

- RESOLUTION -  
BLUEFIN TUNA ACTION PLAN

**TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning an Action Plan to Ensure Effectiveness of  
the Conservation Program for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna***  
(Entered into force: **October 2, 1995**)

*RECOGNIZING* that the goal of ICCAT is to maintain populations of tuna and tuna-like fishes in the Atlantic at levels which will permit harvesting maximum sustainable yield;

*BEING AWARE* that the link between trade and environment is being addressed in other international fora;

*RECALLING* that the 1992 Recommendation Concerning the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program, which requires that all bluefin tuna, when imported into the territory of a Contracting Party or at the first entry into a Regional Economic Organization, be accompanied by an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document;

*CONSIDERING* the continuing need for action to ensure the effectiveness of the ICCAT conservation program for Atlantic bluefin tuna;

*RECOGNIZING* that a significant number of vessels registered to nations which are not Contracting Parties to ICCAT are catching Atlantic bluefin tuna;

*BEING AWARE* of the strenuous efforts by Contracting Parties to ensure enforcement of ICCAT's conservation and management measures and to encourage non-Contracting Parties to abide by these measures;

*NOTING* that the ICCAT's ability to manage Atlantic bluefin tuna on a sustainable basis is diminished by harvesting contrary to ICCAT recommendations and recognizing the need to take further strenuous measures to ensure the effectiveness of the ICCAT bluefin tuna conservation program;

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

- a The Infractions Committee shall review, during the 1994 meeting and annually thereafter, the implementation by each Contracting Party of accepted Commission Recommendations. The Commission shall decide, by the end of 1994 and annually thereafter, any necessary new measures to be taken to ensure compliance by Contracting Parties.
- b The Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures shall identify, during the 1994 meeting and annually thereafter, those non-Contracting Parties whose vessels have been fishing for Atlantic bluefin tuna in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of the relevant conservation recommendations of the Commission on Atlantic bluefin tuna, based on the catch data compiled by the Commission, the trade information obtained through national statistics and the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program, and other relevant information obtained in ports and at the fishing grounds.
- c The Commission shall request those Parties identified in paragraph (b) to rectify their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of the ICCAT bluefin tuna conservation program and to advise the Commission of actions taken in that regard.
- d The Contracting Parties shall jointly and individually request that non-Contracting Parties fishing Atlantic bluefin tuna in the Convention Area cooperate fully with the Commission in implementing the ICCAT bluefin tuna conservation program.
- e The Permanent Working Group for the Improvement ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures shall review, by the end of 1995 and annually thereafter, the actions taken by those Parties identified and requested in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), and identify the Parties which have not rectified their fishing activities.
- f To ensure the effectiveness of the ICCAT bluefin tuna conservation program, the Commission will recommend the Contracting Parties to take non-discriminatory trade restrictive measures, consistent with their international obligations, on bluefin tuna products in any form, from the Parties identified in paragraph (e).