

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT TO STRENGTHEN ICCAT**

*RECALLING* that, further to the 2005 *Resolution by ICCAT to Strengthen ICCAT* [Res. 05-10], the Commission should review ICCAT's conservation and management program and develop a workplan to address the strengthening of the organization;

*ACKNOWLEDGING* the work of the Secretariat in compiling the information requested in paragraph 2 of *Resolution by ICCAT to Strengthen ICCAT* [Res. 05-10]

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

1. The report of the Capacity Working Group established by *Resolution by ICCAT to Establish a Capacity Working Group* [Res. 06-19] should constitute part of the exercise to strengthen ICCAT.
2. In 2007, the Integrated Monitoring Measures Working Group established by *Resolution by ICCAT for Integrated Monitoring Measures* [Res. 00-20] should meet intersessionally to develop mechanisms to strengthen the existing ICCAT monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) regime and to recommend changes. Port State measures should be considered as part of the review.
3. A Working Group on the Future of ICCAT is established to review the Convention and, notably, to evaluate its compatibility with developments in international law since the signature of the Convention in 1966. The terms of reference of the Working Group on the Future of ICCAT are attached in **Annex 2**. It should meet intersessionally in 2008 and report to the 2008 annual meeting on the outcome of its deliberations including, a future workplan. At the 2008 annual meeting, ICCAT should consider the work of the Working Group on the Future of ICCAT and decide on a workplan for the Working Group. An indicative timetable of Working Group activities contemplated by this Resolution is attached as **Annex 1**.

## INDICATIVE TIMETABLE OF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

<i>Working Group</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Capacity WG	Established	Meet intersessionally Report to annual meeting.	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Integrated Monitoring Measures WG	Issued instructions for 2007	Meet intersessionally Report to annual meeting.	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
WG on the Future of ICCAT	Established		Meet intersessionally Report to annual meeting. Decide further workplan.	

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of the Working Group on the Future of ICCAT are as follows:

1. Review the document prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the *Resolution by ICCAT to Strengthen ICCAT* [Res. 05-10], the outcome of the 2007 Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs in Kobe Japan, as well as other developments in international law, including Conventions, recommendations and resolutions of other regional fisheries management organizations.
2. Further to the review in paragraph 1, evaluate the ICCAT Convention and other ICCAT instruments, including Recommendations and Resolutions and make recommendations in order to strengthen ICCAT. The Working Group may recommend changes to the ICCAT Convention, the Rules of Procedure or other regulations, if appropriate. In particular, the review should consider and make recommendations pertaining to:
  - i) the decision making process;
  - ii) the current structure of ICCAT (constituent bodies);
  - iii) issues arising from the 2006 workshops convened by the Chair of ICCAT; and
  - iv) any other matter relating to the provisions of the Convention.