

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF THE FORMS OF
THE ICCAT BLUEFIN/BIGEYE/SWORDFISH STATISTICAL DOCUMENTS¹**

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NOTING that the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessel Over 24 Meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area [02-22²]* prescribes that both exporting and importing Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (hereinafter referred to as CPCs) shall cooperate to ensure that the forgery of or misinformation in statistical documents is avoided;

RECOGNIZING that additional information such as vessel length and time of harvest is necessary for better implementation of Commission's conservation and management measures and for the smooth implementation of the Recommendation [02-22];

CONSIDERING that the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) and Ad Hoc Data Workshop are strongly concerned about the quality of the catch data including statistics related to bluefin farming;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the necessity of better data collection on farming tuna through the Statistical Document Program;

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

- 1 The sample forms of the statistical documents and the re-export certificate and instruction sheets in the following Recommendations and Resolution shall be replaced by the attached forms and instructions, respectively.
 - a) *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Effective implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program [94-5]*
 - b) *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program on Re-export [97-4]*
 - c) *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Program [01-21]*
 - d) *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Swordfish Statistical Document Program [01-22]*
- 2 Related to the *Recommendation by ICCAT on Bluefin Tuna Farming [03-09]*, the Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities that export farmed bluefin tuna products shall ensure to mark the box "Farmed" in the first line of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document or the box in item 5 of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate.
- 3 The Commission shall communicate with other relevant regional fishery management bodies which established the statistical document programs and the authorized vessel records and request them to implement the similar reforms.

¹ Note from the Secretariat: The amended forms and instruction sheets have been appended to the relevant Recommendations and Resolutions, the *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Effective Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program [Ref. 94-05]*, the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program on Re-export [Ref. 97-04]*, the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Program [Ref. 01-21]* and the *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Swordfish Statistical Document Program [Ref. 01-22]*.

² Replaced by Rec. 13-13 as amended by Rec. 14-10 and by Rec. 21-14.