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STREAMLINING OF ICCAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

ICCAT Secretariat in consultation with Chairs of subsidiary bodies

The discussion on the procedure for the streamlining of ICCAT Conservation and Management measures will be led by STACFAD, on the basis of document **STF-205/2018**. In order for discussion on the relevant sections to take place in the appropriate bodies, however, extracts have been submitted to those bodies for their consideration. One issue straddles more than one Panel, and hence is also being submitted to Plenary for consideration.

PLENARY (in conjunction with Panels 2 and 4, see also documents PA2-602/2018 and PA4-803/2018)

- [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Rec. 16-03 and 16-04 and paragraphs 2 and 3 when amending Rec. 14-04 by which Recs. 96-14, 97-08 and 01-13 may be repealed.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.