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REPORTING ON ABANDONED, LOST OR OTHERWISE DISCARED FISHING GEAR AND RETRIEVED FISHING GEAR

ICCAT Secretariat

The *Recommendation by ICCAT on Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear* [Rec. 19-11], requires all CPCs to "notify the Executive Secretary of the information referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 [of Rec. 19-11]" in relation to lost and retrieved fishing gear.

In order to facilitate reporting on this, the Secretariat developed forms CP51-ALDFG and CP52-FLFG available on the ICCAT web site and contained for ease of reference in **Annex 1**.

These forms may need further discussion at the next IMM meeting if any refinement is needed, meanwhile, CPCs are welcome to send any comments to the Secretariat.

Since the entry into force of the Recommendation in June, no information has been received by the Secretariat on either lost or found gear. The requirements have been included in the Reporting Table of Section 3 of the Annual Report as GEN 37 and GEN 38.

The forms have also been made available to other tRFMOs in the event that they take measures on this issue in order to try to develop coherent and compatible reporting formats across Oceans.