

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING RECOMMENDATION 08-05 TO
ESTABLISH A MULTI-ANNUAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR BLUEFIN TUNA
IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN**

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

Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and associated conditions

1. The total allowable catches for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna shall be set at 13,500 t in 2010. The allocation scheme established by Recommendation 08-05 shall remain unchanged.¹
2. The SCRS shall present a Kobe II strategy matrix reflecting recovery scenarios of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna in accordance with the multiannual recovery plan of the present Recommendation.
3. The Commission shall establish at its 2010 meeting a three-year recovery plan for 2011-2013 with the goal of achieving B_{MSY} through 2022 with at least 60% of probability, on a basis of the SCRS advice described in paragraph 2 above.
4. If the SCRS stock assessment detects a serious threat of fishery collapse, the Commission shall suspend all the fisheries for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna in 2011. Contracting Party, and Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity (hereafter referred to as CPCs) shall immediately intensify research activities so that SCRS can conduct further analysis and present recommendations on conservation and management measures necessary to resume the fisheries.

Closed fishing season

5. Purse seine fishing for bluefin tuna shall be prohibited in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean during the period from 15 June to 15 May.
6. The bad weather clause allowing for a possible extension of up to 5 days until 20 June (paragraph 21 of Rec. 08-05) shall be cancelled.

Further reduction of fishing capacity

7. Without prejudice to paragraph 45 of Rec. 08-05, each CPC shall reduce its fishing capacity referred to in paragraphs 42, 43 and 44 of Rec. 08-05 so as to ensure that the discrepancy between its fishing capacity and its fishing capacity commensurate with its allocated quota in 2011, 2012 and 2013, in accordance with the methodology approved at the 2009 annual meeting, shall be reduced by:
 - a) at least 50% in 2011
 - b) 20% in 2012
 - c) 5% in 2013
8. Management plans on fishing capacity for the remaining period shall be submitted annually for discussion and approval by the Commission.

¹ Note from the Secretariat: At the 2010 Inter-sessional Meeting of the Compliance Committee (Madrid, Spain, - February 24 to 26, 2010), the allocation scheme for 2010 was adopted and is appended to this Recommendation.

Joint fishing operations

9. For each CPC, the number of joint fishing operations between CPCs from 2010 shall be limited to the level of 2007, 2008 or 2009. Before the start of the fishing season, each concerned CPC shall notify the number of its joint fishing operations with other CPCs to the ICCAT Secretariat.

Inter-sessional meeting on compliance

10. The Commission shall review and determine each CPC's compliance, in particular that with paragraph 1 above and paragraph 46 of Recommendation 08-05, at its special session before the 2010 fishing season starts.
11. The Commission shall decide on the interim suspension or reduction of quota for the declared non compliant CPC, depending on the extent of the established non-compliance.

Appendix to the Recommendation Amending Recommendation 08-05 to Establish a Multi-annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic And Mediterranean

<i>CPC</i>	<i>2010 Rec. 08-05</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>2010 Rec. 09-06</i>	<i>Adjusted quotas 2010</i>	<i>Notes 2010</i>
Albania	50	0.2506266	33.83	33.83	
Algeria	1,012.13	5.0733333	684.9	684.9	
China (People's Rep.)	56.86	0.2850125	38.48	38.48	
Croatia	581.51	2.9148371	393.5	393.5	
Egypt	50	0.2506266	33.83	33.83	
European Union **	11,237.59	56.328772	7,604.38	7,086.38	(-500t) - (-18t)
Iceland	46.11	0.2311278	31.2	31.2	
Japan	1,696.57	8.5041103	1,148.05	1,148.05	
Korea (Rep.)	119.9	0.6010025	81.14	81.14	
Libya	857.33	4.2973935	580.15	725.15	+145t
Morocco	1,891.49	9.4811529	1,279.96	1,606.96	+327t
Norway	46.11	0.2311278	31.2	31.2	
Syria	50	0.2506266	33.83	33.83	
Tunisia	1,573.67	7.8880702	1,064.89	1,109.51	+202t-157.38t
Turkey*	619.28	3.1041604	419.06	419.06	
Chinese Taipei	61.48	0.3081704	41.6	41.6	
TOTAL	19,950.00	13,500.00	13,500.02	13,498.62	

* Objection to 2007-2010 quota (Annex 4 of Rec. 08-05).

** Includes voluntary reduction of 18 t.