

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

RESOLUTION ON FISHING BY VESSELS OF NON-PARTIES

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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Reaffirming the principles of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing and the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas approved by the FAO Conference on 24 November 1993;

Affirming the importance of ensuring that all vessels fishing in the Convention Area comply with the measures agreed by its member governments;

Believing that it is important to address the matter of fishing for species under the purview of the IATTC by vessels under the jurisdiction of non-Parties;

Concerned that fishing by vessels of states or fishing entities not members of the IATTC could undermine the conservation and management measures agreed by the IATTC;

Therefore recommends to the High Contracting Parties that:

1. They gather information, either directly or through the Director, with respect to fishing vessels of states or fishing entities not members of the IATTC which undermine the conservation and management measures agreed by the IATTC.
2. They exchange information among themselves, either directly or through the Director, with respect to the activities of such vessels;
3. They request the Director to communicate with the governments whose fishing vessels are referred to in paragraph 1 for the purpose of urging them to comply with the measures agreed by the IATTC member governments and to remind them of their obligation, in accordance with international law, to cooperate in the implementation of agreed regional conservation and management measures, as well as to monitor compliance with such measures and to take the actions necessary to ensure such compliance;
4. They request the Director to report the results of his communications pursuant to paragraph 3 to the member governments of the IATTC, in order that they may, in accordance with international law, take measures necessary to ensure that fishing vessels under the jurisdiction of non-Parties do not engage in activities that undermine the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures established by the Commission.