

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
RESOLUTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CAPACITY OF LARGE-SCALE TUNA
LOONGLINE FISHERY

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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recalling that the FAO Committee on Fisheries adopted the International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity (the FAO Plan of Action) in February 1999,

Further recalling that the Rome Declaration on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (the Code of Conduct) adopted by the FAO Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries in March 1999 underlines the important role of regional fishery management organizations in respect of the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Concerned that excessively high catches of juvenile tuna species in the EPO, particularly of yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna, would result in irretrievable damage to the resources concerned,

Recalling that the IATTC is now undertaking measures to control the fishing capacity of purse-seine fleets in the EPO,

Taking into account the current IATTC's initiative for further consideration of measures necessary to conserve juvenile tuna stocks,

Aware that excess fishing capacity with respect to some types of fishing gear needs to be addressed on a global basis,

Welcomes Japan's initiative to immediately implement the reduction in the number of large-scale tuna longline fishing vessels by 20% (132 vessels) by the scrapping of those vessels in accordance with the FAO Plan of Action,

Calls upon other large-scale tuna longline fishing states/entities/fishing entities to undertake similar initiatives with respect to their tuna longline fleets in the EPO.