

**Request for North Atlantic Swordfish  
Liberia position on PA4-809/2024 and PA4-810/2024**

Liberia welcomes the proposal from the USA and co-sponsor by the EU and the proposal from the Canada on the conservation and management measures for North Atlantic Swordfish. Liberia request for 15 tons quota for this species. Over the years we have reported catches, and they are considered as overharvest. This species is caught by the artisanal fisheries of Liberia and is an important protein source with economic importance. In 2016, a total catch of 110.75 tons which we think was based on missed identification. The average catch for the last three years is 1.51 tons with a total accumulative overharvest of 115.28 tons. However, with assistance from ICCAT-JCAP through the Commission we have improved our data collection program for ICCAT species and other non-species. It is worth noting that Liberia has an artisanal data collection program using 32 fisheries enumerators assigned at 24 landing sites along the 9 coastal counties of Liberia collecting catch and effort data including size data.

As a small harvesting country, mainly as a bycatch, we solicit the support of other CPCs for our request for the quota of 15 tons.