

- RESOLUTION -
PREPARATION OF MANAGEMENT STANDARD
FOR LARGE-SCALE TUNA FISHERY

TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning Preparation of a Management
Standard for the Large-Scale Tuna Fishery*
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **December 27, 2000**)

RECOGNIZING the necessity of establishing a management standard for the large-scale tuna longline fishery and enhancing management ability of the Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities to exclude IUU tuna longline fishing vessels under their registry,

BEARING IN MIND that different initiatives on monitoring are being taken by the Commission,

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

The Commission encourages the concerned Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities which have large-scale tuna longline fleets to review the attached draft management standard through bilateral arrangements and report the results to the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Scheme, to be held in early 2001, and to the 2001 Commission for its consideration.

NOTE: The "Draft Proposal for a Recommendation Concerning a Management Standard for the Large-Scale Tuna Longline Fishery" (including its Attachments I and II) is appended herewith.

Draft Proposal
For a Recommendation Concerning a Management Standard
for the Large-scale Tuna Longline Fishery

Recalling that the Commission has actively taken various measures and actions to eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing activities by large-scale tuna longline vessels in the Convention Area;

Further recalling that FAO has been taking initiatives to eliminate IUU fishing activities;

Recognizing that large-scale tuna longline vessels shift fishing grounds very easily from the Convention Area to the Pacific or the Indian Oceans and *vice versa* and that this highly mobile nature of this fishery makes control and management of this fishery difficult;

Further recognizing that their catches are transferred from the fishing grounds to the market directly without going through the flag countries;

Being aware that most of their bluefin, bigeye and yellowfin tuna catches are exported to Japan;

Noting, with grave concern, that many IUU large-scale tuna longline vessels, most of which are financed and operated by Chinese Taipei's business entities, still survive by shifting their flags from non-Contracting Parties to Contracting Parties with less management ability, and by changing their vessel names and nominal owners to evade international efforts to eliminate these vessels;

Further noting that the lack of a minimum management standard of the Commission allows such shifting to Contracting Parties; and

Recognizing the urgent necessity of undertaking due measures so as not to use Contracting Parties as shelters of such vessels,

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommends that:

- 1 Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall take the necessary measures to meet the minimum management standard (**Attachment I**) when they issue fishing licenses to tuna longline vessels greater than 24 meters in overall length (or greater than 20 meters between perpendiculars, hereinafter referred to as "large-scale tuna longline vessels") to fish for tunas in the Convention Area under their registry.
- 2 All the Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall cooperate with those Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities which issue licenses to large-scale tuna longline vessels to meet the above standard.
- 3 Those Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities which issue licenses to large-scale tuna longline vessels shall report to the Commission annually measures taken according to paragraph 1 using the format shown in **Attachment II**. The Compliance Committee shall review these reports and consider necessary recommendations to ensure full compliance with this recommendation.

ICCAT MANAGEMENT STANDARD FOR THE LARGE-SCALE TUNA LONGLINE FISHERY

The Contracting Parties, Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall:

1 [Management in the fishing grounds]

- i* Dispatch patrol boats to the management area for surveillance and at-sea inspection in order to ensure compliance with the Commission's conservation and management measures. In the case where a Contracting Party, Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity does not have the ability to dispatch a patrol boat to the Convention Area, it shall make an arrangement with another Contracting Party/Parties that has/have such an ability. Under that arrangement, the Party without such ability shall be assured to obtain surveillance information on its own fleet from the Contracting Party/Parties with patrol boats and shall immediately call back the vessels alleged to violate the Commission's conservation and management measures to the home ports for prompt investigation according to its domestic laws and regulations;
- ii* Deploy observers on-board the vessels according to the Commission's recommendation;
- iii* Require their fishermen to install satellite-based vessel monitoring systems on board all the large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels operating in the Convention Area;
- iv* Implement a tagging system to differentiate catches by management area on the species managed by management area;
- v* Require their fishermen to report their catches on a real time basis for species for which there are catch limits;
- vi* Require their fishermen to report their entry/exit to and from the management areas and the Convention Area;

2 [Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports)]

- i* Require their fishermen and transporters to report their transshipment of the catches by species and by management area;
- ii* Conduct port inspection according to the Commission's recommendation;
- iii* Implement statistical document programs according to the Commission's recommendation;

3 [Management at landing ports]

- i* Conduct inspection of off-loading at landing ports. In the case where such inspection is hard to conduct, the Contracting Party, Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity shall make the necessary arrangements with Japan and/or other market countries to obtain verified landing data on a real time basis;
- ii* Require their fishermen to report landings of their catches by species and by management area; and
- iii* Verify their catch and transshipment reports by using the transshipment and the landing data as mentioned in the above.

MODEL FORMAT FOR ANNUAL REPORTING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICCAT MANAGEMENT STANDARD FOR LARGE-SCALE TUNA LONGLINE VESSELS

a Management in the fishing grounds

	<i>Surveillance & at-sea inspection by patrol boats</i>	<i>Observer boarding</i>	<i>Satellite-based vessel monitoring system by management areas</i>	<i>Tags to differentiate catches by management areas</i>	<i>Real time catch report</i>	<i>Entry/Exit report</i>
Yes, No						
Note	Number of patrol boats	%	% or number of vessels	Species	Method	Method
	Total number of patrol days at fishing grounds			Method		

b Management of transshipment (from the fishing grounds to the landing ports)

	<i>Transshipment report</i>	<i>Port inspection</i>	<i>Statistical document program</i>
Yes, No			
Note	Method	Method	

c Management at landing ports

	<i>Landing inspection</i>	<i>Landing reporting</i>	<i>Bilateral agreement with Japan</i>
Yes, No			
Note	Method	Method	