

Follow Up of the Second Performance Review of ICCAT - Panel 1

Colour key for column “Completion status following annual meeting” only:

Red - Not started or little progress, requiring significant work.
Orange - Started, progress but still requiring additional work to respect deadlines.
Green - Completed or Significant progress made and on track for completion within deadlines.

<i>Report chapter</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>	<i>LEAD</i>	<i>PA1</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Proposed Next Steps</i>	<i>Observations</i>	<i>Action to be taken, or already taken</i>	<i>Completion status following annual meeting</i>	<i>Observations of Chair of PA1</i>
Bigeye	13. The Panel recommends that, in view of the current poor status of the stock, the sustainable management of the tropical tunas should be a key immediate management priority for ICCAT. The same commitment devoted to eastern bluefin by ICCAT, should now be addressed to the tropical tuna stocks.	PA1	X	S	Refer to Panel 1 to review implementation of Rec. 15-01 (as revised by Rec. 16-01 and Rec. 19-02) in 2017 and consider any necessary action. The Panel should further review BET management measures and take appropriate action in light of new scientific advice stemming from the next assessment.	Paragraph 9 of Rec. 22-01 requires review of management measures if the total catch exceeds the TAC.	In 2019, a multi-annual management plan was agreed and revised in 2021, 2022 and 2023, even though additional work on quota allocation is necessary and some measures may require review/strengthening in the future.	Ongoing Progress to require additional work.	

	<p>14. The Panel notes that the lowered TAC has only a 49% probability of rebuilding the stock by 2028 and recommends that the TAC be decreased further to increase the probability of rebuilding in a shorter period.</p>	<p>PA1</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Refer to Panel 1 to review implementation of Rec. 15-01 (as revised by Rec. 16-01) in 2017 and consider any necessary action. The Panel should further review BET management measures and take appropriate action in light of new scientific advice stemming from the next assessment.</p>	<p>Paragraph 9 of Rec. 22-01 requires review of management measures if the total catch exceeds the TAC.</p>	<p>The TAC was reduced for 2020 and 2021 and was increased to 62,000 t in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The TAC for 2025 and future years shall be considered in 2024 on the basis of future advice from the SCRS.</p>	<p>Ongoing Progress to require additional work.</p>	
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	<p>15. The Panel, noting that ICCAT has established a working group on FADs, recommends that ICCAT prioritise this work and, in parallel, pursue the initiative across all tuna RFMOs to pool the information, knowledge and approaches on how to introduce effective management of FADs into the tropical tuna fisheries on a worldwide scale.</p>	PA1	X	S	<p>Work on matters related to FADs is already underway, in particular within the context of the FAD WG. This should continue and Panel 1 should consider this work when discussing conservation and management measures for tropical tuna fisheries.</p>	<p>FAD WG should also work on this in association with Panel 1.</p>	<p>Technical WG was established within the FAD joint tRFMO WG to conduct some preliminary work as agreed during the 1st meeting of the FAD joint rRFMO. Work continued in 2019 with a second meeting of the WG. The recommendations adopted by these working groups should be reviewed and potentially reassessed by PA1 to issue recommendations to ICCAT.</p>	Ongoing	
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Bigeye	<p>16. The Panel notes that, according to the SCRS, the area and time closure has not worked and therefore its impact on reducing juvenile catches of bigeye and yellowfin, is negligible. The Panel recommends that this policy needs to be re-examined and this can, in part, be done</p>	PA1	X	S	<p>Refer to Panel 1 for consideration when reviewing conservation and management measures for the tropical tunas fishery.</p>	<p>Additional information on this matter is expected from SCRS and FAD Working Group which has already started work on this issue.</p>	<p>The SCRS will conduct an analysis to be presented to the Commission. CPCs should provide the necessary data for carrying out this type of analysis. Some limitations on the number of FADs were included in Recs. 19-02 and 21-01,</p>	Ongoing	
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	through initiatives on limiting the number and use of FADs.						as well as the implementation of a time closure. as specified in Management of FADs Section IV of Rec. 22-01.		
Yellowfin	19. The Panel recommends that a quota allocation scheme be adopted by ICCAT to manage the fishery, as is already the case for bigeye.	PA1	X	S/M	Refer to Panel 1 to review implementation of Rec. 15-01 (as revised by Rec. 16-01, Rec. 19-02, 20-01, 21-01, 22-01 and 23-01) and consider any necessary action. The Panel should further review YFT management measures and take appropriate action in light of new scientific advice stemming from the next assessment.	Paragraph 22 of Rec. 22-01 outlines capacity limitations for tropical tunas.	As specified in Section III of Rec. 22-01 para 22 (c), the Compliance Committee shall annually review CPCs' compliance with capacity management measures. <u>A Yellowfin Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting was held in 2024.</u>		

