

**Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch  
and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna**  
(adopted at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting – 20-23 October 2009)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

*Gravely concerned* about the current status of the stock and, in particular, the most recent stock assessment from the Extended Scientific Committee advising that the spawning stock biomass is between 3% and 8% of the original spawning biomass,

*Taking account* of the recommendation of the Extended Scientific Committee that the Extended Commission effect a meaningful reduction in catch below the current total allowable catch of 11,810t,

*Conscious* of its obligation to conserve and manage the stock of southern bluefin tuna with the aim of its optimum utilisation,

*Mindful* of the desirability of allowing the fishing industry time to adjust to immediate and sustained reductions in the total allowable catch,

*Determined* to rebuild the status of stock to an interim rebuilding target reference point of 20% of the original spawning biomass within a reasonable timeframe,

*Noting* reductions will need to be sustained for a considerable period of time in order to allow the stock to rebuild,

*Recognising* the obligations of each Member and Co-operating Non-Member of the Extended Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure that the level of catch complies with its national allocation and to give effect to the conservation and management measures adopted by the Extended Commission,

In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of Article 8 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, the Extended Commission decides as follows:

1. The global TAC for the 2010 and 2011 fishing seasons shall be reduced to an average level over the two years of 80%<sup>1</sup> of the current global TAC.
2. Accordingly the average global TAC for each of the 2010 and 2011 fishing seasons shall be 9449t.
3. By 15 November 2009, each Member shall provide formal advice to the Secretariat regarding how it will split its allocation<sup>2</sup> between the 2010 and 2011 fishing seasons.
4. The CCSBT Management Procedure (MP) should be finalised in 2010 for agreement by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2010.
5. An emergency rule should be developed as part of the MP for exceptional circumstances such as recruitment lower than historically low levels.
6. The MP should be implemented in 2011 and be the basis for TAC setting for 2012 and beyond.

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<sup>1</sup> Each Member's catch in the first year should be reduced as much as possible and Members should endeavor to reduce by at least 10% below current levels

<sup>2</sup> Members' agreement on national allocations is explained in the report of the Extended Commission.

7. In the event that an MP cannot be finalised by 2012, the Extended Commission shall adopt a reduction of the TAC for the 2012 fishing season to a level of 5,000t - 6,000t unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise based upon the new stock assessment.