

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH**

*NOTING* that the current agreement on total allowable catch (TAC) expires at the end of 2001;

In the absence of an agreement necessary to permit establishing an allocation scheme for 2002:

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

1. In 2002, the target for the TAC for South Atlantic swordfish shall be 14,620 MT.
2. Each Contracting Party, Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity and Fishing Entity fishing for South Atlantic swordfish shall establish a catch limit for 2002, 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 beginning of 2002.
3. At its 2002 meeting, the Commission shall negotiate and adopt a sharing arrangement for the TAC for South Atlantic swordfish.