

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR COMPLIANCE
OF THE ICCAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

STRESSING the need to improve control and management of quotas and catch limits established by ICCAT,

RECOGNIZING that fresh bluefin tuna products require prompt handling to avoid deterioration of their quality;

RECOGNIZING the importance of cooperation between flag Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (hereinafter referred to as CPCs) and importing CPCs to improve compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures;

NOTING the ongoing work to establish the Catch Documentation Program,

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

1. The flag CPCs shall validate the Statistical Documents for all bluefin tuna products only when:
 - i) the accumulated export amounts are within their quotas or catch limits of each management year, and comply with other relevant provisions of the conservation and management measures.
2. CPCs shall require that Atlantic bluefin tuna, when imported into the territory of a Contracting Party, be accompanied by the Statistical Documents validated by the flag CPCs in accordance with paragraph 1. above.
3. CPCs importing Atlantic bluefin tuna and the flag CPCs shall cooperate to ensure that Statistical Documents are not forged or do not contain misinformation.