

ACTION PLAN

(adopted at the Sixth Annual Meeting - Second Part; 21-23 March 2000)

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Commission),

RECALLING that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Convention) is to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna (SBT);

AWARE that a significant number of vessels registered to non-Parties to the Convention are catching SBT;

CONVINCED of the need for urgent action to ensure the effectiveness of the conservation measures for SBT in force from time to time;

AWARE of the strenuous efforts by Parties to encourage non-Parties to accede to the Convention or cooperate with the Commission;

RECALLING that under Article 15(4) of the Convention Parties are obliged to cooperate in taking appropriate action to deter non-Party fishing which could adversely affect the objective of the Convention,

resolves as follows:

1. The Commission requests non-Members catching SBT to cooperate fully with the Commission in implementing the measures applicable to Members for conservation, management and optimum utilisation of SBT (hereinafter referred to as “conservation and management measures”). The Commission also requests those non-Members to advise it of their actions taken in that regard.
2. The Commission will identify, at or before the Seventh, and then at each subsequent Annual Meeting of the Commission, those non-Members whose vessels have been catching SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures, based on the catch data compiled by the Commission, trade information and other relevant information obtained in ports and on fishing grounds.
3. The Chair of the Commission shall request those non-Members identified pursuant to paragraph 2 to rectify their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures and to advise the Commission of their actions taken in that regard.
4. Members shall jointly and/or individually request non-Members catching SBT to cooperate fully with the Commission in implementing the conservation and management measures.
5. The Commission will review, at subsequent Annual Meetings as appropriate, actions taken by those non-Members to which requests have been made pursuant to

paragraphs 3 and 4, and identify those non-Members which have not rectified their fishing activities.

6. The Commission may decide to impose trade-restrictive measures consistent with Members' international obligations on SBT products, in any form, from the non-Members identified pursuant to paragraph 5.