




32nd meeting of LDAC WG 1
Highly migratory stocks and relevant regional fisheries management organizations

Brussels, October 17th, 2023
9:00 – 13:00

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Minutes from the last WG1 meeting – Brussels, 21 March 2023

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31st meeting of LDAC Working Group 1
Highly Migratory (Tuna and Tuna-like) Stocks and its RFMOs

Tuesday 21st March 2023, 9:30-13:00h
Hybrid meeting: Brussels NH Berlaymont Hotel – Zoom
 Chair : Michel Goujon
 Vice-Chair : Antonia Leroy

1. Welcome by the Chair.
 The Vice-Chair of WG1, Ms Antonia Leroy, opened the meeting by thanking the members and observers of Working Group 1 for their presence and participation in this hybrid meeting.

The list of participants as members and observers is provided in Annex I.

2. Adoption of the minutes from the last WG1 meeting – 26 October 2022.
 The minutes of the previous WG1 meeting were approved without modifications or comments.

3. Adoption of the agenda.
 The agenda was approved without changes.

4. ICCAT – Atlantic Ocean
4.1- DG MARE Report on process and main priorities for ICCAT 2023 (Egypt, 13-20 Nov).

The EC representative, Seamus Howard, began by taking one step back in time and move to the ICCAT Annual Meeting held on 2022, the first held in person since the pandemic. Several successful outcomes were achieved there, namely:

- A Management Strategy Evaluation for Bluefin tuna (BFT), with a new Management Procedure allowing new basis for TAC of 40 570 t for the Eastern stock with a share for the EU corresponding to 21 403 t.
- Adoption of a Management Plan for South Atlantic Shortfin mako shark (SASM): the aim of the EU proposal was to avoid that South Atlantic stock followed the same negative trend and was regulated similarly to the Northern stock. It included a total retention allowance of 1 295 t; and that the total amount of both dead discards and returns at sea alive should not exceed 2 001 t total, in accordance with scientific advice of the ICCAT Scientific Committee (SCRS).
- Reduction of Sea Turtle by-catch on longline and purse seine fisheries.
- Revision of measures of South Atlantic Swordfish (SWO) in line with scientific advice.
- A resolution on climate change and impact on ICCAT fisheries.

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Agenda of the 32nd LDAC WG1



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2. Adoption of minutes from the last WG1 meeting – Brussels, 21 March 2023
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. WCPFC- Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
 - 4.1. DG MARE report on process and main priorities for the Regular Session of WCPFC (Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 4-8 Dec 2023)
 - 4.2. Q&A and exchange of views from the floor
 - 4.3. Agreement on items to be included in the advice and way forward
5. IATTC – Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
 - 5.1. DG MARE report on the outcomes of the 101st Meeting of the IATTC (August 2023)
 - 5.2. Open discussion and questions from the floor: way forward



6. IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
 - 6.1. DG MARE Report on outcomes of the IOTC 28th Annual Session (Mauritius, 8-12 May 2023) and 5th WG on FADs (virtual, 4-6 Oct 2023)
 - 6.2. Q&A and identification of topics for inclusion in a future advice - way forward
7. AOB

+ LDAC / Inter-AC Focus Group on ICCAT this afternoon

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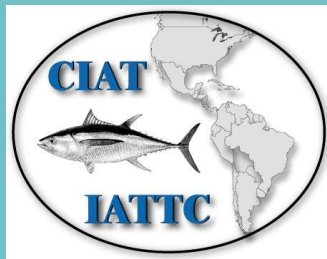
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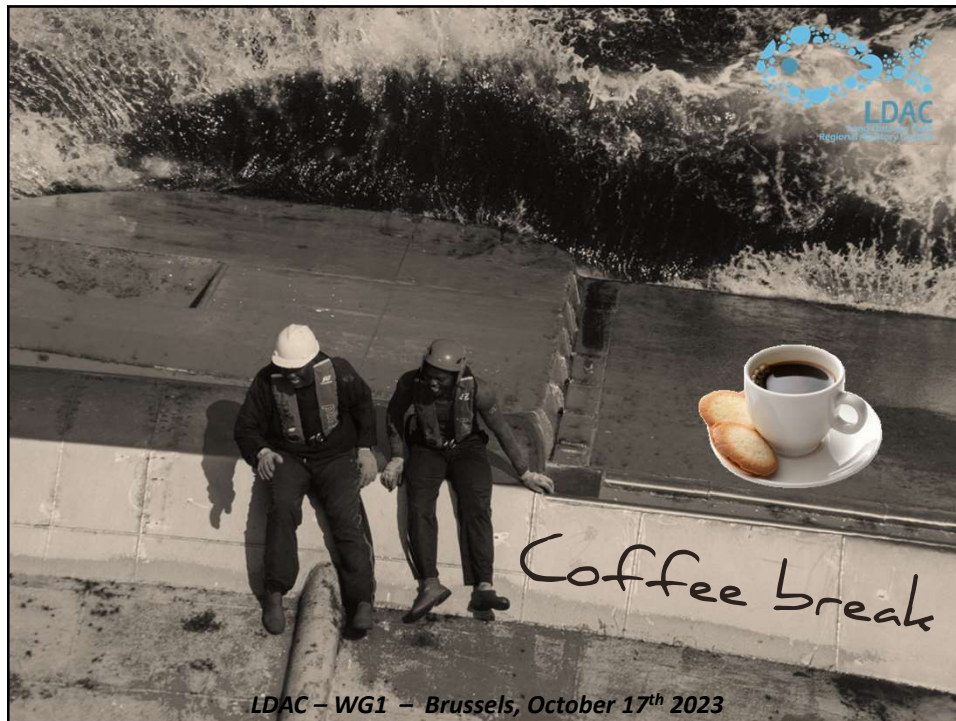


