

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO REPLACE
RECOMMENDATION 23-02 ON BRAZIL'S BIGEYE TUNA PAYBACK PLAN**

RECOGNISING the overharvest of 1,587.34 t from 2022 and 922.03 t from 2023;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil is paying back 355.34 t in 2024 from the 2022 overharvest;

FURTHER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that Brazil has established a National Regulatory Framework to avoid the continued overharvest of bigeye tuna from 2023, under the coordination of the newly created Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, joint with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change;

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

NOTING Brazil's willingness to payback accumulated exceeding catches and fulfill ICCAT management and conservation measures;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that Brazil is committed to 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 remaining overharvest of bigeye tuna of 1,232 t from 2022 and the overharvest of 922.03 t from 2023 shall be paid back over a period of 4 years, from 2025 to 2028, in the following way:
 - 2025 to 2028: 538.5 t
2. This Recommendation repeals and replaces the *Recommendation by ICCAT on Brazil's bigeye tuna payback plan* (Rec. 23-02)