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**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT ON CHINESE TAIPEI BIGEYE TUNA CATCHES**

AWARE of the dangers that the large increase in catches by longliners over recent years could present to the stock of Atlantic bigeye tuna;

NOTING THAT the Standing Committee on Research & Statistics (SCRS) has recommended that, in order not to exploit bigeye tuna over its level of maximum sustainable yield, there should be a significant reduction in the increase in catches;

NOW, therefore,

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

1. Catches of Atlantic bigeye tuna by Chinese Taipei be limited to 16,500 MT in 1998.