<p>Skipjack</p>	<p>22. The Panel recommends that vessels which fish bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tunas in the Convention area should be covered by Rec. 15-01. For reasons that are not clear to the Panel, skipjack fisheries in the West Atlantic seem to be outside the remit of Rec. 15-01.</p>	<p>PA1</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Refer to Panel 1 for annual review of the implementation of Rec. 15-01 (as revised by Rec. 16-01). The Panel should further review SKJ management measures and take appropriate action in light of new scientific advice stemming from next assessment.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>No further actions required as the combination of fishery methods are different in the East and the West Atlantic. For the Western SKJ Stock no actions for the fleet are required under Rec. 15-01 as the combination of fishery methods are different from the Eastern Stock.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	
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<p>Data Collection and Sharing</p>	<p>6. The Panel recommends that a mechanism be found to allow minor occasional harvesters without allocations to report their catches without being subject to sanctions.</p>	<p>COC</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Refer matter to the COC in cooperation with the other relevant bodies for consideration and also to the Panels as the issue could also be addressed in the context of management recommendations.</p>	<p>Overall efforts should be coordinated initially by the PWG.</p>	<p>To be taken into account as the Commission develops new management recommendations.</p>	<p>Development of the 2019 multi-annual plan allows catches by small-scale fishers. Is any additional action required by Panel 1 on this issue?</p>	<p>Provision to be envisaged in a future recommendation.</p>
<p>Bigeye</p>	<p>12. The Panel recommends that bigeye, which is fished in association with juvenile yellowfin and skipjack on FADs, should form part of the long term management strategy for the tropical tuna stocks.</p>	<p>SWGSM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S/M</p>	<p>Refer to SWGSM where work is already ongoing.</p>	<p>FAD WG should also work on this in association with Panel 1.</p>	<p>Panel 1 notes that this work is ongoing for all three main tropical tuna species. An MSE project has been initiated for the tropical tuna species considering a multifishery approach and a meeting of the Tropical Tunas Technical Sub-group on MSE was held in May 2022.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p>Yellowfin</p>	<p>18. The Panel recommends that yellowfin, which is fished in association with juvenile bigeye and skipjack on FADs, should form part of the long term management strategy.</p>	<p>SWGSM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S/M</p>	<p>Refer to SWGSM where work is already ongoing.</p>	<p>FAD WG should also work on this in association with Panel 1.</p>	<p>Panel 1 notes that this work is ongoing for all three main tropical tuna species. An MSE project has been initiated for the tropical tuna species considering a multifishery approach.</p> <p><u>A Yellowfin Tuna Stock Assessment Meeting was held in 2024.</u></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>Skipjack</p>	<p>21. The Panel recommends that skipjack, which is fished in association with juvenile yellowfin and bigeye on FADs, should form part of the long term management strategy.</p>	<p>SWGSM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S/M</p>	<p>Refer matter to SWGSM where work is already ongoing.</p>	<p>FAD WG should also work on this in association with Panel 1.</p>	<p>Panel 1 notes that this work is ongoing for all three main tropical tuna species. An MSE project has been initiated for the tropical tuna species considering a multifishery approach.</p> <p><u>A Meeting on Western Skipjack MSE was held in 2024.</u></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

<p>Rebuilding Plans</p>	<p>47. The Panel recommends that ICCAT move away from the current reactive management to re-redress the status of stocks through rebuilding plans, to a more pro-active policy of developing comprehensive long term management strategies for the main stocks. Such management strategies would encompass management objectives, harvest control rules, the stock assessment method, fishery indicators and the monitoring programme.</p>	<p>SWGSM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S/M</p>	<p>Refer to SWGSM where work is already underway; also relevant to the future work of the Panels.</p>		<p>MSE for tropical species is included in the roadmap by the SCRS and the Commission, but it should be treated with care. A mMeetings of the Tropical Tunas Technical Sub-group on MSE was <u>have been held in May 2022 recent years</u> to further work on this issue. <u>A meeting on Western Skipjack MSE was held in 2024.</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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Fishing Allocations and Opportunities	63. The Panel considers that there are legitimate expectations among Developing CPCs that quota allocation schemes need to be reviewed periodically and adjusted to take account of a range of changing circumstances, notably, changes in stock distribution, fishing patterns and fisheries development goals of Developing States.	COM	X	S/M	Refer to Panels for consideration and appropriate action. Commission to coordinate action among the Panels.		Rec. 22-01 Para 21 allows developing CPCs to prepare a statement indicating their fisheries development aspirations, so these can be taken into account in future allocations.	Ongoing	
	64. The Panel considers it appropriate that quota allocation schemes should have a fixed duration, up to seven years, after which they should be reviewed and adjusted, if necessary.	COM	X	S/M	Refer to Panels for consideration and appropriate action. Commission to coordinate action among the Panels.		The current plan only establishes <u>allocations catch limits or thresholds for CPCs without a fixed limit</u> for one year.	Ongoing	

