plan is not in compliance with the rules in the Recommendation, since excess catches are in principle deducted from the year specified in the Recommendation and insisted that the Commission's consensus is mandatory for acceptance of their plan. The ICCAT Secretariat noted that the Compliance Committee agreed not to acknowledge the plans which are not in line with the Recommendation. In response to questions about Senegal's management plan, Panel 1 took note of the repayment plan for the overharvest of 1377.77 t in

2020 proposed by Senegal over 10 years (2023-2032). Panel 1 agreed that only the Commission could formally adopt any repayment plan and noted that any repayment period longer than two years would constitute a derogation from existing requirements. Given the need for a way forward for the 2023 fishing season, Panel 1 agreed that Senegal should implement the catch limit for 2023 reflected in its most recent Fishing Capacity Management Plan, pending a decision by the Commission at its 2023 Annual Meeting on the question of a repayment plan for Senegal.

In response to a question, the United States explained that it had not submitted an updated plan because Panel 1 had previously determined that the requirement to submit a management plan did not apply to CPCs that fall under paragraph 4(d) of the tropical tunas measure and, therefore, have no catch limit. It was agreed that the reporting requirements could be revisited as appropriate in discussions related to the development of a comprehensive measure.

In response to a question, Korea (Rep.) explained how it set its adjusted catch limit in past years and agreed to provide an explanation in writing, which is included in **Appendix 3**.

The sections on tropical tunas (yellowfin, bigeye, and skipjack) contained in the *Report for Biennial Period, 2022-23 Part I (2022), Vol. 1* were briefly mentioned by the Chair of Panel 1 and noted responses to the Commission, SCRS work plan, and progress on the MSE process for some species. He said that some CPCs were not providing enough data on FAD/FOB deployment as per [Rec. 21-01](#), and as such information remains poor. It was noted that the SCRS was unable to analyse the maximum number of FAD sets which should be established per vessel or per CPC, as the information available was not sufficient. Several delegations in particular, Belize, Curaçao, El Salvador, Guatemala and Panama, intervened to clarify that they had provided the required information to the ICCAT Secretariat, but drew attention to the continued lack of sufficient data and the need for coordination between the ICCAT Secretariat and these CPCs to ensure that the SCRS has all the required information.

5. Approaches to allocate the bigeye tuna Total Allowable Catch (TAC) (with particular attention to the interests of developing coastal States)

The Chair of Panel 1, after much deliberation on the TAC, stated that most CPCs agreed on a TAC of either 70,000 t or 75,000 t, or somewhere between those two figures, but highlighted that the other control measures within the proposal are equally as important and need to be considered by the Commission.

Many CPCs stated their desire for progress on this matter, to avoid another TAC rollover of the current measure, which would not only imply rollover of the current TAC, but also maintaining the status quo and again reiterated that rights of developing States shall be considered when deciding allocations from any TAC agreed upon.

Informal consultations during the meeting enabled a consensus on a TAC of 73,000 t to be reached, provided that it is accompanied by the partial harvest control rule proposed by Japan and South Africa, without the reference probabilities percentage for the TAC being agreed. These discussions needed to take place over a longer period of time so as to address issues related to allocation criteria for the distribution of the bigeye tuna TAC but it was agreed that the issues to be resolved in order to develop a comprehensive management measure were: allocation criteria for bigeye fishing possibilities, FAD limits and closure periods.

6. Available FAD data and FAD management issues

“Status on tropical tunas FAD fisheries data submissions by CPCs in 2022” (PA1_504_REV/2022), prepared by the ICCAT Secretariat, was presented. The Compliance Committee has also highlighted a continuing lack of data submissions by some CPCs. A member of the Secretariat noted that CPCs should have submitted historical FAD data by 31 July 2022, but because the format of the historical data was not properly specified, this data cannot be incorporated into the Secretariat’s database even where it had been provided within Task 2 data. Several CPCs confirmed that they had submitted the information available in their databases to the ICCAT Secretariat, in accordance with the standards approved by ICCAT, which was confirmed by ICCAT. However, the ICCAT Secretariat clarified that there is a need for all CPCs to report high resolution, 1x1 square latitude/longitude data by month to be able to carry out the analysis, and it was concluded that, to facilitate

the submission of the necessary data, the ICCAT Secretariat will provide assistance to any CPCs that so need. CPCs expressed frustration with the confusion surrounding the obligations in Rec. 22-01 paragraph 31 and with the continued lack of clarity regarding whether any CPCs have failed to submit their historical FAD data as required.

