Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna

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Update to CCSBT's Resolution on Ecologically Related Species (ERS)

(EC Agenda item 9.5)

Introduction

The CCSBT adopted the "Resolution to Align CCSBT Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs" (the "ERS Resolution") at its 25th Annual Meeting in October 2018.

Paragraph 5 of the ERS Resolution tasks the Secretariat to annually update the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex I of the Resolution before the annual Extended Commission (EC) meeting according to any decisions taken on ERS at the annual meetings of the ICCAT[1], IOTC[2], and WCPFC[3].

This paper is a standing paper to propose updates to the ERS Resolution to take account of recent relevant decisions by these tuna RFMOs.

Proposed update to the ERS Resolution

The changes proposed to measures in the CCSBT's ERS Resolution are removals of measures that have been superseded and additions of new or replaced measures that have already taken effect.

A draft update to the ERS Resolution that addresses the above changes is provided at **Attachment A** for consideration by the EC. The changes to the Resolution are tracked in the attachment.

The preamble to the ERS Resolution indicates that it is focused on seabirds and other species such as sea turtles, sharks and cetaceans. Consequently, the Secretariat's annual update of the ERS Resolution does not include Resolutions and Recommendations of ICCAT, IOTC or WCPFC that relate to species groups other than these, or species that do not overlap with the distribution of SBT. Furthermore, Resolutions and Recommendations that primarily relate to RFMO specific management regimes (e.g. RFMO specific TACs and RFMO specific data reporting mechanisms) have also been excluded from the updates to the ERS Resolution.

Prepared by the Secretariat

[1] International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.
[2] Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.
[3] Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

Attachment A

Resolution to Align CCSBT's Ecologically Related Species measures with those of other tuna RFMOs

(Updated at the Thirty ~~Second~~ Third Annual Meeting – 5~~6~~-8~~9~~ October 2026~~5~~)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Recalling the decision made at the 5th Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group Meeting to develop a binding Ecological Related Species (ERS) measure for Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) Members without duplicating the effort of other tuna RFMOs by creating a CCSBT Resolution that requires CCSBT Members to follow the ERS measures of other relevant tuna RFMOs,

Noting the *Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks* and the need to cooperate and ensure consistency between conservation and management measures in the different tuna regional fisheries management organisations,

Concerned that some seabird species, notably some albatrosses and petrels, are threatened with global extinction,

Mindful that fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna can also cause incidental harm to other species such as sea turtles, sharks and cetaceans,

Further recalling the requirement in Article 5(2) of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna that the Parties shall expeditiously provide to the CCSBT data on, *inter alia*, ecologically related species,

Determined to mitigate incidental harm to ecologically related species caused by fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Noting the importance of harmonising conservation and management measures with other organisations responsible for managing international fisheries, as agreed at the Kobe Meeting of Joint Tuna RFMOs on 26 January 2007,

Reaffirming the recommendation at the seventh meeting of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) held in Tokyo from 3 to 6 July 2007, that Members and Cooperating Non-Members will provide national reports on their interactions with ecologically related species in Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries to the ERSWG,
Agrees in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of Article 8, that:

1. For the purposes of this CCSBT Resolution:
   a) the 'Area of Competence of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission' is that described in Article 2 of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission*;
   b) the 'Convention Area of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission' is that described in Article 3 of the *Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean*;

c) the 'Convention Area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' is that described in Article 1 of the *International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas*;

d) An Area defined in paragraphs a) – c) above is an "Area of Competence" and are collectively the "Areas of Competence";

e) 'ERS Measures' mean all measures relating to ecologically related species in force in *the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission* (IOTC), *the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission* (WCPFC), *the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas* (ICCAT), as adopted and amended from time to time, as contained in Annex I;

f) Member or Cooperating Non-Member means a Member or Cooperating Non-Member of the Extended Commission of the CCSBT.

2. This Resolution shall apply to all vessels on the 'CCSBT Record of fishing vessels authorised to fish for Southern Bluefin Tuna' in the Areas of Competence. Each Member and Cooperating Non-Member shall ensure that such vessels flying its flag and fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna in an Area of Competence comply with all ERS Measures in force in that Area of Competence (whether or not the Member or Cooperating Non-Member is a member of the tuna RFMO in which the ERS Measures were adopted).

3. When fishing outside Areas of Competence, Members and Cooperating Non-Members shall use Tori lines in all long-line SBT fisheries below 30 degrees south.

4. Where Areas of Competence overlap, Members and Cooperating Non-Members shall elect which applicable RFMO's ERS Measures to apply.

5. Each Member and Cooperating Non-Member shall ensure that effective action is taken in response to a vessel flying its flag that fails to comply with the obligations contained in the ERS Measures when fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna in an Area of Competence. If a Member or Cooperating Non-Member of the Extended Commission undertakes fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna in an Area of Competence of a Convention of which it is not a Member, that Member or Cooperating Non-Member shall report, if any, such actions relating to the relevant ERS Measures to the Compliance Committee of the CCSBT, unless the compliance of that Member or Cooperating Non-Member with such ERS measures is assessed in the appropriate body of that Convention.

