



# Checklist for Success at the 2018 IATTC Meeting

Actions needed to rebuild Pacific tuna stocks and ensure healthy fisheries

When the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) meets 24-30 August 2018 in San Diego, California, US, members must fulfil their mandate to conserve the tunas, sharks, and other highly migratory species of the eastern Pacific Ocean. **To do so, the Commission should act on these recommendations:**



## Tunas

- Rebuild the severely depleted Pacific bluefin tuna population.**
  - Adopt a long-term rebuilding plan for Pacific bluefin and continue existing management measures for at least two more years.
  - Deduct any catch limit overages from future quotas.
- Improve the transparency of transshipment operations.**
  - Require that transshipment authorizations and declarations be sent to all relevant authorities in near-real time and that all vessels involved in the transfer report their International Maritime Organization (IMO) numbers.
  - Ensure that all observer reports about at-sea and in-port transshipments are sent directly to the Secretariat.
  - Ensure that vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirements apply to all carrier vessels conducting transshipment, regardless of their length.
  - Make publicly available the list of vessels authorized to conduct at-sea transshipment, including the IMO number of each.
- Require 100 percent observer coverage for all longline operations.**
- Create a stakeholder dialogue group to advance the management strategy evaluation process.**
- End overfishing of bigeye tuna.**
  - Adopt science-based limits for the number of fish aggregating device (FAD) sets and/or total purse seine sets allowed.
  - Reduce longline catch limits for bigeye.



## Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing

- Strengthen port State measures.**
  - Adopt a resolution setting minimum standards for port inspections effective by 1 January 2020.
  - Agree that the Special Sustainable Development Fund established by IATTC Resolution C-14-03 may be used to help developing nation Members implement port State measures.
  - Encourage Members that have not yet done so to ratify and implement the Port State Measures Agreement to help stop IUU fishing vessels at port.
- Ensure that the IUU vessel list is effective and up-to-date.**
  - Ensure that the criteria for inclusion on the list apply to all vessels, regardless of size.
  - Permit the listing of vessels between meetings, so that any vessel found to be fishing illegally can be duly identified.
- Require that all vessels at least 12 meters in length operating outside the waters of their national jurisdiction obtain IMO numbers.**



## Sharks

- Fully prohibit the retention of silky and hammerhead sharks.**
- Implement precautionary measures to limit the mortality of blue, thresher, and shortfin mako sharks to sustainable levels.**
- Prohibit fishing gears that increase the likelihood of shark catch, such as wire leaders and shark lines.**
- Improve data collection for all shark species, including a requirement that all shark discards be fully reported.**

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