

-- RECOMMENDATION --
ON THE LIMITATION OF CATCHES OF BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE
EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN

Recommendation adopted by the Commission at its 11th Special Meeting (Santiago de Compostela, Spain-November, 1998). Objections were presented by Morocco and Libya, who later reaffirmed their objections. Report for Biennial Period, 1998-99, Part I. Entered into force: August 20, 1999, for all Contracting Parties, except Morocco and Libya.

IN VIEW OF the 1998 stock assessment on bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean by the Commission's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS), indicating that an annual catch level equal or higher than 33,000 MT would not be sustainable,

RECOGNIZING the need to reconcile the necessary conservation of the stock with the needs of coastal fishing communities which are dependent mainly on fishing for this stock,

RECALLING that Croatia was undergoing a state of war during the early 1990s,

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

- 1 That a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 32,000 MT for 1999 and of 29,500 MT for 2000 be established.
- 2 That in order to establish an allocation of fishing possibilities, the catches of years 1993 and 1994 (whichever the higher), as laid down by SCRS before 1998, be used as reference, except in the case of Croatia, for which a specific quota is set for 1999.
- 3 That according to paragraph 2 above, the following allocation scheme be established*

	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>
China (People's Republic)	82 MT	76 MT
Croatia	950 MT	876 MT
European Community (EC) **	20,165 MT	18,590 MT
Japan	3,199 MT	2,949 MT
Korea	672 MT	619 MT
Libya	1,300 MT	1,199 MT
Morocco	820 MT	756 MT
Tunisia	2,326 MT	2,144 MT

- 4 Quantities to be deducted from the 1999 catch quota under the terms of paragraph 2 of the "*Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and North Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries*", shall be calculated for all Contracting Parties, with respect to the catch data referred to in paragraph 2 above, as revised by SCRS in 1998.
- 5 These provisions replace the 1995 "*Recommendation by ICCAT on Supplemental Management Measures for Eastern Atlantic Bluefin Tuna*".
- 6 For those non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities with catches of bluefin tuna in the east Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea from 1993 onwards, the catch limit for 1999 and 2000 will be calculated according to paragraph 2.

<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>
2,486***	2,291***

- * Quota allocations for the year 2000 may be reviewed in light of agreements deriving from discussions of the Working Group on Allocation Criteria that will meet in 1999.
- ** This share is calculated by adding the relative shares of each Member State of the European Community, in accordance with the terms of para. 2.
- *** This total includes a special allocation to Chinese Taipei of 714 MT in 1999 and 658 MT in the year 2000, as Chinese Taipei has cooperating status.