

Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure

(adopted at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting – 10-13 October 2011)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

Seized by the need to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna based on the best available scientific advice,

Taking account of the current status of the stock and, in particular, the most recent stock assessment from the Extended Scientific Committee advising that the spawning stock biomass is between 3% and 7% of the original spawning stock biomass,

Determined to rebuild the status of spawning stock to an interim building target reference point of 20% of the original spawning stock biomass by 2035,

Taking account of the integrated management procedure developed by the Extended Scientific Committee at its annual meeting in July 2011,

Recalling the Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2009,

Further to the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch adopted by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2011,

Recognising the obligations of each Member and Co-operating Non-Member to take the necessary steps to ensure that the level of its catch complies with its national allocation and to give effect to the Resolutions adopted by the Extended Commission.

In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of Article 8 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, the Extended Commission decides as follows:

1. The Extended Commission adopts the Management Procedure (MP), the 'Bali Procedure', developed by the Extended Scientific Committee at its annual meeting in 2011 and incorporating the meta-rule process described in Attachment 10 of the 15th Report of the Extended Scientific Committee.
2. The MP shall be used to guide the setting of the global total allowable catch (TAC) to ensure the SBT spawning stock biomass achieves the interim rebuilding target.
3. The Extended Commission shall set the TAC based on the outcome of the MP, unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise based on information that is not otherwise incorporated into the Management Procedure.
4. The MP shall be used to guide the setting of the TAC for 2012 and beyond.

5. The MP will recommend the TAC for 2012-2014 inclusive (i.e. no lag), but after that, there will be a one year lag between TAC calculation by the MP and implementation of that TAC (i.e. the 2015-2017 TAC would be calculated in 2013).
6. The parameters of the MP shall be as follows:
 - (i) To rebuild the status of stock to an interim building target reference point of 20% of the original spawning stock biomass by 2035;
 - (ii) The MP shall be tuned to a 70% probability of achieving the interim rebuilding target;
 - (iii) The minimum increase or decrease TAC change shall be 100 tonnes;
 - (iv) The maximum increase or decrease TAC change shall be 3000 tonnes;
 - (v) The TAC shall be set for three-year periods, subject to paragraph 7; and
 - (vi) The national allocation of the TAC within each three-year period will be apportioned according to the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch¹.
7. For the first three-year TAC setting period (2012-2014):
 - (i) The TAC for 2012 shall be 10, 449 tonnes. This is an increase of 1000 tonnes above the 2010-2011 TAC of 9, 449 tonnes;
 - (ii) The TAC for 2013 shall be 10, 949 tonnes. This is an increase of 1, 500 tonnes above the 2010-2011 TAC of 9, 449 tonnes; and
 - (iii) The TAC for 2014 shall be 12, 449 tonnes or the output of the MP for 2015 - 2017 based on the 2013 stock assessment (whichever is the less), unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise based on the assessment of the Compliance Committee. This increase is based on the 2010-2011 TAC of 9, 449 tonnes.

¹ Adopted by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2011.