

- RESOLUTION -
ON BECOMING A COOPERATING PARTY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY

TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT on Becoming a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity*

(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **March 22, 2002**)

RECALLING the *Resolution by ICCAT on Coordination with Non-Contracting Parties* adopted by the Commission in 1994 and the *Resolution by ICCAT on Becoming a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity* adopted in 1997; and

RECOGNIZING the continuing need to encourage all Non-contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities with vessels fishing for ICCAT species to implement ICCAT conservation measures;

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

1. Each year, the Executive Secretary of ICCAT shall contact all Non-contracting Parties, Entities, or Fishing Entities known to be fishing in the Convention area for species under ICCAT competence to urge each of them to become a Contracting Party to ICCAT or to attain status as a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity. In doing so, the Executive Secretary shall provide a copy of all relevant Recommendations and Resolutions adopted by the Commission.
2. Any Non-contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity which seeks to be accorded Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity status shall apply to the Executive Secretary. At the time such a request is made the applicant shall inform ICCAT of its firm commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures. The applicant shall commit itself to transmit all the data to ICCAT that the Contracting Parties have to submit to ICCAT based on the recommendations adopted by the Commission. Requests must be received by the ICCAT Secretariat no later than ninety (90) days in advance of an ICCAT annual meeting, to be considered at that meeting.
3. The Commission's Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) shall be responsible for reviewing requests for Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity status and for recommending to the Commission whether or not an applicant should be considered a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity.
4. Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity status shall be annually reviewed and renewed unless revoked by the Commission due to non-compliance of ICCAT conservation and management measures or a written request for withdrawal of the status has been received by the Commission.
5. Those Non-contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities that do not respond to the Commission as specified in this Resolution will not be considered Cooperating Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities to ICCAT.
6. The *Resolution by ICCAT on Becoming a Cooperating Party, Entity or Fishing Entity*, adopted at the 1997 Commission meeting, be substituted by this Resolution.