

Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on a pay back plan for blue marlin by Curaçao

(submitted by Curaçao)

RECOGNISING an overharvest for previous years of blue marlin by Curaçao;

DESIROUS of maintaining the aims of the ICCAT Rebuilding Plan for white marlin and blue marlin;

NOTING the willingness of Curaçao to payback the overharvest accumulated and abide by the ICCAT conservation and management measures;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNA RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The total negative balance from 2021 is 22.53 t shall be paid back in the following way:
 - 2022 to first year of payback will be a minimum of 2.53 t
 - 2023 to 2030 (inclusive) will be a minimum of 2.5 t per year
2. Curaçao shall ensure full adherence to this plan and ensure, as far as possible, that no further overharvest will occur in the future.
3. Recognizing the level of proposed payback will ensure that Curaçao will be able to fully adhere to this plan, pay back its overharvest and ensure as far as possible that no further overharvest will occur in the future.
4. Curaçao requests the approval of this plan by the Commission.