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COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL ATÚN ATLÁNTICO

Madrid, 21 September 2020

Mr. Xavier C. Prens
Chairman of the International Fisheries Commission
Ministry of Economic Development of Curaçao
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SUBJECT: LETTER ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Dear Mr. Prens,

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 certain reporting and implementation deficiencies as listed in the attached response template.

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 deficiencies for Curaçao:

- Part II, Section 3, of Annual Report was received late (deadline15 September 2020).
- Task 1 data was not reported for some species (if no catches were made, zero catch should be reported) (Rec. 11-15)
- Compliance Reporting Tables were received late (deadline August 15) (Rec. 11-11)
- Some bigeye tuna quarterly catch reports were received late
- Some small discrepancies between Task 1 figures and compliance reporting table figures for marlins (BUM/WHM) (BUM 2018: Task 1 not reported, 2.30t in compliance table. WHM 2017: 0.6t in Task 1, no data in compliance table. WHM 2018: Task 1 not reported, 0.8t in compliance table).

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 Curaçao 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 Curaçao to rectify the deficiencies indicated.

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*