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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON SOUTH ATLANTIC
SWORDFISH CATCH LIMITS**

CONSIDERING that the SCRS indicates that the current estimated fishing mortality rate is likely below that which would produce MSY, and the current biomass is likely above that which would result from fishing at F_{msy} in the long term;

CONSCIOUS that the SCRS recommends that annual catch should not exceed the provisionally estimated MSY (about 17,000 t);

RECOGNIZING that this multi-annual approach for the management of South Atlantic swordfish reflects the thrust of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities*, adopted by the Commission in 2001, for the period concerned;

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

1. For 2007, 2008 and 2009, TAC and the catch limits are as follows:

(Unit: t)

	2007	2008	2009
TAC (1)	17,000	17,000	17,000
Brazil (2)	4,720	4,720	4,720
European Community	5,780	5,780	5,780
South Africa	1,200	1,200	1,200
Namibia	1,400	1,400	1,400
Uruguay	1,500	1,500	1,500
United States (3)	100	100	100
Cote d'Ivoire	150	150	150
China	315	315	315
Chinese Taipei (3)	550	550	550
United Kingdom	25	25	25
Japan (3)	1,315	1,215	1,080
Angola	100	100	100
Ghana	100	100	100
St. Tome & Principe	100	100	100
Senegal	300	400	500
Philippines	50	50	50
Korea	50	50	50
Belize	150	150	150
Vanuatu	20	20	20

- (1) When the total amounts of catches exceed the TAC in a given year during 2007- 2009, the Commission shall make a decision to adjust the catch limits at the following annual meeting to ensure the total catch of 2007-2009 does not exceed 51,000 t.
- (2) Brazil may harvest up to 200 t of its annual catch limit within the area between 5 degrees North latitude and 15 degrees North latitude.
- (3) The Japanese, the U.S. and the Chinese Taipei's underages in 2006 may be carried over to 2007 up to 800 t, 100 t and 400 t respectively in addition to their quotas specified in this table. Those CPCs may also carry over unused portions during 2007-2009 but those carried over amounts each year shall not exceed the amounts specified here.

2. Any unused portion or excess of the annual quota/catch limit may be added to/shall be deducted from, according to the case, the respective quota/catch limit during or before the adjustment year, in the following way for South Atlantic swordfish:

<i>Catch Year</i>	<i>Adjustment Year</i>
2007	2009
2008	2010
2009	2011

However, the maximum underage that a party may carryover in any given year shall not exceed 50% of the quota of previous year.

3. Japan shall be allowed to count up to 400 t of its swordfish catch taken from the part of the North Atlantic management area that is east of 35 degrees W and south of 15 degrees N, against its uncaught South Atlantic swordfish quota.