In response to a question regarding the Decision Support Tool (DST) developed by the SCRS in 2018, the SCRS Chair confirmed that the SCRS could update that tool with the most recent stock assessment results if desired by the Panel. A number of CPCs supported the SCRS undertaking this analysis.

7. Review of the Compliance Table (PA1_31/i2023)

The document “Detailed explanation of the 2020 catch limits/thresholds for bigeye contained in the Compliance Tables - Revision, possible variations and comparison suggested by the Secretariat for consideration by Panel 1” on the criteria for the calculations of catch limits from all CPCs was presented by the ICCAT Secretariat. Subsequently, a revised version of this document was presented. Several delegations noted that while the content and conclusions of these documents reflect the intention of ICCAT Secretariat to inform, these conclusions are not shared, and their content was not discussed by Panel 1. It was further noted that that these documents contain interpretations that have not been analysed by the Commission and gaps in the content of the current management measure were identified, which while informative, is the exclusive competence of the Commission.

Compliance issues regarding under /overharvest of quotas and how these affect catch limits within payback periods were briefly discussed, without addressing the issues that pertain to the Compliance Committee. Some CPCs expressed that they had been affected by current measure on overharvest and payback and requested the consideration of Panel 1. Panel 1 did not enter into issues of interpretation or modification of current regulations but encouraged these CPCs to submit their situations in writing for redress by the Compliance Committee before the November 2023 meeting. Further it was emphasised that the basis for establishing quotas emanates from accurate and reliable data from CPCs and that each CPC should endeavour to provide the requisite data to the SCRS for establishing catch limits for quotas and any under or overharvest that could affect subsequent quota allocations. Some CPCs were to inform the Secretariat on revisions to their catches, mis-reporting and other issues for amendment and revisions. It was noted that the Compliance Committee highlighted a continuing lack of data submissions by some CPCs and urged all CPCs to complete all data submission within the established deadlines to ensure prompt information on stocks.

8. Allocation key for distribution of bigeye tuna TAC

Various proposals put forward in the previous meetings by various CPCs were again briefly presented and further explanations given as to the allocation key, among other issues. The EU presented again their proposed allocation methodology, as described in “Explanatory note on a proposed methodology for the allocation of fishing opportunities for bigeye tuna” (PA1_509_REV/2022), with allocation adjustments made to distinguish between coastal States and distant water fishing nations; an adjustment towards developing coastal CPCs, and an equalisation quota of 5% of the TAC; set-aside for artisanal fleets of 5% of the TAC. South Africa, again, in its proposal “Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for the allocation and management of small harvester CPCs to be built into a revised multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas” (PA1_507/2022) indicated the need to allocate rights of 5% to small harvesters, with trigger limits of 1000 t per CPC, with additional group trigger limits to be divided among developing coastal States. Japan presented, again, its “Proposal on bigeye allocation” (PA_511A/2022). This document proposed a gradual reduction to the allocation for developed CPCs to increase the allocation for developing CPCs. This proposal did not deal with the allocations for small harvesters, which should be agreed separately, such as through the South African proposal (PA1_507/2022). Belize, Curaçao, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama presented their updated proposal, which was developed based on Chair's text, and submitted to the 2022 Annual Meeting. The proposal highlighted some fundamental principles, such as: that the adoption of a simple rollover of the current Recommendation on tropical tuna management measures is not an option and therefore they will not support that solution, and a constructive process towards consensus is expected; that the increase in the TAC is consistent with the data provided by the SCRS and should therefore be decided on this basis, this increase being used primarily to meet the needs of developing