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Resolutions discussed at the 2023 IOTC plenary



N°	Objet de la proposition	soumise par	Adoption et commentaires
A	Sur le plan provisoire pour reconstituer le stock d'albacore de l'Océan Indien	Tanzanie	Fusionnées puis retirées, amendement de la 21-01
N	Sur un plan provisoire pour reconstituer le stock d'albacore de l'Océan Indien	Kenya	
B	Sur un plan pluriannuel de conservation et de gestion du listao	UE	Reportée, en remplacement de la 21-01
C	Sur un mécanisme d'arrondissement et d'inspection en haute mer	UE	Reportée suite au problème posé par la Chine
D	Sur la gestion des DCPd dans la zone de compétence de la CTOI	UE	Fusionnées puis reportées, en remplacement de la 23-02
L	Sur la gestion des DCPd dans la zone de compétence de la CTOI	Rép. de Corée	
E	Concernant la fixation de limites de capture pour le patudo	Japon	Adoptée, en remplacement de la 05-01
F	Établissant une fermeture volontaire de la pêche des thons tropicaux	Maurice	Adoptée, amendement de la 21-01, fermeture volontaire
G	Sur la réduction des prises accidentelles d'oiseaux de mer dans les palangriers	Australie	Adoptée, en remplacement de la 12-06
H	Sur les normes de surveillance électronique pour les pêcheries de la CTOI	Australie	Adoptée, avec UE en co-sponsor
I	Pour renforcer la coopération dans le processus de décision de la CTOI	Rép. De Corée	Adoptée
J	Sur un groupe de travail sur les dispositifs de concentration de poissons (DCP)	Rép. De Corée	Adoptée, en remplacement de la 15/09
K	Sur la conservation des cétacés	Rép. De Corée	Adoptée, en remplacement de la 13-04
M	Sur le programme de transbordement par les grands navires de pêche	Indonésie	Adoptée, amendement de la 22-02
O	Concernant la déclaration des captures et de l'effort par les navires de pêche	Seychelles	Reportée, en remplacement de la 15-01
P	Concernant les déclarations statistiques exigibles des CPC de la CTOI	Seychelles	Reportée, en remplacement de la 15-02
Q	Proposition de création d'un GT sur les aspects socio-économiques de la pêche	Seychelles	Adoptée
R	Sur la conservation des requins	Maldives	Reportée, en remplacement de plusieurs résolutions

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Agenda of the LDAC / Inter-AC Focus Group on ICCAT



1. Welcome

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Preparation of 28th Regular Meeting of ICCAT (Egypt, 13-20 Nov 2023)

- 3.1. Quick presentation of last SRCS results
- 3.2. EC Consultation with ACs
- 3.3. Inter AC work coordination between LDAC, CCRUP, SWWAC and MEDAC

4. Analysis of the draft proposal for LDAC advice

- 4.1. Technical elements, expert considerations, and evidence for LDAC advice
- 4.2. Next steps: way forward on adoption

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Abbreviations

- SSB = Spawning Stock Biomass
- F = Fishing mortality
- C = Catch
- TAC = Total Admissible Catches
- MSY = Maximum Sustainable Yield
- PGK = Probability of stock being in the Green quadrant of the Kobe plot
- PRK = Probability of stock being in the Red quadrant of the Kobe plot
- PMGy = Probability of Maintaining the stock in the Green quadrant of the Kobe plot by year y
- HCR = Harvest Control Rules
- SSB_T = Targeted Spawning Stock Biomass in the Management Plan
- F_T = Targeted Fishing mortality in the Management Plan

