

--RECOMMENDATION --
APPLICATION OF THREE COMPLIANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation adopted by the Commission at its Eleven Special Meeting (Santiago de Compostela, Spain, November 1998). Entered into force on June 21, 1999.

RECALLING the "Recommendation on Application of the Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and North Atlantic Swordfish" fisheries adopted at the 1996 Commission Meeting, the "Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the South Atlantic Swordfish Fishery", adopted at the 1997 Commission meeting, and the "Recommendation by ICCAT to Improve Compliance with Minimum Size Regulations" adopted at the 1997 Commission Meeting;

RECOGNIZING the need to establish procedures regarding the implementation of the three compliance recommendations;

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

1. Each Contracting Party shall include in its National Report a completed "ICCAT Reporting Table" (A model table for reporting 1997 catches is attached) for each of its applicable fisheries. The Tables shall be completed each year with the catch statistics submitted to the SCRS for the current reporting year and any revisions for previous years' data.
2. Consistent with paragraph 1 of the 1996 and 1997 Recommendations regarding compliance, and any other recommendations concerning compliance (so that it would apply to all future compliance recommendations) at each annual meeting of the Compliance Committee, each Contracting Party shall report the information presented in its ICCAT Reporting Tables, including a detailed explanation of any over-harvest of total catch and/or minimum size tolerance levels, the actions already taken, or to be taken, to prevent further over-harvest, and the dates by which such actions will be taken.
3. Annually after all Contracting Parties have reported, consistent with paragraph 2, the Committee, with the assistance of the ICCAT Secretariat, shall prepare and distribute to the Contracting Parties a "Compliance Annex" that includes: (1) all catch limits and minimum sizes/tolerances to which each Contracting Party is subject; (2) each Party's catch statistics submitted to the SCRS for the current reporting year, and any revisions to previous years' data; (3) any overages and underages; (4) all catch limit reductions that each Party must take pursuant to paragraph 2; and (5) the dates by when such reductions shall be taken. The Compliance Annex will be attached to the Compliance Committee Report.

Model ICCAT Reporting Table

Provide catch statistics submitted to the SCRS for the current reporting year and any revisions for previous years data.

Calendar year, unless otherwise indicated

Panel 1 - bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tunas:

Species/Region	Catch Limit	Catches	Estimated catch over/ under catch limit	Estimated Catch over 15% tolerance of fish below 3.2kg
Bigeye				
Yellowfin				
Skipjack				

In case of over-harvest, explain how the over-harvest occurred and the actions taken, or to be taken, to prevent further over-harvest.

In case of harvest in excess of specified minimum size, explain domestic measures implemented to avoid further overharvest, the monitoring of compliance with domestic measures, and any other actions to be taken to prevent over-harvest.

Other comments:

Panel 2 - North Atlantic bluefin tuna and albacore:

Species/Region	Catch limit	Catch	Estimated Catch over/ under catch limit	Catch of Age 0	Estimated catch over 15% tolerance of fish below 6.4kg	Estimated catch over 8% tolerance of fish below 30kg or 115cm
Western BFT						
Eastern BFT						
N. Albacore						

In case of over-harvest, explain how the over-harvest occurred and the actions taken, or to be taken, to prevent further over-harvest:

In case of harvest in excess of specified minimum size, explain domestic measures implemented to avoid further over-harvest, the monitoring of compliance with domestic measures, and any other actions to be taken to prevent over-harvest.

Other comments:

Panel 3 - South Atlantic albacore

Species/Region	Catch limit	Catches	Estimated catch over/ under catch limit
S. Albacore			

In case of over-harvest, explain how the over-harvest occurred and the actions taken, or to be taken, to prevent further over-harvest.

In case of harvest in excess of specified minimum size, explain domestic measures implemented to avoid further over-harvest, the monitoring of compliance with domestic measures, and any other actions to be taken to prevent over-harvest.

Other comments:

Panel 4 - swordfish and billfish:

Species/Region	Catch limit (SWO); Landings (BIL)	Catches (SWO); Landings (BIL)	Estimated SWO catch over / under catch limit	Estimated SWO catch less than 119 cm OR catch over 15% tolerance of fish less than 125 cm
North Atlantic Swordfish				
South Atlantic Swordfish				
Atlantic white marlin				
Atlantic blue marlin				

In case of over-harvest, explain how the over-harvest occurred and the actions taken, or to be taken, to prevent further over-harvest:

In case of harvest in excess of specified minimum size, explain domestic measures implemented to avoid further over-harvest, the monitoring of compliance with domestic measures, and any other actions to be taken to prevent over-harvest.

Other comments: