

**Statement by Tunisia to the
24th Special Meeting of the Commission**

In accordance with Tunisia's commitments under the framework of international conventions concerning the sustainable management of marine resources, we wish to inform you, as stated in our Annual Report sent to the ICCAT Secretariat on 14 September 2024, that albacore tuna landings have been recorded in Tunisian ports and that, as of October 2024, the quantities were around 110 tonnes.

These landings were recorded following a national program to strengthen the monitoring, control and surveillance of landings. According to observations and reports, albacore landings are mainly from longline catches.

To ensure sustainable exploitation of this resource, and given the importance that Tunisia grants this species in its sustainable management program for fishery resources, an initiative based on scientific monitoring by the National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies has been in place since the beginning of this year. This initiative aims to strengthen and collect data on Mediterranean albacore.

In view of the measures taken by Tunisia and in order to control albacore fishing, we request the Commission to grant us an annual quota of 150 tonnes of Mediterranean albacore.