States with catches of less than 3,500 t; that the need for the distribution of fishing possibilities result from the non-discriminatory process and that the corresponding control measures be decided for a period of no less than 4 years but reviewable on an annual basis. This proposal supports an increase in the bigeye tuna TAC to 73,000 t, with allocation of 95% of the TAC, 5% being set aside. The proposal contemplates a gradual readjustment of the limits of CPCs with catches above 3,500 t to allow for balance by increasing the fishing possibilities of CPCs with current catch possibilities of less than 3,500 t, while CPCs with catches of less than 1,000 t should not be subject to limits, provided that they do not exceed that threshold. Furthermore, a reduction in the closure period to 60 days is considered, distributed between one fixed period of 30 days and the other at the choice of each CPC for the same period of time. Other details are contained in the document. Although most delegations considered it appropriate to continue discussing the Chair's document, some CPCs (these should be indicated) supported the possibility of combining the proposals of Japan and South Africa. The "Proposal to amend the preamble and Parts I, II and III of the Recommendation 21-01 by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 19-02 replacing Recommendation 16-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas" (PA1_23_SPONS_4/i2022) submitted by The Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (ATLAFCO) was again briefly presented. Canada presented a joint document by Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States outlining a small harvester concept. A group of CPCs participated in an informal session held during a recess agreed for this purpose by the Panel (see the section "Other matters") to analyse convergence formulas. After the meeting, Panel 1 was informed that during the exchange, it was confirmed willingness to make progress in determining the conditions for consensus to enable adoption of a management measure for tropical tunas effective from January 2024, taking into account the adoption of the TAC, the distribution of fishing possibilities, FAD closure and the relevant control measures. However, it was concluded that there was a need for deliberations to take place through an intersessional correspondence process, since a consensus was not reached in the formal deliberations and informal consultations during the meeting.

9. Review of potential capacity limits in light of the allocation key

The "Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 21-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas" (PA1_505A/2022), which was submitted by the Chair of Panel 1 at the 2022 Annual Meeting, was presented as a working document during the meeting to further deliberate on issues pertaining to overcapacity in the fishery which has been noted to be a pressing problem that threatens marine fisheries. The unsustainability of the fishery from the SCRS plenary reports in recent times has been primarily due to overfishing, increase of fishing capacity in terms of gross register tonnage (GRT). However, these increases in capacity and excessive effort on the fishery do not commensurate with fishing opportunities of coastal developing coastal countries who wish to also develop their catching potential and adapt to changing technology whilst adhering to strict management regimes. Catch limits as discussed should be reviewed and amended based on new information from stock assessment of the species. These reviews are to ensure that the probability of stocks should remain in the green zone of the Kobe plot. In harnessing the potential for fishing nations to sustain the industry, catch limits and quotas recommended do not constitute the long-term rights and are without prejudice to any future process of allocation. In any year or period, the Commission has the right to adjust the total catch /quota allocated based on robust information from the SCRS. Key to any potential capacity limits is to ensure that CPCs submit a fishing / capacity plan to the Secretariat to be monitored with the aim of certifying that compliance is met as per the ICCAT regulations. CPCs agreed that capacity limits would be an important consideration in an updated management measure. Some CPCs emphasised that CPCs should only be allowed to increase their number of catching vessels in a way commensurate with possible increases of their catch limits. A few CPCs noted the need for flexibility for developing CPCs and small harvesters.

It was noted that a capacity study has not yet been carried out in the Convention area and that this is a constraint in determining capacity limits based on any allocation key. However, there was no discussion on possible capacity limits in the absence of specific SCRS recommendations.

Some CPCs were concerned about the impact of FAD fishing on the high numbers of juvenile fish captured and also non-target species within the ecosystem. Efforts to improve more data collection and analysis on FADS and the use of bio-degradable materials were encouraged to mitigate the supposed negative effect of the large numbers of FADs used in the Convention area. One CPC stressed the need to revisit the relevant provisions in the current management measure to consider possible improvements. It was noted that, within the process to contain the increase in bigeye catches, the management measures that have been adopted to date are encouraging, as catches have remained below the reference TAC. However, the need to further evaluate the impacts of the current management measures was emphasised.

It was suggested that the current provisions on support vessels should remain in force so as not to increase the efficiency of fishing operations carried out by purse seiners that they assist.

10. Review of provisions related to the carry forward of underharvest and payback of overharvests

On the issues of transfers, the majority supported the view that, if allowed, these should be authorised by the Commission but that the issue need to be considered in the context of a comprehensive measure. There were disagreements as to who can transfer from the various categorisation/ groups (i.e. non-transfer between developing countries). Though the discussions were very informative, there was the need to improve upon the various proposals and produce one composite document to share among members. See sections 9-14 of the “Draft Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 21-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas” (PA1_505A/2022), submitted by the Chair of Panel 1. Several CPCs stressed that transfers should be avoided, allowing unused catch limits in a given year to be considered as a contribution to conservation and therefore not adding to fishing possibilities for future years. It was also noted that existing management measures contain rules for payback of catches, compliance with which must be reviewed by the Compliance Committee within the framework of its competencies.

