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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

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SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Dear Prof. Hazin,

On behalf of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I am writing to inform you that, at the 26th Regular meeting of ICCAT (18-26 November 2019, Palma de Mallorca, Spain), the Commission noted that certain statistical data had been received late and that some reporting deficiencies remain unresolved. The issues are listed in the attached response template.

The Commission is pleased to note the progress made by Brazil in comparison with previous years, in particular with respect to the timely submission of certain data, and thanks you for your work to date to improve compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures. The Compliance Committee (COC), in particular, has taken note of the improvement, and encourages Brazil to continue its efforts in this regard.

During the 2019 Compliance Committee meeting, Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities (CPCs) were assessed for compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures and reporting requirements. Based on the review of the Secretariat Report on Statistics and Coordination of Research and the 2019 Secretariat's Report to the Compliance Committee and other available information, the Committee noted the following issues for Brazil:

- Task II catch and effort data for billfish and sharks received late
- Rec. 16-14: Minimum observer % requirement not met
- Rec. 18-05: Billfish Check Sheet received late
- Rec. 16-01: Some quarterly bigeye tuna catch reports received late
- Compliance reporting tables incomplete (no information on compliance with size limits)

Lack of full implementation of ICCAT requirements can undermine the work of the Commission in fulfilling the Convention's objectives, and late or incomplete reporting causes difficulties for the Secretariat in preparing documents for the Commission and its Panels and Committees and reduces the effectiveness of the Compliance Committee. The lists of reporting requirements, the relevant reporting forms, and ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions are published annually on the ICCAT web site at:

https://www.iccat.int/en/SubmitCOMP.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/submitSTAT.html
https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp

The Commission requests Brazil to reply to this letter before **20 October 2020** and complete the attached template (preferably submitted as an MS Word document) to indicate the actions taken by Brazil to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

If you have any questions about the issues raised in this letter, including a request for a more detailed explanation of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Secretariat at info@iccat.int.

In thanking you for your attention to these important matters, let me express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Derek Campbell
Compliance Committee Chair

cc: M. Delgado, *Commission Chair*