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

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 ICCAT¹, IOTC², and WCPFC³.

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

Update to the ERS Resolution

There have been no ERS decisions by IOTC, WCPFC or ICCAT since CCSBT 28 that are of relevance to the CCSBT's ERS Resolution. Consequently, no updates are proposed to the ERS Resolution for consideration by CCSBT 29.

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.

The recent Resolutions and Recommendations that have not been included for the above reasons are:

For ICCAT:

- 21-09: “Recommendation by ICCAT on the conservation of the North Atlantic stock of shortfin mako caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.”
- 21-10: “Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 19-07 amending the Recommendation 16-12 on management measures for the conservation of the North Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.”
- 21-11: “Recommendation by ICCAT amending Recommendation 19-08 on management measures for the conservation of South Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.”

¹ International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

² Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

³ Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

For IOTC:

- Resolution 21/01: “On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence.”
- Resolution 21/03: “On harvest control rules for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence.”

For WCPFC:

- CMM 2021-01: “Conservation and Management Measure for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean”
- CMM 2021-02: “Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna”