

LETTER FROM EGYPT REQUESTING AN INCREASE OF BLUEFIN TUNA QUOTA



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Dear Sir (s)

Executive Secretary,

PANEL 2 Chairman,

In the beginning, Egypt would like to thank you for all your effort that you are given continuously in order to achieve and implement the ICCAT principles and its roles, on the other hand, it has our highest appreciation what you did provide to Egypt all those years of support so we can apply and implement the needed Conservation regulations through transposed the ICCAT Recommendation into the Egyptian domestic law.

Allover 11 years which reflect our contribution in the ICCAT since Egypt joined in 2007, we are trying hard to fulfill all our obligations and compliance with the ICCAT recommendations, each year we are getting closer to the perfect management of our tuna file – as much as we can – through enhance and develop the management standers as well as the protective regulation that organizing fishing operations, in accordance with our available economic resources “ which unfortunately very limited “ to reach the highest level of commitment.

Despite all these efforts to develop our management methods to the BFT. File, the current Egyptian quota is out of proportion as well as it is not proportionate with the Egyptian long coast on the Mediterranean Sea approximately 1000 Kilometer, and our geographic position, and the biggest fishing fleet on the Mediterranean Sea according to the FAO statistics, regardless the Egyptian population and its nation's rights in their water ... Egypt only has 0.5 % from the whole TOTAL ALLOWED QUOTA which is against all justice, if we consider all above mentioned

Even when Egypt tried to develop its fishing capability during 2017 fishing season, our Egyptian quota doesn't commensurate to have three registered BFT vessels and we have been forced to eliminate one vessel from our fishing plan

So, we are kindly asking you to reconsider our Egyptian quota to be commensurate and justify our original rights so we can enhance and develop our tuna management level in the practical and scientific side especially in this time that Egypt should have all support from your esteemed organization to up-rise the Egyptian economy

Your positive response is a highly appreciated

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