

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO AMEND THE MANDATE AND  
TERMS OF REFERENCE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE ICCAT  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (COC)**

*RECALLING* the 1995 adoption by ICCAT of the mandate and terms of reference for the ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (Compliance Committee) (95-15);

*TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* calls at recent ICCAT meetings to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Permanent Working Group and the Compliance Committee to strengthen their operation, effectiveness, and efficiency;

*MINDFUL* of the need to ensure that actions taken to support ICCAT conservation and management measures are non-discriminatory and in accordance with international law;

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS RECOMMENDS THAT:**

The Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Compliance Committee be as follows:

1. The Compliance Committee shall be broadly responsible for reviewing all aspects of compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures.
2. The Compliance Committee shall report directly to the Commission on its deliberations and recommendations.
3. Compliance Committee shall:
  - a) Gather and review information relevant to the assessment of compliance by Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities, and Fishing Entities (CPCs) with ICCAT conservation and management measures, including information from ICCAT subsidiary bodies; Annual Reports submitted to the Commission; catch data compiled by the Commission and SCRS; trade information obtained through statistics of CPCs and non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (NCPs), including from statistical and catch document programs; and other relevant information;
  - b) Pursuant to this review, assess the status of each CPC's implementation of and compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures, including monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS) measures;
  - c) Review available information to assess the cooperation of NCPs with ICCAT in the conservation and management of ICCAT species;
  - d) Review domestic measures for the implementation of the Commission's recommendations, as reported by CPCs, and, if available, NCPs;
  - e) Review and evaluate reports on inspection and surveillance activities carried out in accordance with ICCAT measures, including reports of activities in contravention of such measures as well as follow-up actions taken to address such activities;
  - f) Develop and make recommendations to the Commission to address issues of non-compliance or lack of cooperation with ICCAT conservation and management measures,
  - g) Where needed, develop new or modify existing recommendations to the Commission designed to enhance compliance and cooperation with ICCAT conservation and management measures, such as rules on quota carryovers, or to address ambiguity with respect to the application of such measures; and

- h) Review and make recommendations to the Commission regarding requests for cooperating status.
- 4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Compliance Committee shall cooperate closely with other ICCAT subsidiary bodies in order to remain informed on all issues that may affect its work and refer relevant matters to the appropriate subsidiary body for attention, such as the development of new or revision of existing MCS or other technical measures.
- 5. This recommendation replaces the *Mandate and Terms of Reference Adopted by the Commission for the ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee* [TOR 95-15].