

RECOMMENDATION 05/06
CONCERNING THE TERMS OF REFERENCES FOR AN IOTC WORKING PARTY ON
MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

RECALLING the IOTC Recommendation 03/06 to commission a report on management options for tuna and tuna-like species that may be applicable to the highly migratory fish stocks of the Indian Ocean;

RECOGNISING that since its 4th session the Scientific Committee has recommended that a reduction in catches of Bigeye tuna from all fishing gears should be implemented as soon as possible, and has at its 6th session expressed concern over current catches of Yellowfin tuna and Swordfish,

1. An *ad hoc* Working Party on Management Options is hereby established.
2. The Working Party should be composed of a combination of scientific and management experts designated by every Member of the Commission.
3. The Working Party on Management Options is instructed to:
 - (a) provide the Commission with a comprehensive assessment of management options and indicate the most suitable measures to ensure the management of fisheries in the Indian Ocean under the mandate of the Commission, having in consideration Control and Compliance matters;
 - (b) Take account of recent assessments and best available advice on management options for tuna and tuna-like species.
 - (c) provide particular advice on the conservation and the sustainable exploitation of the tuna and tuna like species covered by IOTC Agreement and demonstrate that options considered in subparagraph (a) manage and alleviate the concerns expressed by the Scientific Committee to stock levels related to these species;
 - (d) also provide appropriate advice on feasible implementation for every set of management options, as well as analyse the economic and socioeconomic impacts for the implementation of any management option on the corresponding fleets;
 - (e) indicate impediments based on compliance and monitoring requirements and scientific analysis required for the implementation of the measures outlined in subparagraph (a) and consider the possible impacts IUU fishing may have on the implementation of management measures;
 - (f) identify the best combination of the measures outlined in subparagraph (a), in terms of highest benefits for the stocks involved together with the lesser socioeconomic and logistic impact for the fleets.