

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT
ESTABLISHING AN *AD HOC* WORKING GROUP
TO REVIEW THE STATISTICAL MONITORING PROGRAMS**

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CONSIDERING that the statistical monitoring programs for bluefin tuna bigeye tuna and swordfish are based upon a concept designed in 1992,

NOTING the diversification and the expansion of trade flows and practices for the species concerned,

NOTING also that the initial objective of the statistical programs to collect trade data has been expanded to support the implementation of other monitoring and compliance measures,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the efficiency of the statistical monitoring programs relies on their capability to take into account these developments,

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

- 1 An *ad hoc* working group will be established. It will hold a 2-3 day meeting in the course of 2005 at a time and a place to be determined by the Commission.
- 2 The *ad hoc* working group will
 - a Review the existing statistical monitoring programs in order to evaluate if their provisions are still adapted to the requirements of their objectives,
 - b Examine the impact of trade flows and practices on the functioning of the statistical monitoring programs,
 - c Determine how the techniques of trade monitoring and exchange of information may support ICCAT conservation and management measures,
 - d Determine the changes, if any, which are needed to improve the statistical monitoring programs and make them more effective.
- 3 The *ad hoc* working group will submit its recommendations to the 19th Regular Meeting of the Commission.