

**STATEMENT BY CHINESE TAIPEI TO PANEL 2
ON NORTHERN ALBACORE PROPOSALS (PA2-606A and 607A)**

(submitted by Chinese Taipei)

Chinese Taipei has carefully read the two proposals on northern albacore and the letter from the Chair of Panel 2 as circulated in ICCAT Circular #7595/2020. Indeed, the allocation of TAC among CPCs has always been a major issue that needs discussion in detail. However, considering the exceptional circumstances that we are facing this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a pro-rata increase of the allocations, catch limits for small harvesters, and bycatch tolerance for Japan across the board in 2021 will be the most pragmatic way forward. This issue, together with others such as the consolidation of Rec. 16-06 and Rec.17-04, could be further deliberated at the 2021 annual meeting.

In light of the foregoing, Chinese Taipei supports the Chair's proposals on northern albacore (**PA2_606A** and **PA2_607A**).