As referred in item 4, Senegal referred for review to Panel 1 its case of overharvest. The members agreed, without passing judgement on the case under review, that adjustments could be made to the current measure and that the interested party could submit further clarifications be submitted to the Compliance Committee for any redress.

11. Consideration of TAC and allocation for yellowfin tuna

The SCRS Chair reviewed the current status of yellowfin tuna. The most recent stock assessment for yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*) was conducted in 2019. Catches have decreased from 156,692 t in 2020 to 110,602 t in 2021. Purse seine vessels are known primarily to target the tropical tunas in the eastern Atlantic region. Although catches are above the TAC from 2014 to 2020, the stock is considered not to be overfished, and no overfishing is occurring. A TAC of 120,000 t is expected to maintain a healthy stock status through 2033 with at least 63% probability. The SCRS cautions that an increase in small yellowfin and bigeye tuna harvests could have negative consequences on both long-term sustainable yield and stock status. If the Commission wishes to increase long-term sustainable yield, effective measures to reduce fishing mortality on small yellowfin and bigeye tuna should be found. The Panel had no questions or comments on this issue.

12. Review other measures relevant to the conservation and management of tropical tuna

The maximum number of FADs per vessel was generally agreed upon to be 300 per vessel. However, on the moratorium period (FAD closure), different opinions emerged as to the continuity of the 72 day period from January-March each year and as to a new proposal to allow CPC vessels of flag countries in ICCAT (60 day closure). Some CPCs suggested a three-month closure, to include two consecutive months at the beginning of the year (January-February) and another period of 1 month later in the year.

Panel 1 expressed its conviction that all data required under the existing recommendations should be provided and encouraged due compliance by Parties, in accordance with the indications contained in section 6 herein.

Many CPCs reiterated their positions on the TAC and FAD closure period. Several CPCs stated that any adopted measure would need to consider the needs of developing countries, as the status quo only benefits developed countries, and highlighted the need for scientific advice on the FADs closure issue.

On the need to come up with additional measures to sustain the fishery, CPCs were of the view that such measures already existed and that it could be analysed whether further measures were needed. The reconstitution of the Regional Observer Programme was briefly discussed, but no agreement reached, nor on having a FAD register, as proposed by one CPC. These measures should strictly aim at protecting juvenile mortality especially on FADs.

No consensus was achieved on the TAC or the allocation key but very constructive deliberations were made in that members opted to accept a roadmap to discuss further their intentions to consolidate gains made in the spirit of equity. A solid structure to integrate all issues with key options acceptable by all would guarantee fairness in the midst of harnessing efforts to conserve the stocks.

13. Other matters

An informal session was held during the course of the meeting period where CPCs interacted bilaterally or multilaterally to seek to identify points of convergence between their proposals to merge and harmonise them with a view to developing a unified proposal that considers all relevant issues.

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Roadmap for the forthcoming Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1

In order to proceed with the discussions, it was agreed to put in place a Roadmap to organize the intersessional work until the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (20-22 June 2023, hybrid, Madrid, Spain).

<i>Event</i>	<i>Correspondence round</i>	<i>Deadlines</i>
Comments/edits and/or new proposals	1st round	14 April 2023 for the submission of comments/edits and or proposals
		24 April 2023 for the Secretariat to circulate the new versions of the proposals/documents
	2nd round	19 May 2023 for the submission of comments/edits and or proposals
		29 May 2023 for the Secretariat to circulate the new versions of the proposals/documents
Submission of proposals for the 3rd Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1		9 June 2023
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Tentative dates</i>
3rd Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (hybrid format)	Hotel The One Chamartín (Madrid, Spain)	20-22 June 2023

Japan introduced its proposal “Harvest Control Rule (HCR) for bigeye”. Japan explained that since the SCRS report said that the projection probabilities of K2SM for bigeye should be interpreted with caution, PGK 70% was set, which is higher than the ICCAT standard. After taking into account comments on the floor, Japan revised the proposal.