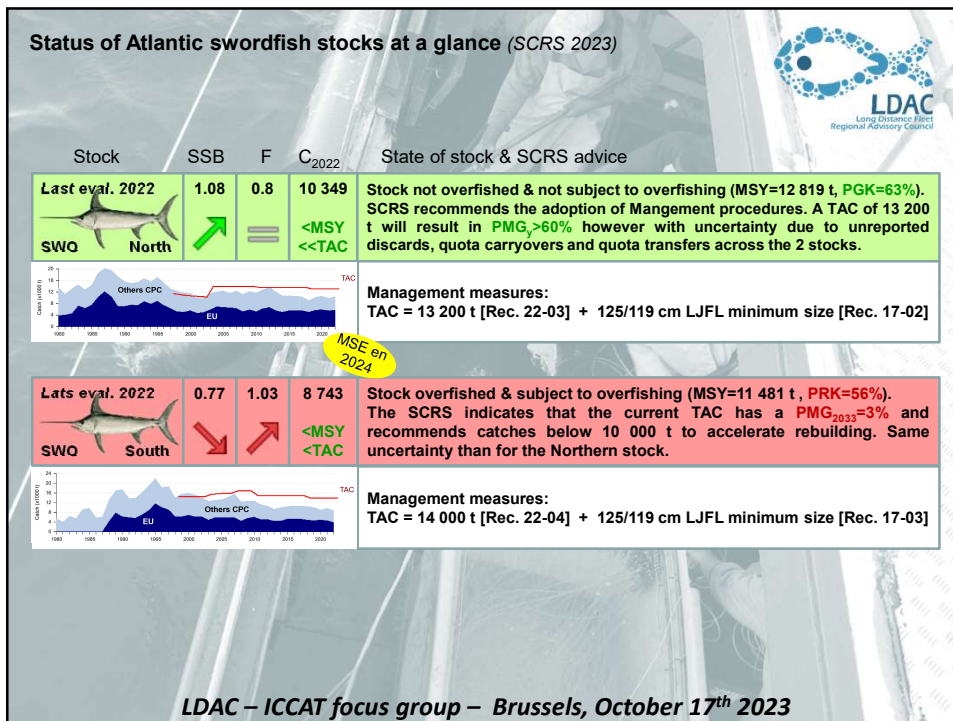
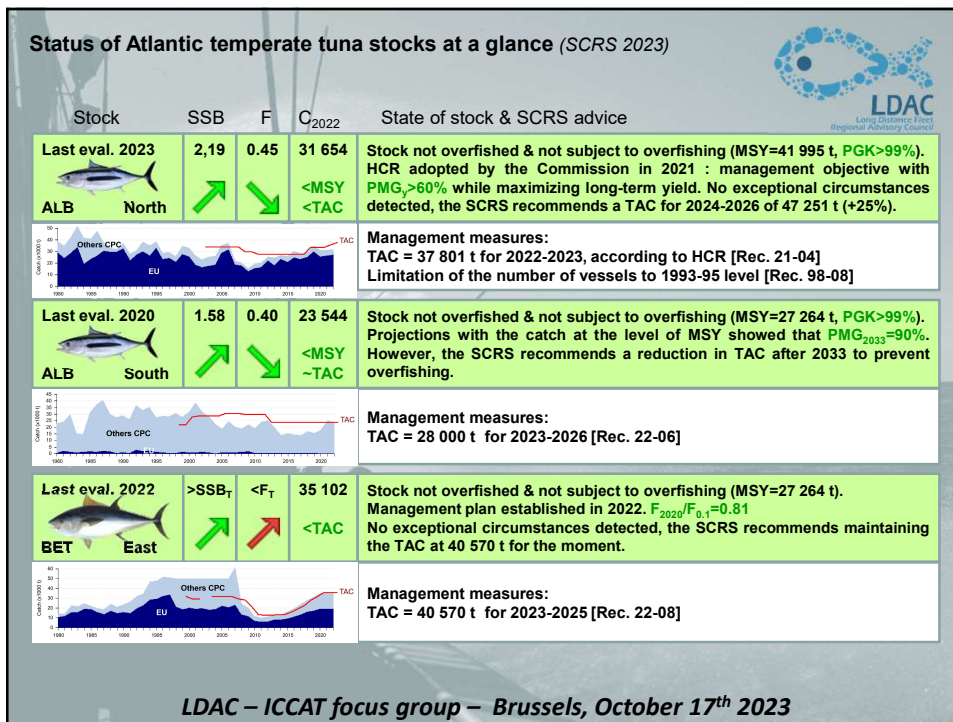
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Status of Atlantic tropical tuna stocks at a glance (SCRS 2023)


