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PEOPLE'S REP. OF CHINA

SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Dear Mr. Sun,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that during the Decision-Making Process which took place in lieu of the Commission meeting in 2020, the Commission noted that certain information had not been received, and that some reporting deficiencies remain unresolved. The reporting and implementation deficiencies are listed below and in the attached response template.

- Rec. 18-09: (formerly Rec. 12-07): no list of designated ports (which is required for ports regardless of whether or not they are in the ICCAT Convention Area);
- Rec. 19-04: Late reporting of regulations and other related documents adopted by them to implement eastern bluefin tuna requirements in Rec. 19-04 (formerly 18-02);
- Rec. 18-06/ Late submission of updated shark check sheet.

It was also noted that no response has been received to my previous letter on compliance issues following the 2019 meeting.

Additionally, the Committee received comments regarding its recommendations for certain CPCs (COC_328_APP_1/ 2020). As this input was received at the end of the 2020 correspondence process and therefore CPCs may not have had an opportunity to further respond during the correspondence process, I recommended in my meeting report that such comments be appended to compliance letters to provide such CPCs with additional context on matters raised and a further opportunity to respond intersessionally, such as through the attached response template.

The Commission requests China to reply to this letter before **1 October 2021** to indicate the any additional actions taken by China to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

If you have any questions about the issues raised in this letter, including a request for a more detailed explanation of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact me and the Secretariat at info@iccat.int.

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: R. Delgado, *Commission Chair*

Appendix 1

Comments received on COC recommended action (COC_328_APP_1/ 2020)

From: United States

China: We thank China for clarifying its North Atlantic shortfin mako data. We look forward to seeing an updated data submission and respectfully encourage China to submit discard data given that its fleet does not retain North Atlantic shortfin mako, as stated in their Shark Implementation Check Sheet. Timely submission of these data are essential to support enhanced shark science and management.

Appendix 2

Compliance Letter Response Template

Compliance Matters Identified in 2020 Compliance Process			
CPC: CHINA			
CATEGORY	**COMPLIANCE MATTER**	**REMEDIAL ACTIONS TAKEN OR PLANNED**	**DATE MISSING DATA/INFORMATION SENT (if applicable)**
Response to COC Chair letter from previous year	No response received		
Annual Report			
Statistical data reporting			
MCS Measures	18-09: No list of designated ports received		
Conservation and Management measures	19-04: regulations and other related documents for implementation of implementation of eastern Bluefin tuna requirements submitted late		
	18-06. Late submission of updated shark check sheet		
Catch limits/quotas			
Other issues			