

### SUMMARY REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF PANEL 4

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#### 1. Review of Panel membership

In accordance with ICCAT Circular #7729/20, Panel 4 welcomes the United Kingdom as a member of Panel 4. A full list of Panel 4 members is contained in document GEN-004A.

#### 2. Review of Compliance Tables

No specific issues were referred to the Panel; interpretations made by Panel 4 in previous years regarding carry-over measures still stand and have been taken into account in the drafting of the tables.

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

Four proposals had been put forward to Panel 4 for consideration.

The first, the *"Draft recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 19-03 by ICCAT for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish"* [PA4-803], was adopted by the Panel by consensus.

Three proposals relating to Shortfin Mako were tabled:

- a) *"Draft recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries"* [PA4-804], proposed by the EU
- b) *"Draft recommendation by ICCAT to establish a rebuilding program for North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks caught in association with ICCAT fisheries"* [PA4-805], proposed by the USA. In addition to the draft Recommendation, the United States also put forward a document on *Best practices for reducing total mortality of North Atlantic shortfin mako sharks* [PA4-807].
- c) *"Draft recommendation by ICCAT on conservation of Atlantic shortfin mako caught in association with ICCAT fisheries"* [PA4-806], proposed by Canada. This latter was subsequently co-sponsored by Gabon, Senegal, United Kingdom and Chinese Taipei and also received the support of Norway.

There was a divergence of views in the content of these three proposals and unfortunately consensus could not be reached. It was therefore noted that the provisions of Rec. 19-06 would remain in force for 2021, and further discussion would take place intersessionally.

Statements relating to shortfin mako were received from Canada [PA4-831], European Union [PA4-814 and 829] Gabon [PA4-827], Morocco [PA4-817], Senegal [PA4-812], United Kingdom [PA4-816 and PA4-830], United States [PA4-818 and 823] and Chinese Taipei [PA4-826].

Statements were also received from the following observers: The Ecology Action Centre [PA4-810], Global Tuna Alliance [PA4-809], PEW Charitable Trusts [PA4-808], Project Aware [PA4-824], Sciaena [PA4-815], Shark Project [PA4-813 and 828], Shark Trust [PA4-819] and WWF [PA4-811].

All statements to Panel 4 are attached as **Appendices XX**.

**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**

Based on the above, Panel 4 recommends that the Commission adopt:

- The "*Draft recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 19-03 by ICCAT for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish*" [PA4-803].
- That an intersessional meeting or Panel 4 be held in July 2021 to continue working on measures for shortfin mako.