Some delegations stressed that the proposed HCR does not contain all the elements of the tool, because it only describes a TAC adjustment mechanism linked to the K2SM figures. Several delegations welcomed the idea, however, there was no agreement on the adjustment figure relating to the “probability of the stock being in the green zone in 2034”. Some CPCs expressed the view that a 60% probability is sufficiently precautionary and that 70% would be exceptionally high compared to the percentages used for other ICCAT stocks. However, it was noted that such a formula could pose difficulties when the adjustment implies a reduction in the TAC and, in turn, a reduction in fishing possibilities, which needs to be discussed and agreed together.

14. Adoption of report / adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair of Panel 1. It was agreed that the report would be adopted by correspondence.

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Explanation Note on Korea's 2023 Fishing and Capacity Management Plan for Tropical Tunas
(submitted by Korea (Rep.))

1. Rationale for Korea's catch limit of '1,337.4 t'

In 2019, when amending the tropical tunas measures (Rec. 16-01 to Rec. 19-02), inconsistencies between subparagraphs of para 4 of Rec. 19-02 were overlooked. In para 4 of Rec. 19-02, two criteria were used as the basis for setting bigeye tuna catch limits: historical catch stipulated in para 3 of Rec. 16-01 and recent average catch as defined in the footnote. In subpara a) and b), catch limits in para 3 of Rec. 16-01 is the basis for setting catch limits for CPCs listed in para 3 of Rec. 16-01. However, in subpara c) this reference of catch limits in para 3 of Rec. 16-01 is not stipulated. Korea believes this was an oversight by the Panel during the last-minute negotiations in 2019.

This inadvertence is also recognized in this meeting's Doc. PA1_31/i2023 (prepared by the Secretariat).

“According to Rec. 16-01 para 3, Korea has a BET catch limit of 1486 t. Korea reports a catch limit of 1000 t in its 2020 fishing plan. **This limit is lower than the 10% reduction supposed to be applied according to Rec. 19-02 to a catch limit/average catch between 1000 and 3500, as their actual quota was (1486-10%=1337.4 t).** This reported limit was applied to the Compliance Tables from 2020 on.”

During 2020-2022, Korea voluntarily set its bigeye tuna catch limit at 1,000 t to contribute to the recovery of the stock. The reduction rate is about 37%, which is the biggest reduction rate among CPCs tabled in para 3 of Rec. 16-01. As Korea has stated in its tropical tuna fishing plan during 2020-2022, this setting of 1,000 t was a voluntary action and should not prejudice any future allocation discussions.

From 2023 until any bigeye tuna allocations are agreed by Panel 1, Korea will apply the catch limit of 1337.4 t, the appropriate figure applying the temporary catch limit setting criteria agreed in 2019.

Accordingly, all CPC proposals on bigeye tuna allocations using the current catch limits as the basis for allocation discussions should stipulate Korea's catch limit as '1,337.4 t' instead of '1,000 t'.

2. Proposal to amend para 4 of Rec. 22-01

As Panel 1 is discussing a new allocation for bigeye tuna, to correct the inconsistencies in para 4 and apply the method for setting temporary catch limits fairly for all CPCs, Korea proposes the following revision for para 4 of Rec. 22-01:

- “4. As an interim measure for 2023, the following provisions shall apply:
- a) CPCs with catch limits greater than 10,000 t in para 3 of Rec. 16-01, shall apply a 21% reduction to those catch limits.
 - b) CPCs that are not captured by a) that have a recent average catch or a catch limit in paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-01 of greater than 3,500 t, shall apply a catch limit that is 17% less than their recent average catch or their catch limit in para 3 of Rec. 16-01.
 - c) CPCs that have a recent average catch or a catch limit in paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-01 between 1,000 and 3,500 t shall apply a catch limit that is 10% less than their recent average catch or catch limit in paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-01.
 - d) Those CPCs with recent average catch or a catch limit in paragraph 3 of Rec. 16-01 of less than 1,000 t are encouraged to maintain catch and effort at recent levels.”

Korea would like to underscore that this revision affects no other CPCs but is merely a correction of an oversight and a fair application of the temporary catch limit setting criteria agreed in 2019. Korea seeks the understanding of the Panel and welcomes CPCs views on this matter.