

- RESOLUTION -
MANAGEMENT STD. FOR LARGE-SCALE TUNA LL FISHERY

**TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning a Management Standard
For the Large-scale Tuna Longline Fishery***
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **February 22, 2002**)

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;

FURTHER RECALLING that the Commission adopted a *Resolution Concerning Preparation of a Management Standard for the Large-Scale Tuna Fishery* at its 2000 meeting;

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 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) RESOLVES THAT:

1. Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities are encouraged to take on a provisional basis 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") under their registry to fish for tunas in the Convention Area.
2. All the Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities should 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 should report annually to the Commission measures taken according to paragraph 1 using the format shown in **Attachment II**.
4. Provisions taken pursuant to paragraph 1 should be continuously reviewed in line with the progress made at the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures.

**ICCAT MANAGEMENT STANDARD FOR THE
LARGE-SCALE TUNA LONGLINE FISHERY**

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

1. Management in the fishing grounds

- i* Monitor and inspect, where appropriate through patrol boats and maintain surveillance of the activities of its vessels in order to ensure compliance with ICCAT's conservation and management measures.
- ii* Deploy scientific observers on-board the vessels according to the Commission's recommendation;
- iii* Require the installation of satellite-based vessel monitoring systems on board the large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels operating in the Convention Area according to the Commission's recommendation;
- iv* Require a report of their entry/exit to and from the management areas and the Convention Area, unless otherwise indicated through use of a vessel monitoring system.
- v* Require a daily or periodical report of the vessel's catches of species to which catch limits are applicable;

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

- i* Require a report of any transshipment of the vessel's 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* Collect landing and transshipment data to verify catch data, if appropriate, through cooperation with other Contracting Parties, Cooperating Non-contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities.
- ii* Require a report of landings of their catches by species and by management area.

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>Scientific Observer boarding</i>	<i>Satellite-based vessel monitoring system</i>	<i>Daily or required periodic catch report</i>	<i>Entry/Exit report</i>
Yes, No				
Note	%	% or number of vessels	Method	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>Cooperation with other Parties</i>
Yes, No			
Note	Method	Method	