

**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	<u>156</u>	<u>170</u>
Algeria	1,260	<u>1,446</u>	<u>1,655</u>
China	79	<u>90</u>	<u>102</u>
Egypt	181	<u>266</u>	<u>330</u>
European Union	15,850	<u>17,623</u>	<u>19,460</u>
Iceland*	84	<u>147</u>	<u>180</u>
Japan	2,279	<u>2,544</u>	<u>2,819</u>
Korea	160	<u>184</u>	<u>200</u>
Libya	1,846	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,255</u>
Morocco	2,578	<u>2,948</u>	<u>3,284</u>
Norway	104	<u>239</u>	<u>300</u>
Syria	66	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>
Tunisia	2,115	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,655</u>
Turkey	1,414	<u>1,880</u>	<u>2,305</u>
Chinese Taipei	79	<u>84</u>	<u>90</u>
Subtotal	28,915	<u>32,140</u>	<u>35,885</u>
Unallocated Reserves	5	<u>100</u>	<u>115</u>
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.