

Cover sheet to accompany new proposals

(Proposal submitted by the Libya)

Title of the Proposed Draft Recommendation/Resolution: *Draft Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 22-08 establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean*

Title of currently in force recommendation(s) or resolution(s) addressing the same or related issues: *Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08)*

1. Does it create new **reporting obligation(s)** for CPCs? Yes No

Brief description of new reporting obligation(s):

2. Does it require additional input or **work by the SCRS**? Yes No

Is this work already included in the current SCRS workplan Yes No

Brief description of new scientific work required (i.e. stock assessment, analysis, external consultant):

3. Does it involve the creation of a **new working group or intersessional process**? Yes No

4. Does it require a new **programme or additional activities to be managed by the Secretariat**?

Yes No

Brief description of new Secretariat work required:

5. What is the proposed timeframe for implementation, and are there different specific timeframes for certain CPCs, fisheries, regions, etc.:

The text should be considered at the forthcoming Panel 2 session during the Annual Meeting of the Commission.

6. Is there any other relevant information regarding the resource and workload implications of the proposal:

N/A

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Statement - Follow-up to “A Case for Libya’s Joint Fishing Operation (JFO) (to be discussed under Agenda item 7)” (PA2-610/2024)

Reference is made to discussions held at the Panel 2 meeting on 12 November 2024 in relation to “A Case for Libya’s joint fishing operation (to be discussed under Agenda item 7)” (PA2-610/2024). We take the opportunity to thank the Panel on the clarification made on the specific case involving Libya.

As a follow-up to the Chair’s request for CPCs to table suggested text amendments to the *Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a multi-annual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean* (Rec. 22-08), we take the opportunity to submit the following text, which addresses similar situations in the future.

Para 184 *If the weight of bluefin tuna being caged is in excess of what had been declared as caught and/or transferred, the catching Flag or trap CPC competent authority shall issue a release order and communicate it without delay to the farm CPC competent authority concerned. The release order shall follow the provisions of **Annex 9** paragraph 4, taking into account the possible compensation at the JFO or trap level, in accordance with **Annex 9** paragraph 5.*

Para 184bis *[Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 184, and following the receipt of the JFO results by the farm CPC competent authority obtained by the stereoscopic camera, the catching Flag CPC may decide to compensate across its own JFOs with any unutilised quota available to that CPC to cover any excess of bluefin tuna to be released, provided that the total available quota to that CPC is not exceeded.]*