

Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch

(updated at the Thirtieth Annual Meeting – 9-12 October 2023)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

Seized by the need to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna based on the best available scientific advice,

Recalling agreement reached on nominal catch levels at the 16th annual meeting of the Extended Commission meeting and the Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at that meeting,

Further to the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011,

Noting that the Management Procedure is the basis for setting the total allowable catch since 2012,

Taking into account the desirability of a transparent and stable process for allocating total allowable catch to Members and Cooperating Non-Members, which provides greater certainty to Members and Cooperating non-Members, in particular for their fishing industries, and facilitates the administration of national allocations,

Recalling the Extended Commission agreed at its special meeting in 2011 to principles that would apply to the distribution of any increase in the global total allowable catch under the Management Procedure,

Further recalling the changes to nominal catch proportions agreed in 2016,

Further recalling that all Members had returned to their original nominal catch levels and exceeded those levels from 2018,

Taking it into account that the performance review in 2021 recommended development of clear guidelines for allocation to new Members and Cooperating Non-Members,

In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of Article 8 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, the Extended Commission decides as follows:

1. The total allowable catch (TAC) set on the basis of the Management Procedure (MP)¹ shall be allocated among Members and Cooperating Non-Members according to this Resolution.
2. Unless this Resolution provides otherwise, the TAC shall be allocated among Members based on Members' Allocation Percentage levels set out in the Annex of this Resolution.
3. If there is no change to the TAC, each Member's allocation will remain unchanged.

¹ The Management Procedure agreed to under the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011, and any subsequent revisions to that Resolution.

4. If there is an increase to the TAC, the additional tonnage will be allocated amongst the Members based on the Allocation Percentage level as set out in the Annex to this Resolution. If there is a decrease to the TAC, each Member's allocation will decrease consistent with its Allocation Percentage level. However, the European Union's allocation will not decrease below 10 tonnes. The allocation for a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) and/or a new Member specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 will decrease in accordance with a separate decision to be made by the EC.
5. The Extended Commission may decide on an amount of the TAC to set aside for Research Mortality Allowance based on the advice provided by the Extended Scientific Committee.
6. The Extended Commission may decide the allocation for a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) at the annual meeting where its status as a CNM is agreed in accordance with *the Resolution to Establish the Status of Cooperating Non-Member of the Extended Commission and the Extended Scientific Committee*, taking into account such elements as its potential SBT fishing capacity, its monitoring, control, and surveillance capacity, its administrative mechanisms to implement its CCSBT obligations, its past record of SBT fishing and management, and its need for SBT catch. The allocation is subject to the annual review of its status as a CNM, and a possible decrease in accordance with paragraph 4.
7. The Extended Commission may decide the allocation for a New Member (a Member that is not included in the current Annex) at the first annual meeting after it becomes a Member in accordance with the *Resolution to Establish an Extended Commission and an Extended Scientific Committee*, taking into account such elements as its potential SBT fishing capacity, its monitoring, control and surveillance capacity, its administrative mechanisms to implement its CCSBT obligations, its past records of SBT fishing and management, and its need for SBT catch. The allocation shall be no more than a maximum of 0.355% of the TAC of the year of the annual meeting during the first three fishing seasons unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise, including a possible decrease in accordance with paragraph 4.
8. The total amounts decided in accordance with paragraph 5 to 7 shall be deducted from the global TAC before allocation of the remaining TAC among Members as specified in the Annex².
9. A new Member may be added to the Annex subject to a review of its compliance status with CCSBT measures at least after the three-year period provided in paragraph 7 and when the next first determination is made in relation to the allocation. The Allocation Percentage levels in the Annex may be revised as a result of adding a New Member.

² For the purposes of calculating budget contributions under paragraph 2(b) of Article 11 of the Convention, 'nominal catches' shall be taken as the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 7 for New Members, and paragraph 8 for Members.

Annex

Members' Allocation Percentage

<i>Member</i>	<i>Allocation Percentage</i> ³
Japan	35.5643%
Australia	35.5643%
Republic of Korea	7.1568%
Fishing Entity of Taiwan	7.1568%
New Zealand	6.2779%
Indonesia	5.7785%
South Africa	2.4387%
European Union	0.0628%

³ Agreed at CCSBT23(2016). Refer to paragraph 58. This will be duly adjusted once there is a new percentage in place.