

**STATEMENT TO THE ICCAT PLENARY OF  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRLEAND**

The UK is delighted to be taking part in ICCAT discussions this year as an independent Contracting Party representing the interests of both UK 'metropolitan' and UK Overseas Territories. We thank the ICCAT Chair and Secretariat for accommodating the UK's participation, as well as for the arrangements that have been made to enable ICCAT business to continue in these uncertain times.

It is our intention to contribute fully to ICCAT, and to build upon the progress ICCAT has made in the conservation of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas.

The UK has long been committed to sustainable fisheries, protecting the ecosystems that support those fisheries, and making fisheries management decisions based on the best available science. We shall continue to work closely with our neighbours and international partners, including through ICCAT, to achieve this.

We look forward to a productive series of discussions and correspondence in the weeks ahead.