

**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>CPC TAC allocation (%)</i>	<i>2017 Quota per CPC (t)</i>	<i>Catch limits (t)</i>
Algeria	<u>5.238</u>	<u>550.000</u>	<u>472.330</u>
[...]			[...]
EU	<u>70.756</u>	<u>7,410.480</u>	<u>6,363.630</u>
[...]			[...]
Morocco	<u>9.952</u>	<u>1,045.000</u>	<u>896.470</u>
Tunisia	<u>9.597</u>	<u>1,007.694</u>	<u>865.330</u>
Türkiye	<u>4.200</u>	<u>441.000</u>	<u>378.700</u>
Others	<u>0.436</u>	<u>45.826</u>	<u>39.350</u>
<b>TAC</b>		<b><u>10,500.000</u></b>	<b><u>9,015.810*</u></b>

\* In addition, Egypt and Libya shall have catch limits of 125t each. This shall not prejudice the allocation key as reflected in this table.

2. The SCRS should assess the impact of the reductions made on the recovery of the stock, as early as possible.