



# A Sustainable Management To-Do List for ICCAT's 2018 Meeting

Key actions needed to rebuild Atlantic tuna stocks and ensure healthy fisheries



When the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meets 12-19 November in Dubrovnik, Croatia, member nations must fulfil ICCAT's mandate to conserve the tunas, sharks, and other highly migratory species of the Atlantic Ocean.

**To do so, the Commission should act on these recommendations:**

- Finalize** the ICCAT Convention amendment process.
- Adopt** a long-term rebuilding plan for bigeye tuna that includes a total allowable catch (TAC) of 50,000 metric tons and a suite of measures to prevent overharvest and reduce juvenile mortality.
- Maintain** robust monitoring and control measures, including capacity limits, in the eastern bluefin tuna measure to ensure full recovery of the population and compliance with the TAC.
- Require** 100 per cent observer coverage on longline and purse seine vessels.
  - Commit to building infrastructure to implement electronic reporting and electronic monitoring.
- Advance** the management strategy evaluation (MSE) process.
  - Develop a more detailed road map with tasks and decision points.
  - Dedicate adequate resources for MSE work.
- Increase** the transparency of transshipment.
  - Strengthen ICCAT regulations to ensure that all transshipment is fully monitored and verified to help stop the transfer of illegally caught fish and to require that all carrier vessels be flagged to a contracting ICCAT party, cooperating non-contracting party, entity, or fishing entity.
- Expand** vessel monitoring systems (VMS) requirements across all managed species.
- Implement** strong vessel identification rules.
  - Ensure full compliance with existing requirements for International Maritime Organization (IMO) numbers.
  - Remove the current exclusion for wooden vessels and update the "Guidelines for Submitting Data & Information Required by ICCAT" to make the IMO numbers obligatory for all eligible vessels and reflect the latest IMO guidance.
- Strengthen** port State measures by aligning ICCAT regulations with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization Port State Measures Agreement.

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