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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT CONCERNING  
THE DUTIES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES AND COOPERATING  
NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES, ENTITIES, OR FISHING ENTITIES IN RELATION TO  
THEIR VESSELS FISHING IN THE ICCAT CONVENTION AREA**

*IN ACCORDANCE WITH* the Needs and Principles set forth in the *General Outline of Integrated Monitoring Measures Adopted by ICCAT*, adopted by the Commission in 2002 to ensure effective monitoring measures;

*CONSIDERING* the deliberations of the ICCAT Working Group to Develop Integrated Monitoring Measures held in Madeira from 26 to 28 May 2003;

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

1. In order to control vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish species managed by ICCAT in the Convention area, flag Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereinafter referred to as CPCs) shall:
  - a) adopt measures so that their vessels comply with and do not undermine ICCAT conservation and management measures;
  - b) authorize their vessels to fish in the ICCAT Convention area by means of fishing authorizations, licenses, or permits;
  - c) ensure they do not authorize their vessels to fish in the ICCAT Convention area unless they are able to effectively exercise their responsibilities in respect of such vessels, including monitoring and controlling their fishing activities;
  - d) ensure that their vessels do not conduct unauthorized fishing within areas under the national jurisdiction of other States, through appropriate cooperation with coastal States concerned, and other relevant means available to the flag CPC;
  - e) require their vessels fishing on the high seas to carry the license, authorization or permit on board at all times and to produce it on demand for inspection by a duly authorized person;
  - f) investigate and follow-up on an alleged violation by a vessel and report the results of such investigation, as well as the actions taken whenever that violation has been confirmed.
2. Each flag CPC shall establish and maintain an up-to-date record of fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag and authorized to fish species managed by ICCAT in the Convention area, which should include vessels of other flags authorized under charter agreements.
3. Each flag CPC shall ensure that its fishing vessels authorized to fish species managed by ICCAT in the Convention area, as well as their fishing gears, are marked in such a way that they can be readily identified in accordance with generally accepted standards such as the FAO standard specification for the marking and the identification of fishing vessels.