	<p>65. In determining quota allocation schemes in the future, the Panel proposes that ICCAT could envisage establishing a reserve within new allocation schemes (for instance, a certain percentage of the TAC), to respond to requests from either new CPCs or Developing CPCs, which wish to develop their own fisheries in a responsible manner.</p>	COM	X	S/M	<p>Refer to Panels for consideration and appropriate action. Commission to coordinate action among the Panels.</p>		<p>To be taken into consideration in future quota allocations/catch limits for tropical tunas. To be discussed in 2024.</p>		
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Integrated MCS Measures	71. Evaluates the need and appropriateness of further expanding coverage by national and non-national on-board observers for fishing and fishing activities.	PWG	X	M	Refer to PWG for consideration and also the Panels as observer program requirements can be and some have been agreed as part of management measures for specific fisheries.	SCRS evaluation of current observer program requirements is pending due to lack of reporting.	Rec. 19-02 provides for an increase in observer coverage, as well as electronic monitoring testing there was no change to this provision in Rec. 22-01 or 23-01.	Ongoing	
	72. Considers expanding VMS coverage, adopting uniform standards, specifications and procedures, and gradually transforming its VMS system into a fully centralized VMS.	PWG	X	S	Refer to PWG for consideration as Rec. 14-07 must be reviewed per para 6 in 2017. Also refer to the Panels as VMS requirements can be and some have been agreed as part of management measures for specific fisheries.		Discussed at the April 2018 IMM Meeting and at the June 2021 meeting under Agenda item 5a; A proposal was introduced and discussions are ongoing.		No consensus on this matter.

<p>Reporting Requirements</p>	<p>85. The Panel recommends that ICCAT, though its Panels 1 to 4, should undertake an overall review of the current reporting requirements, on a stock by stock basis, both in relation to Task 1 and Task 2 data contained in the myriad of recommendations, in order to establish whether the reporting obligations in question could be reduced or simplified.</p>	<p>PWG</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Refer to PWG to undertake this review and present its findings and suggestions to the Panels for their approval.</p>	<p>Such a review will involve many recommendations including proposals developed by virtually all the Panels. PWG is well placed to take a comprehensive look at all these measures. SCRS and the Secretariat could also provide support for this work where appropriate.</p>	<p>The online working group should maybe provide additional direction, but Panel 1 has not carried out any streamlining.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Reporting Requirements</p>	<p>87. The Panel recommends that ICCAT consider introducing a provision in new recommendations, whereby the introduction of new reporting requirements would only become effective after a 9 to 12 month period has elapsed. This would assist Developing States to adapt to new requirements. This is particularly relevant where the volume and/or nature of the reporting</p>	<p>COM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Refer to all ICCAT bodies that can recommend binding reporting requirements for consideration when developing such recommendations. Commission to coordinate action among the bodies.</p>		<p>This has been taken into account in some cases, but not in others.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>have changed significantly. The difficulties Developing States encounter in introducing new administrative/reporting requirements at short notice, is well documented in the compliance context. The option for Developed CPCs to apply immediately the new reporting requirements may of course be maintained, if those CPCs consider it opportune.</p>							
<p>Decision-Making</p>	<p>91. Reviews its working practices in order to enhance transparency in decision making, in particular on the allocation of fishing opportunities and the work of the Friends of the Chair.</p>	<p>COM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Commission to coordinate action among the bodies.</p>	<p>The implementation of Res. 16-22 will assist with improving transparency in the COC Friends of the Chair process.</p>	<p>An observation: Transparency, openness and participatory opportunities for all CPCs taken into account the ICCAT criteria in the allocation of fishery opportunities. Item not related to COC / or Friends of the Chair.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

	<p>114. The Panel recommends that the Commission adopts specific management objectives and reference points for all the stocks. This would guide the SCRS in its work and increase the consistency of the SCRS advice.</p>	SWGSM	X	S	<p>Refer to SWGSM where work is already ongoing.</p>		<p>See 47 above.</p>	Ongoing	
<p>Presentation Scientific Advice</p>	<p>115. The Panel recommends that the development of harvest control rules through Management Strategy Evaluation should be strongly supported.</p>	SWGSM	X	S	<p>Refer to SWGSM and the Panels for consideration; work is already ongoing regarding this matter.</p>		<p>ICCAT has started MSE process for 3 main tropical tuna species in 2018. <u>A meeting of the Tropical Tunas Technical Sub-group on MSE was held in May 2022.</u> <u>A Meeting on Western Skipjack MSE was held in 2024.</u></p>	Ongoing	

<p>Presentation Scientific Advice</p>	<p>116. The Panel recommends that in a precautionary approach, the advice with more uncertainty should, in fact, be implemented more readily.</p>	<p>COM</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Commission to coordinate action among the bodies including referring for their consideration when drafting a new or revising an existing conservation and management measures.</p>	<p>Related to rec. 43.</p>	<p>Panel 1 will take this recommendation into account in the development of new management measures.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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