

TROPICAL TUNA FISHING MANAGEMENT PLAN**Name of CPC: St. Vincent and the Grenadines****Fishing Plan Year: 2018****1. Introduction**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has a High Seas fishing fleet which are foreign owned vessels registered in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The High Seas fishing fleet is of an industrial nature, harvesting tuna and tuna like species. There are Thirty-three (33) such vessels of between 23 to 52 meters in length fishing in the Atlantic.

The current high seas fishery is a Long line tuna fishery utilizing long line gear and licensed to target albacore, big eye tuna, yellowfin tuna and swordfish. This fishery is governed by two essential legislative documents, the High Seas Fishing Act (2001) and the High Seas Fishing Regulations (2003), and where applicable the Fisheries (Prevention of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Regulations (2017).

2. Details of fishing plan

There are thirty-three (33) vessels flagged to St. Vincent and the Grenadines that are involved in the Long line fishery. The Long line fishery is the only High Seas fishery that St. Vincent and the Grenadines conducts and as such the Quotas allocated to the country, if any, are assigned to these thirty-three vessels. Catch data is compiled and reviewed monthly to ascertain compliance of these vessels to the recommendations set forth by the ICCAT Commission.

CPCs should also complete the following table:

	<i>ICCAT Requirement (per 16-01)</i>	<i>Explanation of CPC actions taken to implement</i>	<i>Relevant domestic laws or regulations (as applicable)</i>	<i>Note</i>
1.	Catch reporting (para. 5)	Fisheries Division reports SVG's quarterly catch of BET to ICCAT	High Seas Fishing Act 2001; High Seas Fishing Regulations 2003	
2.	Implementation of the area/time closure (para. 38), including inspection and control measures	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas vessels do not fish around FADs
3.	Use of and limitation of FADs (para 16)	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas vessels do not fish around FADs
4.	CPC Scientific Observer (para 39 and Annex 5)	N/A	N/A	SVG High Seas vessels do not operate within any CPC's EEZ

5.	Quota transfers para 8)	N/A	N/A	SVG does not have a quota allocation for Bigeye tuna
6.	Capacity management (para 12)	N/A	N/A	Capacity limitation does not apply to SVG as per para 12 (d)
7.	Maximum by-catch limit established for non-authorized vessels (para 27)	N/A	N/A	All SVG High Seas vessels are licensed to catch tropical tunas

Capacity Management Plan

In addition to paragraph 12 of Rec. 16-01, each CPC will provide the number of fishing vessels and the corresponding fishing capacity using the template provided by the Secretariat (attached). This information will also be made available to SCRS.

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