

ICCAT | GFW Intervention

Monday 11 Nov, Plenary

Agenda Item 4 - Introduction of Observers

Global Fishing Watch would like to express its gratitude for the opportunity to participate as an observer at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

Global Fishing Watch, is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing ocean governance through increased transparency of human activity at sea. By creating and publicly sharing map visualizations, data and analysis tools, we aim to support scientific research and transform the way our ocean is managed. We believe that human activity at sea should be public knowledge in order to safeguard the global ocean for the common good of all.

We are delighted to be attending our second Commission Annual Meeting and our first in-person session. Since our formation in 2016, we have closely followed ICCAT's outcomes and discussions. Over the years, we have been fortunate to enjoy productive partnerships with many ICCAT Contracting Parties and Cooperators, focusing on transparency in ocean governance. We look forward to deepening and expanding these partnerships together over the coming years.

Global Fishing Watch is focused on providing expertise and collaborating with our partners to support enhanced vessel tracking, vessel registry, and the submission of beneficial ownership information. These efforts will improve transparency, enhance accountability, reduce ecological threats and combat Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported fishing.

We are eager to contribute future discussions on these topics as well as to supporting ICCAT's research programs. Thank you once again for this valuable opportunity, we wish you all a successful and fruitful meeting.