

Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure

(updated at the Twenty Sixth Annual Meeting – 14-17 October 2019)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

Seized by the need to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna based on the best available scientific advice,

Taking account of 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 for 2016 was between 11% and 17% of the original spawning stock biomass and there are indications from the 2019 Extended Scientific Committee that the stock continues to rebuild,

Determined to rebuild the status of spawning stock to an interim rebuilding target reference point of 20% of the original spawning stock biomass by 2035,

Noting that the CCSBT's original management procedure presided over the rebuilding of the stock from approximately 5% in 2010 of the original spawning biomass to approximately 13% in 2016 and that there are indications that the stock reached approximately 17% of the original spawning biomass in 2018,

Targeting to further rebuild the stock to 30% of the original spawning biomass by 2035,

Taking account of the management procedure developed by the Extended Scientific Committee at its annual meeting in September 2019,

Further to the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch updated by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2017,

Recognising the obligations of each Member and Co-operating Non-Member to take the necessary steps to ensure that the level of its catch complies with its national allocation and to give effect to the Resolutions 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 Extended Commission adopts the Management Procedure (MP), to be known as the 'Cape Town Procedure', recommended by the Extended Scientific Committee at its annual meeting in 2019 and incorporating the meta-rule process described in Attachment 10 of the 18th Report of the Scientific Committee, incorporating the Extended Scientific Committee. The meta-rule process will be tailored for the Cape Town Procedure by the Extended Scientific Committee and will take effect once it has been endorsed by the EC.
2. The MP shall be used to guide the setting of the global total allowable catch (TAC) for 2021 and beyond.

3. The MP will recommend the TAC for 2021-2023 inclusive (i.e. no lag), but after that, there will be a one-year lag between TAC calculation by the MP and implementation of that TAC (i.e. the 2024-2026 TAC would be calculated in 2022).
4. The parameters of the MP shall be as follows:
 - (i) The MP shall have at least a 70% probability of rebuilding the stock to an interim building target reference point of 20% of the original spawning stock biomass by 2035;
 - (ii) The MP shall have a 50% probability of achieving a biomass level of 30% of the original spawning stock biomass by 2035;
 - (iii) The minimum increase or decrease TAC change shall be 100 tonnes;
 - (iv) The maximum increase or decrease TAC change shall be 3000 tonnes;
and
 - (v) The TAC shall be set for three-year periods.
5. The national allocation of the TAC within each three-year period will be apportioned according to the Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch¹.

¹ Updated by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2017.