

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION OF FISHING VESSELS FISHING FOR TUNA
AND TUNA-LIKE SPECIES IN THE CONVENTION AREA**

RECALLING that ICCAT adopted at its 1998 meeting a *Recommendation Concerning Registration and Exchange of Information of Bigeye Tuna Fishing Vessels*,

FURTHER RECALLING that ICCAT adopted at its 1994 meeting a *Resolution Regarding the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas*,

NOTING that large-scale fishing vessels are highly mobile and easily change fishing grounds from one ocean to another, and have high potential of operating in the Convention Area without timely registration with the Commission,

RECOGNIZING that most of the stocks of tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area are fully or over-exploited, and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that the FAO International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity states in its Objective and Principles that "States and regional fisheries organizations confronted with an over-capacity problem, where capacity is undermining achievement of long-term sustainability outcomes, should endeavor initially to limit at present level and progressively reduce the fishing capacity applied to affected fisheries",

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

- 1 All the Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities that fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area shall submit to the ICCAT Executive Secretary, by August 31st each year, the list of their respective vessels larger than 24 meters length overall (LOA) (hereinafter referred to as the "large-scale vessels") that are licensed to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area. This list of vessels shall include the following information;
 - name of vessels, register number
 - previous flag (if any)
 - international radio call sign (if any)
 - type of vessels, length and gross registered tonnage (GRT)
 - name and address of owner(s)
- 2 The ICCAT Executive Secretary shall circulate the lists annually or upon request of a Contracting Party or Parties.
- 3 The Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall notify the ICCAT Executive Secretary of any information concerning fishing vessels which are not listed according to paragraph 1, but believed to be fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area.

- 4 a If the vessel(s) mentioned in paragraph 3 is (are) flying a flag of an identified Contracting Party or a non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity, the Executive Secretary shall request that Contracting Party or non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity to take the necessary measures to prevent the vessel(s) from fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area.
 - b If the flag state of the vessel(s) mentioned in paragraph 3 is not identified, the Executive Secretary shall compile such information for future consideration by the Commission.
- 5 The *Recommendation Concerning Registration and Exchange of Information of Bigeye Tuna Fishing Vessels* adopted at 1998 Commission meeting be substituted by this Recommendation.