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STREAMLINING OF ICCAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
Measures for consideration by PANEL 4

ICCAT Secretariat, in consultation with Chairs of subsidiary bodies

PANEL 4 (See also PLE-113/218)

1. [94-14] *Recommendation by ICCAT for the management of Atlantic swordfish*

This Recommendation had been left active due to paragraph 6, but all other paragraphs are out of date.

6. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take other appropriate measures to protect small swordfish, including, but not limited to, the establishment of time and area closures, possibly determined by test fisheries. Contracting Parties are further encouraged to conduct the necessary studies to determine whether gear selectivity can reduce catches of undersize fish.

This may be covered already by paragraphs 9 and 10 of Rec. 16-03 and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Rec. 16-04.

Suggested action: It is suggested that the Panel 4/ Commission consider whether this Recommendation should therefore be repealed or incorporated into other measures as necessary.

2. [01-04] *Resolution by ICCAT for evaluating alternatives to reduce catches of juveniles or dead discards of swordfish*

This is a non-binding resolution which may be covered already by paragraphs 9 and 10 of Rec. 16-03 and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Rec. 16-04.

Suggested action: That the Commission consider whether this Resolution should therefore be repealed.

3. [10-09] *Recommendation by ICCAT on the by-catch of sea turtles in ICCAT fisheries*

- [13-11] *Recommendation by ICCAT amending recommendation 10-09 on the by-catch of sea turtles in ICCAT fisheries*

Rec. 13-11 was adopted to amend Rec. 10-09, however the text of 10-09 has not been altered to reflect the amendments.

Suggested action: That the Commission consider combining these two measures into one.

4. [07-07] *Recommendation by ICCAT on reducing incidental by-catch of seabirds in longline fisheries*

- [11-09] *Supplemental recommendation by ICCAT on reducing incidental by-catch of seabirds in ICCAT longline fisheries*

Rec. 11-09 established requirements intended to replace requirements of Rec. 07-07 in certain areas. Paragraph provides that Rec. 07-07 will continue to apply in the area between 20oS to 25oS.

Suggested action: To ensure greater clarity as to the applicability of these measures, the Commission may wish to consider combining these Recommendations. One possible way forward would be to incorporate the regulation and the derogation stipulated in paragraphs four and five of Rec. 07-07 into Rec. 11-09 and repeal Rec. 07-07.

5. [16-10] *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Recommendation [15-05] by ICCAT to Further Strengthen the Plan to Rebuild Blue Marlin and White Marlin Stocks*

Suggested action: As this Recommendation allows for the one time transfer of quota in 2017, now outdated, the Commission may wish to consider whether this Recommendation should be repealed

6. [16-13] *Recommendation by ICCAT on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures regarding Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries remains in force, but may require updating to take into account events since its adoption.*

Suggested action: There may be a need to include Recommendation 17-08 in the list of measures on which reporting is required, and in the Annex.

AND

PLENARY (in conjunction with Panels 2 and 4)

- [96-14] *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and North Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries*
- [97-08] *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the South Atlantic Swordfish*
- [01-13] *Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries*

Treatment of overage and underage on western Atlantic bluefin tuna and Atlantic swordfish is stipulated specifically in Rec. 17-06 (WBFT), Rec. 17-02 (NSWO) and Rec. 17-03 (SSWO). However, paragraph 3 of Rec. 96-14 is missing in Rec. 16-03 and 16-04. Rec. 17-07 for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna has no specific provision on payback in case of overharvest.

Suggested action: The Secretariat had suggested that the Commission consider inserting paragraph 3 of Rec. 96-14 when amending Rec. 16-03 and 16-04 and paragraphs 2 and 3 when amending Rec. 14-04 by which Recs. 96-14, 97-08 and 01-13 may be repealed. These suggestions were not taken on board when developing / adopting new measures in 2017. Opinion is sought on whether CPCs believe that these Recommendations should remain as are, and no further efforts made to streamline these three.

**Recommendations which were specifically repealed by the
measures adopted in 2017 and have been deactivated**

Panel 4

- [16-03] *Recommendation by ICCAT for the Conservation of North Atlantic Swordfish*

Repealed by Rec. 17-02, para 15

- [16-04] *Recommendation by ICCAT for the Conservation of South Atlantic Swordfish*

Repealed by Rec. 17-03, para 14