

Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Brazil's Bigeye Tuna Payback Plan
(Document submitted by Brazil)

RECOGNISING that the overharvest of 241 t from 2020 has not yet been paid back in 2022;

RECOGNISING the overharvest of 1,587 t from 2022 is to be paid in 2024;

RECOGNISING that Brazil has a total overharvest of bigeye tuna of 1,828 t related to 2020 and 2022;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil is paying back in 2023 the overharvest of 552 t from 2021;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil has established a National Regulatory Framework to overcome the continued overharvest of bigeye tuna from 2023, under the coordination of the newly created Ministry of Fisheries;

CONSIDERING that Brazil has recently strengthened the National Regulatory Framework through a programme with a more robust monitoring, control and inspection measures for tuna;

NOTING Brazil's disposition to payback accumulated exceeding catches and fulfill ICCAT's management and conservation measures;

CONSIDERING that Brazil is committed to keep the goals of ICCAT's management and conservation plan for tropical tunas, especially the bigeye.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The overharvest of bigeye tuna of 1,828 t for 2020 and 2022 will have to be paid back over a period of 5 years, from 2024 to 2028, at a rate of 365.6 t per year.
2. Brazil undertakes to comply with this plan and the compliance measures defined by the Compliance Committee, using its best endeavours to avoid further overharvests.