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PROPOSED TABLE OF 2020 BIGEYE TUNA CATCH LIMITS

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With regards to the table of 2020 catch limits circulated by the Secretariat in PA1-502, South Africa and Senegal have suggested that the table developed by the Secretariat to compile catch limits of bigeye tuna for 2020 does not accurately reflect the requirements or intent of Rec. 19-02 paragraph 4, in the following ways:

- It includes unilaterally declared national limits for a number of CPCs, presenting them as ICCAT agreed obligations, which they are not. A number of unilaterally declared national limits included in this table are inconsistent with the requirements and/or intent of paragraph 4.
- Rec. 19-02 does not contain binding limits (or rules for determining a limit) for CPCs with recent average catches of less than 1,000 t. Paragraph 4(d) states that these CPCs are instead “encouraged to maintain catch and effort at recent levels”. It is therefore inaccurate to present any limits for those countries with a recent average of below 1,000 t.
- While reference to some Rec. 16-01 limits as the basis for calculating the new limits that apply under Rec. 19-02 is appropriate, it is not appropriate to directly include limits from Rec. 16-01, such as the 1,575 t or 3,500 t limits. Rec. 16-01 was replaced by Rec. 19-02 (see para. 68 of Rec 19-02) and as such those limits no longer apply.
- It is incorrect to include in any calculation of “total limits”, anything for CPCs to which paragraph 4(d) applies.
- It is misleading to present a calculation of the “total limits” as “possible overharvest”. It was recognised by CPCs participating in the negotiations on paragraph 4, that it is highly unlikely that all CPCs will catch their limits in any one year. Although the sum of limits was greater than the TAC amount, it is possible that the TAC could still be achieved.
- Any overage or underage allowed under paragraphs 10-12 of Rec. 19-02 and verified by SCRS data, should be noted separately in the table to ensure full transparency.

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The Table below shows the alternative being proposed for endorsement by Panel 1 and the Commission.

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Proposed bigeye catch limits for 2020.

	<i>CPC catch limits in accordance with para. 4 (a-c)</i>	<i>Recent average catch of CPCs to which para. 4 (d) applies</i>	<i>Notes Any underage, overage or transfer that is explicitly allowed for under 19-02, to be explained here_*</i>
ANGOLA		3.00	
BARBADOS		22.74	
BELIZE	1603.40		
BRAZIL	6043.32		
CANADA		215.37	
CABO VERDE	1781.68		
CHINA PR.	4462.00		Adjusted limit = initial quota (4462.08) + 4462.08*15% (available balance of 2018) + 600 t transfer from Japan = 5731.39 t
CHINESE TAIPEI	9226.41		Adjusted limit = 11201.26 t which reflects 223 t transfer from Korea [Rec.19-02 para 8] and 1751.85 t of carryover from 2018, 15% of 2018 initial quota
COLOMBIA		0.00	
CÔTE D'IVOIRE		559.09	
CURAÇAO	2558.87		
EI SALVADOR	1552.77		
EUROPEAN UNION	13421.31		Adjusted limit = 15,842 t Reflects 300 t transfer of Japan and <u>2121,35 t</u> carryover from 2018.
FRANCE (SPM)		0.10	
GABON		0.00	
GHANA	3968.23		
GUATEMALA		911.93	
GUINEA ECUATORIAL		10.53	
GUINÉE REP.	1000.22		
GUYANA		29.27	
JAPAN	13979.84		Adjusted limit = 13079.84 t. Reflects 600 t transfer to China and 300 t transfer to EU [Rec. 19-02, para 8, footnote 2]
KOREA REP.		677.37	Adjusted limit = 677.27 t. Reflects carry over of 15% of initial quota from 2019 (222.9 t) less 223 t transferred to Chinese Taipei
LIBERIA		31.53	
MAROC		342.13	
MAURITANIA		0.83	
MEXICO		2.21	
NAMIBIA		301.08	
NICARAGUA		0.00	
NIGERIA		0.00	
PANAMA	1707.05		
PHILIPPINES	1767.59		
RUSSIA		0.00	
S. TOMÉ E PRINCIPE		389.20	
SENEGAL	1322.73		
SOUTH AFRICA		225.70	

SVG		509.37	
T&T		49.47	
UK (O.T)		52.65	
UNITED STATES		844.65	
URUGUAY		0.00	
VANUATU		4.00	
VENEZUELA		193.73	

* Amounts of adjusted quotas are dependent on the adoption of the compliance tables and may be subject to change in accordance with the decisions of the Compliance Committee.