

Japan's Proposal to amend Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch

Introduction

The performance review in 2021 (the 2021 Review) recommended performance improvements, including “Develop guidelines to determine what, if any, allocation should be made to Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs)” (PR2021-59) and “Develop guidelines when determining what, if any, allocation should be made to new Members” (PR2021-62).

Based on the recommendations of the 2021 Review, the 6th Meeting of the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG) developed a draft new Strategic Plan to be endorsed by the Extended Commission in October 2023, which calls for actions with very high priority to “improve existing guidelines to determine what, if any, allocation should be made to new Members and CNMs.”

Recognizing that EC30, where Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for 2024-2026 will be discussed, is a good opportunity for us to consider such recommendations from the 2021 Review and the draft new Strategic Plan, Japan would like to propose amendments to the *Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch* as attached, to improve the procedures to determine allocations for new Members and CNMs, while ensuring consistency with other resolutions.

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Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch**

(updated at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting – 9-12 October 2017)

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,

Recalling agreement reached on nominal catch levels at the 16th annual meeting of the Extended Commission meeting and the Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at that meeting,

Further to the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011,

Noting that the Management Procedure is the basis for setting the total allowable catch since 2012,

Taking into account the desirability of a transparent and stable process for allocating total allowable catch to Members and Cooperating Non-Members, which provides greater certainty to Members and Cooperating non-Members, in particular for their fishing industries, and facilitates the administration of national allocations,

Recalling the Extended Commission agreed at its special meeting in 2011 to principles that would apply to the distribution of any increase in the global total allowable catch under the Management Procedure,

Further recalling the changes to nominal catch proportions agreed in 2016,

Taking it into account that the performance review in 2021 recommended development of clear guidelines for allocation to new Members and Cooperating Non-Members,

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 total allowable catch (TAC) set on the basis of the Management Procedure (MP)¹ shall be allocated among Members and Cooperating Non-Members according to this Resolution.
2. Unless this Resolution provides otherwise, the TAC shall be allocated among Members ~~and Cooperating Non-Members~~ based on Members' nominal catch percentage levels set out in the Annex ~~and paragraph 6~~ of this Resolution.
3. If there is no change to the TAC, each Member's allocation will remain unchanged.
4. If there is an increase to the TAC, the additional tonnage will be allocated amongst the Members based on the nominal catch percentage level as set out in the Annex to this Resolution.

¹The Management Procedure agreed to under the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011, and any subsequent revisions to that Resolution.

5. If there is a decrease to the TAC, each Member's allocation will decrease consistent with its nominal catch percentage level. However, the European Union's allocation will not decrease below 10 tonnes. The allocation for a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) and/or a new Member specified in paragraphs 7 and 8 will decrease in accordance with a separate decision to be made by the EC.
6. The Extended Commission may decide on an amount of the TAC to set aside for Research Mortality Allowance based on the advice provided by the Extended Scientific Committee.
7. The Extended Commission may decide the allocation for a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) at the annual meeting after its status as a CNM is agreed in accordance with *the Resolution to Establish the Status of Cooperating Non-Member of the Extended Commission and the Extended Scientific Committee*, taking into account such elements as its potential SBT fishing capacity, its monitoring, control, and surveillance capacity, its administrative mechanisms to implement its CCSBT obligations, its past record of SBT fishing and management, and its need for SBT catch. The allocation is subject to the annual review of its status as a CNM, and a possible decrease in accordance with paragraph 5.
8. The Extended Commission may decide the allocation for a New Member (a Member that is not included in the current Annex) after it becomes a Member in accordance with *the Resolution to Establish an Extended Commission and an Extended Scientific Committee*, taking into account such elements as its potential SBT fishing capacity, its monitoring, control and surveillance capacity, its administrative mechanisms to implement its CCSBT obligations, its past records of SBT fishing and management, and its need for SBT catch. The allocation shall remain unchanged during the first three fishing seasons unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise, including a possible decrease in accordance with paragraph 5.
9. The total amounts decided in accordance with paragraph 6 to 8 shall be deducted from the global TAC before allocation of the remaining quota among Members as specified in the Annex.
10. A new Member may be added to the Annex subject to a review of its compliance status with CCSBT measures after the three-year period provided in paragraph 8. The nominal catch percentage levels in Annex may be revised as a result of adding a New Member.
- ~~6. Each Cooperating Non Member shall receive a fixed amount of the TAC, subject to the annual review of their status as a Cooperating Non Member.~~
- ~~7. The Extended Commission may decide on an amount of the TAC to set aside for Research Mortality Allowance and for IUU catch by Non Members. These amounts will be deducted from the TAC before allocation of the TAC to Members.~~
- ~~8. The allocation of the TAC may be revised with the entry of new Members and Cooperating Non Members. The nominal catch levels will remain unchanged with the entry of new Members or Cooperating Non Members, but the nominal catch percentage levels may change.~~

Annex

Members' Nominal Catch and Percentage Levels

<i>Member</i>	<i>Nominal Catch Level (tonnes)</i>	<i>Nominal Catch Percentage Level</i>
Japan	6,165.068	35.5643%
Australia	6,165.068	35.5643%
Republic of Korea	1240.631	7.1568%
Fishing Entity of Taiwan	1240.631	7.1568%
New Zealand	1,088.273	6.2779%
Indonesia	1001.705	5.7785%
South Africa	422.741	2.4387%
European Union	10.883	0.0628%