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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON BRAZIL’S BIGEYE TUNA PAYBACK PLAN**

*RECOGNISING* the overharvest of 1,587.34 t from 2022;

*TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* that Brazil is paying back in 2023 the overharvest of 553 t from 2021;

*FURTHER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* that Brazil has stablished a National Regulatory Framework to overcome the continued overharvest of bigeye tuna from 2023, under the coordination of the newly created Ministry of Fisheries;

*CONSIDERING* that Brazil has recently strengthened the National Regulatory Framework through a programme with a more robust monitoring, control and inspection measures for tuna;

*NOTING* Brazil’s disposition to payback accumulated exceeding catches and fulfill ICCAT’s management and conservation measures;

*FURTHER CONSIDERING* that Brazil is committed to keep the goals of ICCAT’s management and conservation plan for tropical tunas, especially the bigeye;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION

OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The overharvest of bigeye tuna of 1,587.34 t for 2022 shall be paid back over a period of 5 years, from 2024 to 2028, in the following way:

* 2024: 355.34 t
* 2025 to 2028: 308 t.