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## RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT REGARDING CHINESE TAIPEI

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RECALLING the adoption in 2005 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Control of Chinese Taipei's Atlantic Bigeye Tuna Fishery* [Rec. 05-02];

FURTHER RECALLING the adoption in 2003 of the *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures*;

MINDFUL that the alternate bigeye tuna catch limit for Chinese Taipei specified in Recommendation 05-02 applied for 2006 only;

CAREFULLY REVIEWING the information regarding the information and reports submitted by Chinese Taipei in accordance with Recommendation 05-02 and its attachment, and all other relevant information available;

ACKNOWLEDGING with satisfaction that Chinese Taipei has met the conditions set out in Recommendation 05-02 to cooperate with ICCAT in the conservation and management of tuna and tuna like species by carrying out such measures as extensive reduction in the number of its vessels and has made significant progress in rectifying the situation that Recommendation 05-02 was designed to address;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Multi-Year Conservation and Management Program for Bigeye Tuna* [Rec. 04-01], Chinese Taipei shall limit the number of vessels under its registry authorized to conduct a directed fishery for bigeye tuna in the Convention area to no more than 64 in 2007, and 60 in 2008 and thereafter. In general, Chinese Taipei shall ensure that the number of vessels of any size registered to Chinese Taipei and authorized to fish for ICCAT species in the ICCAT Convention area is commensurate with the available fishing opportunities agreed by ICCAT.
2. For 2007, Chinese Taipei shall subject fishing vessels under its registry and authorized to conduct a directed fishery for bigeye tuna in the Convention Area to the following monitoring and enforcement measures:
  - The vessels shall submit daily catch reports to Chinese Taipei authorities, by VMS or radio;
  - These vessels shall only conduct fishing operations for bigeye tuna if they are in possession of available individual vessel quota.
  - Chinese Taipei authorities will send a preliminary catch report to ICCAT on a semi-annual basis;
  - Chinese Taipei shall ensure 10% observer coverage by vessel in the entire fishery.
3. Until the observer program established under the *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Program for Transshipment* [Rec. 06-11], is implemented, no at-sea transshipment is permitted for the vessels in paragraph 2, and their catch must be transhipped or landed at two designated ports (Cape Town or Las Palmas).
4. For 2007, Chinese Taipei shall conduct an appropriate port inspection and sampling program to verify compliance by its fleet fishing for ICCAT species in the Convention area with quotas and other rules, as well as to sample catches, and report the findings of this program to ICCAT.
5. In order to control IUU fishing by vessels of any size that fish for ICCAT species in the ICCAT Convention area, Chinese Taipei shall, in cooperation with other CPCs continue to take effective steps to eliminate IUU fishing activities by Chinese Taipei residents and business entities and by vessels registered to Chinese Taipei, including implementing meaningful regulatory and enforcement measures to, at a minimum:

- Cut beneficial and financial relations with IUU operators;
  - Identify, investigate, and take effective measures to eliminate IUU fishing operations for ICCAT species in the Convention area, in particular by vessels less than 24 meters LOA owned by Chinese Taipei residents or business entities, including cooperation with flag States to control foreign-flagged vessels; and
  - Work with the respective flag States, to the extent practicable, to stop foreign flagged vessels owned by Chinese Taipei business interests from exporting under the name of Chinese Taipei.
  - Work with the respective flag State to ensure that foreign-flagged vessels owned by Chinese Taipei business interests comply with ICCAT conservation and management measures.
6. Chinese Taipei shall further investigate the past and current IUU fishing activities involving Chinese Taipei residents including illegal harvest of ICCAT species and submit a report on its findings to the 2007 annual meeting of the Commission.
7. Chinese Taipei shall submit to ICCAT an interim report by 1 July 2007 and a final report 30 days before the 2007 annual meeting of the Commission describing the steps it has taken to comply with all terms of this recommendation. ICCAT shall review these reports and any other available information at its 2007 annual meeting.
8. This Recommendation replaces the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Control of Chinese Taipei's Atlantic Bigeye Tuna Fishery* [Rec. 05-02].