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CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT AND CATCHES OF BLUEFIN TUNA IN GIBRALTAR

Honourable Minister,

I refer to our previous correspondence and should like to thank Gibraltar for information submitted to date in relation to the measures being taken by Gibraltar in relation to the management and control bluefin tuna, as well as the catch statistics 2017 to 2020 which have been received.

As you know, eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna is a species of great significance and has been subject to very strict management regimes to bring into effect the recovery of this stock. The Commission would appreciate receiving any update on the bluefin tuna management plan adopted by Gibraltar in the event there have been any changes. The Commission would be particularly interested to know a) the current level of the TAC set by Gibraltar; b) whether any of the landed catch is exported, and if so, to whom.

In addition, the Commission very much appreciates the provision of statistical data, and I should like to request that you continue to work with the ICCAT Secretariat to provide all relevant data in accordance with ICCAT Circular [0669/22](#). The staff of the Secretariat will be pleased to assist you or provide any clarifications which you may require. Meanwhile, we should be grateful if you could provide some clarification as to the Rod & Reel catches reported for previous year, and confirm if these catches were landed, discarded dead or discarded alive.

The Compliance Committee will be reviewing, in November 2022, all available information and may determine at that time any additional actions to be taken. I should very much appreciate receiving the aforementioned data before **31 July 2022** and a written response to this letter by **1 October 2022** to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Taking this opportunity to thank you for your collaboration to date, please do not hesitate to contact me or the ICCAT Secretariat through info@iccat.int if you require any additional information about ICCAT conservation and management measures.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Compliance Committee Chair

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