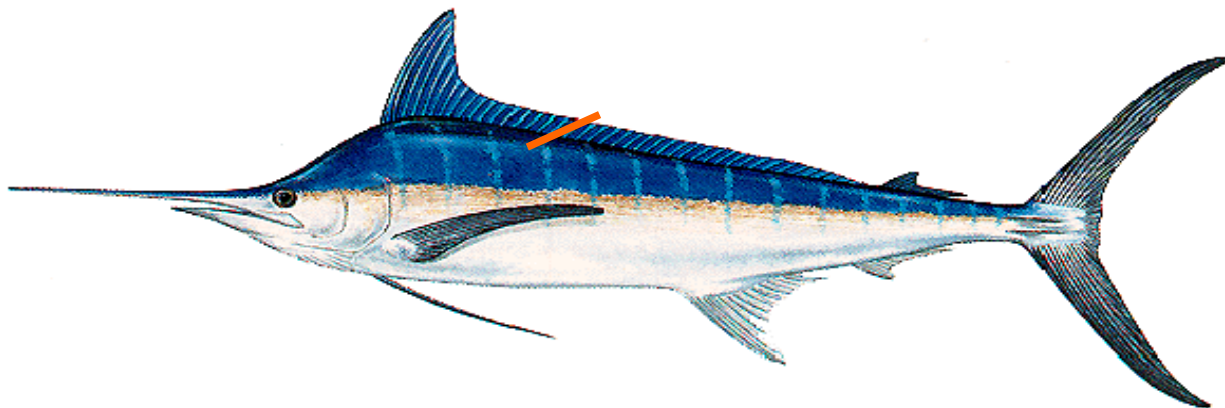


REWARD

OFFERED FOR ORANGE OR YELLOW STREAMER TAGS FROM ATLANTIC TUNAS AND BILLFISHES



The external tags are placed about an inch (2.5 cm) off the dorsal midline on the side of the fish. Fishermen who return these tags with recapture information, as described below, will receive a **\$4.00 standard reward** from International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) for their efforts. In addition, reported tags are entered in the ICCAT annual lottery to win **\$500.00**. Other rewards, such as embroidered caps and T-shirts are offered by numerous nations that tag pelagic fish.

Why are tunas and billfishes tagged? Large pelagic fishes are being tagged through the cooperation of scientists and fishermen by many different Atlantic countries to determine their migratory patterns, define population boundaries, and estimate growth rates, population sizes, and mortality rates. Your cooperation in returning tags which you recover from tunas and billfishes with complete and accurate recapture data will add to our knowledge and understanding of these fish.

WHERE TO CONTACT?

Report all tagged tunas and billfishes to **YOUR LOCAL FISHERIES AGENCY**. In the west Atlantic, call the National Marine Fisheries Service's Cooperative Tagging Center at **1-800-437-3936¹** toll free. In the east Atlantic and Mediterranean area call ICCAT, Madrid, Spain, at **TEL:34-1-416 5600 FAX: 34-1-415 2612**. Additional instructions will be provided regarding where and how the tags should be mailed. **Inquires can also be made to Dr. Eric Prince at his email address: eric.prince@noaa.gov**

WHAT TO REPORT?

- Remove the orange or yellow TAG² (when removing the streamer tag, be sure to clip off the portion of the tag with written information and keep a record of what is written on the tag, in case the tag is lost in mail).
- LOCATION of recapture
- DATE of recapture
- Fishing GEAR used,, LENGTH and/or WEIGHT of fish
- YOUR NAME, telephone number and address

¹ Outside the United States, this toll free number can be used by dialing the access code for the country that you are in for AT&T DIRECT service to the United States.

² If the fish carries a **green and white** streamer tag, this is an indication that it carries also a special (archival) tag in the ventral cavity (just behind the heart), for which a **\$1,000** reward is offered. Remove this tag from the cavity, but do not cut it. To report such a recovery, please refer to the information above.