

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING THE RECOMMENDATION 22-08
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE
EASTERN ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN**

RECOGNIZING that Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08) has some ambiguities and errors, which require clarifications or corrections;

NOTING that the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2 in March 2023 agreed that several Annexes of Rec. 22-08 required an amendment;

ALSO NOTING that the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) in June 2023 endorsed "Proposed amendment to Annex 10 of Rec. 22-08" as well as "Modification to Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 21-08 establishing a Multi-annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (Rec. 22-08) - Errors and inconsistencies" and agreed that both would be forwarded to Panel 2 for consideration;

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

The following amendments shall be made to Rec. 22-08:

Paragraphs 21 and 22 shall be removed.

Paragraphs 20, 23 and 24 shall read as follows:

**"Part II:
Management measures**

Farming capacity

20. Each farm CPC shall establish an annual farming management plan. Such plan shall demonstrate that the total input capacity and the total farming capacity is commensurate with the estimated amount of bluefin tuna available for farming including the information referred to in paragraph 23. Revised farming management plans, if appropriate, shall be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 June each year. The Commission shall ensure that the total farming and input capacity in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean is commensurate with the total amount of bluefin tuna available for farming in the area.
23. Each CPC shall establish an annual maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna into its farms at the level of the input quantities registered with ICCAT by its farms in 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008. If a CPC needs to increase the maximum input of wild caught tuna in one or several of its tuna farms, that increase shall be commensurate with the fishing opportunities allocated to that CPC, including live bluefin tuna imports.
24. The ICCAT Secretariat shall compile statistics on the annual amount of caging (input of wild caught fish), harvesting, and export, by farm CPC, using the data in the eBCD system. The Standing Catch Document Scheme Working Group (CDS WG) shall consider the development of such a data extraction functionality, and until such functionality becomes available each farm CPC shall report these statistics to the ICCAT Secretariat. These statistics shall be made available on the ICCAT website subject to confidentiality requirements."

Paragraph 120(a) shall read as follows:

“120. Each donor operator CPC shall take the necessary measures to ensure that identical copies of the relevant video records are provided without delay by the donor operator:

- a) for the first transfer operation and the eventual voluntary or control transfer, to the ICCAT regional observer and to the receiving towing vessel and, at the end of the fishing trip, to the flag or trap CPC competent authority of the donor operator;”

A new paragraph (paragraph 12) shall be added to Annex 10.

“12. The provisions of this **Annex** shall not apply to release of bluefin tuna from traps as a result of lifting of the gear at the end of the activity.”

In Annex 11, a new column “Destination of dead fish (discarded or landed)” shall be added between the columns “N° of dead BFT” and “Master’s signature” in the template to Annex 11 (Reporting of fish that die during further transfers and towing operations).

The first paragraph in Annex 14 shall read as follows:

“Prior to their deployment on a purse seine vessel, a trap, or a towing vessel, the provider responsible for the ROP shall provide a minimum of 25 ICCAT seals to each ICCAT regional observer under their responsibility and maintain a record of the seals provided and used.”