

Report from the CCSBT Observer to the 25th Regular Meeting of  
the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)  
(14 – 21 November, Marrakesh, Morocco)

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1. Introduction

At the 2017 ICCAT annual meeting, 44 Contracting Parties, 4 Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities, 3 non-Contracting Parties, 6 intergovernmental organizations and 23 non-governmental organizations were present, totaling about 630 people.

2. Management Measures

The meeting adopted conservation and management measures for the North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako. The meeting also decided to decrease TAC for North Atlantic swordfish from 13,700 MT to 13,200 MT and South Atlantic swordfish from 15,000 MT to 14,000 MT.

The meeting agreed that the TAC for the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean stock of bluefin tuna would be increased from 23,655 MT in 2017 to 28,200 MT in 2018, 32,240 MT in 2019 and 36,000 MT in 2020, and that for the Western Atlantic stock of bluefin tuna would be increased from 2,000 MT in 2017 to 2,350 MT for each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The meeting adopted an interim Harvest Control Rule (HCR) for Northern Atlantic albacore for the period from 2018 to 2020.

3. Other Matters

The Executive Secretary, Mr. Driss Meski, was replaced by Mr. Camille Jean Manel from Senegal, who has already started working last July.

There was no discussion on SBT.

The next annual meeting will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 10 – 19 November.