

SUMMARY REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF PANEL 3

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1. Review of Panel membership

In accordance with ICCAT Circular 7729/20, Panel 3 welcomes the United Kingdom as a member of Panel 3. A full list of Panel 3 members is contained in document GEN-004A/20.

2. Review of Compliance Tables

In accordance with Rec. 16-07, paragraphs 4(a) and 4(b), the following eligible Panel 3 members had requested the carryover of underages:

Belize

Belize would also like to express its intention to carry over our underage in 2019 to 2021 in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Rec. 16-07. Since Belize's underage for 2019 exceeded 25% of its initial quota allocation of 250 t, Belize would like to carry forward 62.5 t of its underages in 2019 to 2021. Furthermore, Belize would also like to request to be considered for allocation of any remaining underage in accordance with paragraph 4(b) and/or (c) of Rec. 16-07 as appropriate to complement our initial quota allocation.

China

China wishes to express the intention to carry over up to 25% of original quota of southern albacore from 2019 to 2021 in accordance with Para 4 a) of Rec. 16-07 as well as those carryovers under para 4 b) of Rec. 16-07.

Chinese Taipei

In response to ICCAT Circular #7703/20, Chinese Taipei would like to inform you that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 southern albacore quota to 2021 in accordance with Rec. 16-07. The underage amount of 2019 was 2,124 metric tons.

European Union

The EU informs, in accordance with paragraph 4(a) and (b) of Rec. 16-07, that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 quota to 2021. The underage of 2019 was 1755.77 t. However, since according to Rec. 16-07 the maximum amount of carryover allowed is 25% of the initial quota (1470.00 t), 367.50 t (25% of 1470.00 t) will be transferred to 2021.

Japan

Taking this opportunity, Japan informs, in accordance with paragraph 4(a) and (b) of Rec. 16-07, that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 quota to 2021. The underage of 2019 was 470.73 t. However, since the maximum amount of carryover is 25% of the original quota (1,355 t), 338.75 t (25% of 1,355 t) will be transferred to 2021.

Namibia

The underage of 2019 was 2,633.50 t. However, since the maximum amount of carryover is 25% of the original quota (3,600 t), 900 t (25% of 3,600 t) will be transferred to 2021.

South Africa

In accordance with ICCAT Circular 7324/20, South Africa would also like to inform the Secretariat that in accordance with paragraph 4(a) and (b) of Rec. 16-07, that it will carry over the underage of its 2019 quota to be fished during the 2021 fishing season. The underage of 2019 was 1097.13 t.

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Reported through Compliance Tables carry over of 25% from 2019 to 2021.

Uruguay

Reported through Compliance Tables carry over of 25% from 2019 to 2021.

Statements on the above were presented by Belize (PWG_705/20), EU (PA3_704/20), Namibia (PA3_703/20) and South Africa (PA3_707/20) attached as XXX.

These requests will be reflected in the final Compliance Table for approval by the Compliance Committee and Commission. It should be noted that in 2018, there was agreement by Panel 3 that CPCs are permitted to carry forward all of their own underages up to 25% of their initial allocation. If a CPC's underages total less than 25% of their initial allocation, they can access additional pooled underage to achieve up to a total of 25%. All CPCs which requested underages have 25% of their initial quota available, so there are no additional allocations from pooled underages.

Statements on this issue were presented by Japan PA3_706 and South Africa [PA3_707], and attached as xxx.

3. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

The Chair of Panel 3 had put forward the "Draft Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend the Recommendation 16-07 by ICCAT on South Atlantic Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017-2020" [PA3_701/20]. At the end of the correspondence period for Panel 3, round 2, no objections were received to this proposal which was actively supported by European Union, Japan and Namibia and South Africa. This support was reflected in the statements by EU, Namibia and South Africa attached as **Appendices x, y and z** [PA3_703, 704 and 707]. Japan informed through a letter that Japan supports Panel 3 Chair's proposal on Southern Albacore to extend Rec. 16-07 for one year to 2021 and that Japan understands that it means all the conservation and management measures active in 2020 will be simply applied in 2021. The Chair of Panel 3 would therefore like to put this draft forward for adoption by the Commission.

4. Identification of outdated measures in light of 3 above

There are no outdated measures to be removed from the Active Compendium at this time. This issue will be revisited at the 2021 Commission meeting.

5. Recommendations to the Commission based on findings of above

Panel 3 recommends the adoption of "Draft Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend the Recommendation 16-07 by ICCAT on South Atlantic Albacore Catch Limits for the Period 2017-2020" [PA3-701] and the endorsement of the South Albacore Compliance Tables [as contained in COC_304C], and that the Commission review the measures for South Atlantic Albacore in 2021.