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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING THE RECOMMENDATION 17-07 ON BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN

(Submitted by Chair of Panel 2)

ACKNOWLEDGING the outcomes of the intersessional meeting of Panel 2 held in Madrid in 5-7 March 2018,

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

The subparagraph 5(a) of the recommendation 17-07 shall be replaced by the following subparagraph:

5 (a) The total allowable catches (TACs) for the years 2018-2020 shall be set at: 28,200 t for 2018; 32,240 t for 2019; and 36,000 t for 2020, in accordance with the following quota scheme:

CPC	Quota 2018 (t)	Quota 2019 (t)	Quota 2020 (t)
Albania	100	156	170
Algeria	1,260	1,446	1,655
China	79	90	102
Egypt	181	266	330
European Union	15,850	17,623	19,460
Iceland*	84	147	180
Japan	2,279	2,544	2,819
Korea	160	184	200
Libya	1,846	2,060	2,255
Morocco	2,578	2,948	3,284
Norway	104	239	300
Syria	66	73	80
Tunisia	2,115	2,400	2,655
Turkey	1,414	1,880	2,305
Chinese Taipei	79	84	90
Subtotal	28 <u>,195</u>	32,140	35,885
Unallocated Reserves	5	100	115
TOTAL	28,200	32,240	36,000

^{*}Notwithstanding the provision of this Part, Iceland may catch beyond the quota amount each year by 25% while its total catch for 2018, 2019, and 2020 shall not exceed 411 t (84 t + 147 t + 180 t).

In 2018 and 2019, the Commission may distribute the unallocated reserves for 2019 and 2020 in consideration of the stock status updated by SCRS and the needs of CPCs, in particular the needs of coastal developing CPCs in their artisanal fisheries.

This table shall not be interpreted to have changed the allocation keys shown in Recommendation 14-04. The new keys shall be established in the future consideration by the Commission.

Mauritania may catch up to 5 t for research in each year. The catch shall be deducted from the unallocated reserve.

These TACs shall be reviewed annually on the advice of the SCRS.