

RESOLUTION BY ICCAT FOR THE PILOT APPLICATION OF THE KOBE 2 DECISION MATRIX

RECALLING that the Recommended Course of Actions from the first Global Summit of Tuna RFMOs in Kobe, Japan, included the standardization of stock assessment presentations, and that management decisions be based upon scientific advice, including the use and application of the precautionary approach;

NOTING that the first Global Summit of Tuna RFMOs agreed that stock assessment results be presented in a standardized “four quadrant, red-yellow-green” format that is now referred to as the “Kobe Plot”, which is widely embraced as a practical, user-friendly method to present stock status information;

RECOGNIZING that at the Second Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs in June 2009 in San Sebastian, Spain, it was recognized that the logical step following the Kobe Plot is a “strategy matrix” for fishery managers, laying out options for meeting management targets, such as ending overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks, in a standardized manner;

ACKNOWLEDGING the Strategy Matrix as a harmonized format for RFMO science bodies to convey advice, the Commission would specify targets for each fishery, and the matrix would present the specific management measures that would achieve the intended management target with a certain probability by a certain time, and the probabilities and timeframes to be evaluated would be determined by the Commission;

HIGHLIGHTING that this format for presenting stock assessment results facilitates the application of the precautionary approach by providing Commissions with the basis to evaluate and adopt management options at various levels of probability;

UNDERSCORING the findings and recommendations of the First Working Group on the Future of ICCAT (Sapporo, Japan) for the use of the best available scientific information and precautionary approach, including a pilot application of the Kobe II strategy matrix on two ICCAT stocks to be assessed in 2010;

COMMITTING to improved data collection, reporting, accountability and transparency of stock status and rebuilding goals for Atlantic bluefin and bigeye tuna stocks;

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

The SCRS should complete the following matrix with the corresponding levels of catch to provide management advice to the Commission in 2010 for bluefin and bigeye tunas as follows:

Strategy Matrix for Setting Management Measures

Management Target	Time Frame*	Probability of Meeting Target				Data Rich/Data Poor
		50%	60%	75%	90%	
F_{MSY}	In 1 year					
	In 3 years					
	In 5 years					

Management Target	Time Frame*	Probability of Meeting Target				Data Rich/Data Poor
		50%	60%	75%	90%	
B_{MSY}	In 5 year					
	In 10 years					
	In 15 years					

* In cases where a rebuilding timeframe has already been agreed, the SCRS should base its advice on that time frame.