

STATEMENT BY INFOPÊCHE

The Intergovernmental Organisation for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) follows closely the discussions on tropical tunas within Panel 1.

INFOPÊCHE is disappointed at non-adoption of a tropical tunas management measure at this session. The SCRS report invites caution since even if the Kobe strategy incites TAC increase, the Kobe plot indicates that the trajectory of the bigeye tuna stock is between the yellow and the green and even that it is closer to the yellow quadrant.

INFOPÊCHE thanks CPCs that have supported that any increase in the current TAC be accompanied by strong measures to protect juveniles in view of increasing stock productivity.

INFOPÊCHE invites all CPCs of Panel 1 to be reminded of the advice issued by Japan which one day said "the measure must not equitably satisfy CPCs, but the appropriate measure will equitably dissatisfy all".

After close to a decade, the Panel 1 meetings have become a forum where all the members agree on their disagreement at each meeting.

The time has come to end this recurring cycle of disagreement and INFOPÊCHE encourages the Chair of Panel 1 to continue its current efforts and to continue its consultations with CPCs during the intersessional meetings so that an agreement can be found in 2023.

INFOPÊCHE would like this statement to be translated into the three languages and included in the meeting report.