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**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT OF DEPLOYMENT
OF FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FADs) IN THE ICCAT CONVENTION AREA**

(Submitted by Senegal)

CONSIDERING the negative impacts on the environment of the fish aggregating devices (FADs) used in some tuna fisheries;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the inadequacies in compliance with Recommendation 16-01 as it relates to FAD management;

NOTING the conclusions of the 2019 Report of the Joint T-RFMO FAD Working Group regarding development and implementation of appropriate FAD management frameworks;

NOTING the recommendations of the ICCAT Scientific Committee on high mortality of juveniles of bigeye and yellowfin tuna in FAD associated fisheries;

NOTING the observation of the ICCAT Scientific Committee regarding high mortality of shark, turtle and other non-target species taken incidentally in the tuna surface fishery using FADs;

CONSIDERING the huge number of FADs drifting in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and the absence of adequate legislation for controlling these devices;

RECALLING Recommendation 16-01 which was adopted by our Commission for better FAD management;

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

- 1 The SCRS, in collaboration with the Commission and the Secretariat, shall adopt definitions of the priority terms related to FAD fishing and shall submit a lexicon or glossary to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Commission.
- 2 The ICCAT Executive Secretary shall contact the other t-RFMOs to review the potential for consistency and harmonisation, to the extent practicable, of FAD management measures.
- 3 The Compliance Committee and the Scientific Committee shall review and assess yearly the FAD related information that is submitted by all parties concerned, in accordance with Recommendation 16-01.
- 4 The maximum number of 500 FADs authorised by Recommendation 16-01 shall be reduced to 250 as from adoption of this recommendation. The flag State shall ensure that no more than 250 instrumented buoys are active at sea from time to time, in relation to each of its vessels, through measures such as verification of telecommunications invoices. The flag State shall also ensure that no more than 500 instrumented buoys are purchased annually by each of its fishing vessels.
- 5 As from 2021, it shall be prohibited to use plastic or non-biodegradable material to make FADs.