

Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for catch limits for Mediterranean swordfish

(Proposal submitted by Egypt and Libya)

RECALLING the establishment of a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and catch reductions agreed in the Recommendation by ICCAT replacing the Recommendation 13-04 and establishing a multi-annual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish (Rec. 16-05);

NOTING the commitments taken at the intersessional Panel 4 meeting of 2017 to respect the allocation included in the table under Appendix 7 of the meeting report, and maintain catches within the TAC;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. In complement to Recommendation 16-05, CPCs shall respect the following catch limits for Mediterranean swordfish:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Catch limits (t)</i>
Algeria	472.33
Egypt*	125.00
EU	6,363.63
Libya*	125.00
Morocco	896.47
Tunisia	865.33
Türkiye	378.70
Others	39.35
TAC	9,265.81

* The catch limits of Egypt and Libya shall not prejudice the allocation key included in PA4-009B/i2017 and implemented since 2017. The Commission shall take a decision on Egypt and Libya's allocation after the next stock assessment.