

-- RESOLUTION --
ESTABLISH PWG & ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT to Establish a Permanent Working for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures and the Terms of Reference of the Working Group*
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **December, 1992**)

RECALLING the Resolution Concerning Catches of Bluefin Tuna by Non-Contracting Parties adopted at the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Commission in 1991 and the actions taken pursuant to it;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations made by the Working Group to develop technical details for the implementation of the ICCAT Resolution on the Catches of Bluefin Tuna by Non-Contracting Parties, which met in May, 1992, in Tokyo;

CONSIDERING that some of the non-ICCAT member nations have great difficulty in managing the fishing vessels registered to them and cannot provide the catch statistics to the Commission;

BEING AWARE that a considerable number of vessels fishing for tuna in the Atlantic Ocean are registered in nations which are not members of ICCAT;

RECOGNIZING that a significant amount of Atlantic bluefin tuna caught by non-member nations is coming via member nations to the market of final destination; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that it is essential, in taking effective management measures, to improve the reliability of ICCAT statistics of Atlantic bluefin tuna catches by both member and non-member nations;

The Commission resolves to establish a Permanent Working Group, with the following terms of reference:

- 1 To obtain, compile and review all available information on the tuna fishing activities of Non-Contracting Parties, including details on the type, flag and name of vessels and reported or estimated catches by species and area;
- 2 To obtain, compile and review all available information on landings and transshipments of bluefin tuna caught by Non-Contracting Parties, including details on the name and flag of the vessels, the quantities landed and transshipped, and the countries' landing ports through which the product was shipped;
- 3 To obtain, compile and review all available trade data regarding bluefin tuna and other related information to be obtained from trade statistics of the Contracting Parties and from implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program;
- 4 To consider the effectiveness and practical aspects of the implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program.
- 5 To review and make recommendations for improvement of ICCAT statistics regarding Atlantic bluefin tuna catches in light of trade data and related information mentioned in point 3 above;
- 6 To develop recommendations to control the transfer at sea of Atlantic bluefin tuna between vessels from different countries;
- 7 To consider and outline measures to prevent the re-flagging of vessels of Contracting Parties for the purpose of avoiding fisheries management measures established by the Commission; and
- 8 To recommend measures to the Commission based upon the findings of the Working Group's activities. Parties will ensure that these measures conform to their trade obligations.