

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR
PREPARING THE NEXT PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

NOTING that the first and only performance review for ICCAT was decided by the ICCAT Annual Meeting in 2007 and that the recommendations by an independent expert panel were issued in 2008;

RECOGNIZING that ICCAT has been progressing well with the implementation of the performance review recommendations, notably via the Working Group on the “Future of ICCAT”, the Working Group to develop amendments to the ICCAT Convention, and important improvements to the operations of the Compliance Committee;

REMINDING that the United National General Assembly Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries of 2013 in its point 130 “*urges States, through their participation in RFMO/As, to undertake performance reviews of those RFMO/As on a regular basis, and to make the results publicly available, to implement the recommendations of such reviews and to strengthen the comprehensiveness of those reviews over time*”;

RECALLING that ICCAT Resolution [11-17] on best available science stipulates in its point 6 that “*the next independent performance review of ICCAT shall include an assessment of the functioning of the SCRS and its working groups through a total quality management process, including an evaluation of the potential role of external reviews*”;

RECOGNIZING, therefore, the need to prepare the process and terms of reference for the next performance review in time for consideration at the 2015 ICCAT Annual Meeting;

STRESSING that such a performance review should build on the first review and compare ICCAT’s performance with the performance of other tuna-RFMOs in relation to the Kobe recommendations;

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

1. An ad hoc Working Group is established in order to prepare proposed terms of reference for the next performance review of ICCAT to be agreed by the Commission at its 2015 Annual Meeting. These terms of reference shall include:
 - a) the assessment criteria, taking into account, inter alia, the criteria used by ICCAT during its first performance review, the criteria for second performance reviews by other RFMOs, ICCAT Resolution [11-17] on best available science, and the Kobe recommendations.
 - b) parameters for the composition of the performance review panel, including possible suggestions for panellists, if appropriate; and
 - c) the timeline for launching and implementing the review process.
2. The Working Group shall also explore the possibilities for comparing ICCAT’s performance with the performance of other tuna-RFMOs and make recommendations on how such a comparative performance review could be done.
3. The Working Group should work on a virtual basis starting at the latest in February 2015.
4. CPCs shall designate the participants in the WG at the latest by 31 January 2015 to the ICCAT Secretariat.