

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
ON SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH**

NOTING that the existing sharing arrangement and total allowable catch (TAC) for South Atlantic swordfish expire at the end of 2000;

GIVEN that the Working Group on Allocation Criteria has scheduled a meeting in May 2001 in order to develop quota allocation criteria for adoption by ICCAT;

WITHOUT the necessary agreement to establish a sharing arrangement for 2001, pending the Commission's adoption of allocation criteria;

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

- 1 In 2001, the target for the TAC for South Atlantic swordfish shall be 14,620 MT.
- 2 Each Contracting Party, Co-operating non-Contracting Party, Entity and Fishing Entity fishing for South Atlantic swordfish shall establish a precautionary catch limit for 2001, being encouraged to set the catch limit such that the target for the TAC is not exceeded, and shall notify the Secretariat of the specified catch limit by the end of 2000.
- 3 At its 2001 meeting, the Commission shall negotiate and adopt a sharing arrangement for the TAC for South Atlantic swordfish.