

RESOLUTION 01/04
ON LIMITATION OF FISHING EFFORT OF NON MEMBERS OF IOTC WHOSE VESSELS FISH BIGEYE TUNA

The Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

RECALLING that at the 4th Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee it was recommended that a reduction of the catching of bigeye tuna by all the fishing gears should be applied as soon as possible;

CONSIDERING that some non-Members of the Agreement establishing the IOTC have increased in a substantial manner their catches and fishing effort on bigeye tuna during recent years and that, consequently, it is necessary for the effective conservation and management of the bigeye tuna stock that these non-Members decrease their fishing effort;

RECOMMENDS, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Agreement on the establishment of the IOTC, the following:

1. Taking into account the urgent need to manage in a global and efficient way the fishing effort on bigeye tuna, the Commission requests non-Members of IOTC to reduce their fishing effort in 2002 in relation to 1999 levels.
2. They are urged to inform the Commission, before 30 June 2002, of the measures they have taken in order to ensure the implementation of this Resolution, including their 1999 fishing effort in terms of catch and effort data, and the number of vessels.
3. The Commission shall review at the 2002 Session the measures taken by non-Members to implement reductions described in paragraph 1 above.
4. The Chairperson shall communicate this Resolution to the non-Members concerned.