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PROPOSED TABLE TO REPLACE PA1-502/20 "2020 TUNA BIGEYE CATCH LIMITS"¹

Secretariat estimation of 2020 bigeye tuna catch limits according to Rec. 19-02

With regards to the table of 2020 catch limits circulated by the Secretariat in PA1-502, South Africa and Senegal have suggested that the table developed by the Secretariat to compile catch limits of bigeye tuna for 2020 does not accurately reflect the requirements or intent of Rec. 19-02 paragraph 4, in the following ways:

- It includes unilaterally declared national limits for a number of CPCs, presenting them as ICCAT agreed obligations, which they are not. A number of unilaterally declared national limits included in this table are inconsistent with the requirements and/or intent of paragraph 4.
- Rec. 19-02 does not contain binding limits (or rules for determining a limit) for CPCs with recent average catches of less than 1,000 t. Paragraph 4(d) states that these CPCs are instead "encouraged to maintain catch and effort at recent levels". It is therefore inaccurate to present any limits for those countries with a recent average of below 1,000 t.
- While reference to some Rec. 16-01 limits as the basis for calculating the new limits that apply under Rec. 19-02 is appropriate, it is not appropriate to directly include limits from Rec. 16-01, such as the 1,575 t or 3,500 t limits. Rec. 16-01 was replaced by Rec. 19-02 (see para. 68 of Rec 19-02) and as such those limits no longer apply.
- It is incorrect to include in any calculation of "total limits", anything for CPCs to which paragraph 4(d) applies.
- It is misleading to present a calculation of the "total limits" as "possible overharvest". It was recognised by CPCs participating in the negotiations on paragraph 4, that it is highly unlikely that all CPCs will catch their limits in any one year. Although the sum of limits was greater than the TAC amount, it is possible that the TAC could still be achieved.
- Any overage or underage allowed under paragraphs 10-12 of Rec. 19-02 and verified by SCRS data, should be noted separately in the table to ensure full transparency.
- Evidence must be provided for the addition of 2121.35 t (of 2018 catch) to the 2020 EU limit as stated in PA1-502/20 Annex provided by the Secretariat. The SCRS 2020 Advice (see BET-Table 1) reports EU catches of 16,867 t in 2018, only 122 t under the 16,989 t limit that applied to the EU in 2018. This suggests that 2121.35t carryover is not allowed under Rec. 19-02 or supported by SCRS catch data.

The Table below shows the alternative being proposed for endorsement by Panel 1 and the Commission.

¹ Instead of following our usual procedure showing changes with underlining, changes to figures in the table have been marked in red. These indicate the differences between the table drafted by the Secretariat and that suggested by South Africa.

Proposed bigeye catch limits for 2020.

	<u>CPC catch limits in accordance with para. 4 (a- c)</u>	<u>Recent average catch of CPCs to which para. 4 (d) applies</u>	<u>Notes</u> <i>[Any underage, overage or transfer that is explicitly allowed for under 19- 02, to be explained here]</i>
ANGOLA		3.00	
BARBADOS		22.74	
BELIZE	1603.40		
BRAZIL	6043.32		
CANADA	[...]	215.37	
CABO VERDE	1781.68		
CHINA PR.	4462.00		
CHINESE TAIPEI	9226.41		
COLOMBIA		0.00	
CÔTE D'IVOIRE		559.09	
CURAÇAO	2558.87		
EI SALVADOR	1552.77		
EUROPEAN UNION	13421.31		[e.g. Adjusted limit = 13843.31 t Reflects 300 t transfer of Japan and 122 t carryover [in 2018].
FRANCE (SPM)		0.10	
GABON		0.00	
GHANA	3968.23		
GUATEMALA	[...]	911.93	
GUINEA ECUATORIAL		10.53	
GUINÉE REP.	1000.22		
GUYANA		29.27	
JAPAN	13979.84		[e.g. Adjusted limit = 13079.84 t. Reflects 600 t transfer to China and 300 t transfer to EU [Rec. 19-02, para 8, footnote 2]]
KOREA REP.	[...]	677.37	
LIBERIA		31.53	
MAROC	[...]	342.13	
MAURITANIA		0.83	
MEXICO		2.21	
NAMIBIA		301.08	
NICARAGUA		0.00	
NIGERIA		0.00	
PANAMA	1707.05		
PHILIPPINES	1767.59		
RUSSIA		0.00	
S. TOMÉ E PRINCIPE		389.20	
SENEGAL	1322.73		
SOUTH AFRICA		225.70	
SVG		509.37	
T&T		49.47	
UK (O.T)	[...]	52.65	
UNITED STATES	[...]	844.65	
URUGUAY		0.00	
VANUATU		4.00	
VENEZUELA		193.73	