6. The CCSBT secretariat will annually update the list of ERS Measures contained in Annex I before the CCSBT Extended Commission Meeting according to any decisions taken on ecologically related species at the Annual Meetings of the IOTC, WCPFC, and ICCAT.

7. Except in the case of WCPFC, Members and Cooperating Non-Members that have formally objected to an ERS Measure in the relevant tuna RFMO, and who, by reason of that formal objection and the operation of the tuna RFMO's decision-making rules, are not bound by that ERS Measure, are exempted from applying that ERS Measure when fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna in the applicable Area of Competence. In the case of WCPFC, Members and Cooperating Members that have sought a review of a decision on an ERS measure in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 6 of the *Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean* are exempted from applying that ERS Measure when fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna in the applicable Area of Competence until the Measure becomes binding.

8. The Secretariat shall annually present a report to the CCSBT Compliance Committee on the implementation of the ERS Measures, for the sole purpose of the provision of information for Members and Cooperating Non-Members.

Annex I: The ERS Measures

Area of Competence of the IOTC

a) Resolution 12/04 On the conservation of marine turtles;

b) Resolution 12/09 On the conservation of thresher sharks (family Alopiidae) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence (will be superseded by Resolution 25/08 on 1-Jan-2026);

c) Resolution 13/05 On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) (will be superseded by Resolution 25/08 on 1-Jan-2026);

d) Resolution 13/06 On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed fisheries (will be superseded by Resolution 25/08 on 1-Jan-2026);

e) Resolution 17/05 On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (will be superseded by Resolution 25/08 on 1-Jan-2026);

f) Resolution 18/02 On management measures for the conservation of blue shark caught in association with IOTC fisheries (will be superseded by Resolution 25/08 on 1-Jan-2026);

g) Resolution 19/03 On the conservation of mobulid rays caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence;

h) Resolution 23/06 On the conservation of cetaceans (supersedes Resolution 13/04);

i) Resolution 23/07 On reducing the incidental bycatch of seabirds in longline fisheries (supersedes Resolution 12/06);

j) Resolution 25/08 On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC (enters into force on 1-Jan-2026 and supersedes resolutions 18/02, 17/05, 13/05, 13/06, and 12/09);

k) Resolution 25/09 On the conservation of shortfin and longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries.

Convention Area of the WCPFC

~~l) Resolution 2018/03 - Conservation and Management Measure to mitigate the impact of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds;~~

~~m)~~l) Resolution 2018/04 - Conservation and Management Measure of Sea Turtles*;*

~~n)~~m) Resolution 2019/05 - Conservation and Management Measure on Mobulid Rays Caught in Association with Fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area;

~~o) Resolution 2024-05 – Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks (supersedes CMM 2022-04);~~

n) CMM 2024-07 - Conservation and Management Measure for Protection of Cetaceans from Purse Seine and Longline Fishing Operations;

o) Resolution 2025/05 - Conservation and Management Measure to mitigate the impact of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds (supersedes CMM 2018-03);

p) Resolution 2025-06 – Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks (supersedes CMM 2024-05);

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Convention Area of the ICCAT

~~q)~~r) Resolution 95-02 on cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with regard to study on the status of stocks and by-catches of shark species;

~~r)~~s) Resolution 03-10 on the shark fishery;

~~s)~~t) Recommendation 04-10 concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT;

~~t)~~u) Resolution 05-08 on circle hooks;

~~u)~~v) Supplemental Recommendation 07-06 Concerning Sharks;

~~v)~~w) Recommendation 07-07 on Reducing Incidental By-Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries;

~~w)~~x) Recommendation 09-07 on the Conservation of Thresher Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area;

~~x)~~y) Recommendation 10-07 by ICCAT on the Conservation of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks caught in Association with fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area;

~~y)~~z) Recommendation 10-08 on Hammerhead Sharks (family *Sphyrnidae*) caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT;

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~~aa)~~bb) Recommendation 11-08 on the Conservation of Silky Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries;

~~bb)~~cc) Supplemental Recommendation 11-09 on Reducing Incidental By-Catch of Seabirds in ICCAT Longline Fisheries;

~~cc)~~dd) Recommendation 11-10 on Information Collection and Harmonization of Data on By-catch and Discards in ICCAT Fisheries;

~~dd)~~ee) Recommendation 13-10 on Biological Sampling of Prohibited Shark Species by Scientific Observers;

~~ee)~~ff) Recommendation 15-06 on Porbeagle Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries;Recommendation 22-12 on the bycatch of sea turtles caught in association with ICCAT fisheries (combine, streamline, and amend recommendations 10-09 and 13-11);

~~ff)~~gg) Recommendation 23-12 for the conservation of whale sharks (Rhincodon typus) caught in association with ICCAT fisheries;

~~gg)~~hh) Supplemental Recommendation 23-13 amending recommendation 22-12 on the bycatch of sea turtles caught in association with ICCAT fisheries;

~~hh)~~ii) Recommendation 23-15 on cetacean encirclement;

jj) Recommendation 24-12 on morbulid rays (family mobulidae) caught in association with ICCAT fisheries;

~~ii)~~ Recommendation 25-07 on basking shark and great white shark caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT;~~.~~