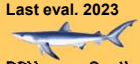


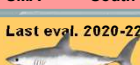
Stock	SSB	F	C ₂₀₂₂	State of stock & SCRS advice
Last eval. 2019  YFT	1.17	0.96	148 211	Stock close to MSY (121 298 t). PGK=54% . Catch of 120 000 t/yr are expected to further degrade the condition of the yellowfin stock. PMG₂₀₃₃=66% . The SCRS recommends to reduce fishing mortality of small yellowfin tuna. Evaluation planned in 2024.
Last eval. 2022  SKJ East	1.60	0.63	271 371	Stock with a PGK=78% . Constant catches at the MSY level (216,617 t) have a PMG₂₀₂₈=55% but notes that the provisional catches for 2022 are clearly higher than the MSY.
Last eval. 2021  BET	0.94	1.00	62 513	Stock overfished & not subject to overfishing (MSY=86 833 t, PRK=49%). Current catch levels have a high PMG₂₀₃₃>95% but projection proba. to be interpreted with caution. The SCRS recommends a TAC with a high PMG₂₀₃₄ and a reduction of fishing mortality of small bigeye tuna.

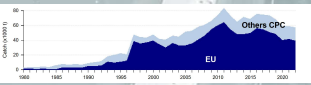
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Status of Atlantic shark stocks at a glance (SCRS 2023)




Stock	SSB	F	C ₂₀₂₂	State of stock & SCRS advice
 Last eval. 2023 BSH North	1.00	0.70	22 057 >TAC	Stock not overfished & not subject to overfishing (MSY=32 689 t, PGK=50%). As the TAC of 39 102 t established by Rec. 21-10 for North Atlantic blue sharks has a PMG ₂₀₃₃ =3%, the SCRS recommends a reduction of the TAC at a level with a high PMG ₂₀₃₃ (67% for 30 000 t, 80% for 27 500 t).
 Last eval. 2023 BSH South	1.29	1.03	31 727 >TAC	Stock not overfished but subject to overfishing (MSY=27 711 t, PGK=45%). Because recent catch are above the TAC of 28 923 t established by Rec 21-11 and not sustainable in the long term, the SCRS recommends a TAC of 27 711 (MSY) that have a PMG ₂₀₃₃ =54%.
 Last eval. 2017 SMA North	0.6 - 0.9	1.9 - 4.4	831 >sci rec	Stock overfished and subject to overfishing (PRK=90%). Given the vulnerability of this stock and uncertainty in assessment results, the SCRS urges the CPC to report all sources of mortality and recommends a non-retention policy in the North Atlantic.
 Last eval. 2017 SMA South	0.6 - 1.7	0.8 - 3.6	2 686 >sci rec	Stock possibly overfished & subject to overfishing (ie close to MSY, PGK=38%, PRK=28%). Given the uncertainty in stock status and vulnerability of this stock, the SCRS urges CPC to report all sources of mortality and recommends a TAC of 2 001 t (average 2011-2015).
 Last eval. 2020-22 POR 3 stocks	<0.6	<0.4	15 (prob. under-reported)	Stocks overfished but mainly not subject to overfishing. Stock status has improved due to zero TAC recommendation. The SCRS urges CPC to report all sources of mortality and implement a live release requirement for all porbeagle catches.




TAC established for blue shark [Rec. 21-10 et 21-11]
 Data collection strengthening + release alive requirement + minimum size for shortfin mako [Rec. 17-08]
 Porbeagle release alive requirement [Rec. 15-06], retention prohibited by Uruguay, Canada, EU, UK, Sweden & Norway

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Inter-AC work coordination between LDAC, CCRUP, SWWAC and MEDAC





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Building a draft proposal for LDAC advice

Food for thought

Proposal of elements for inclusion in a LDAC advice for ICCAT 2023

Proponents: Michel Goujon (WG1 Chair) and Alexandre Rodriguez (LDAC Exec. Secretary)

Date: 13th of October 2023

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NEW INFORMATION OR TEXT HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

ICCAT GENERAL ISSUES:

Fight against Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing

The LDAC expresses a strong support to the fight against IUU fishing which should inter alia include :

- Establishing a proper register of vessels actively fishing in the ICCAT's area of competence.
- Further expanding IMO number reporting requirements to include all eligible vessels.
- Increasing transparency about vessels' identities and beneficial ownership.
- **Asking for further accountability for performance of certain flag states that are CPCs of ICCAT at the ICCAT Compliance and Control Committee. This refers to those flag states that are contracting parties and are not fulfilling systematically their obligations to respond to alerts for non-compliance of suspected IUU activities (including forced labour) from non-EU fleets, against the spirit of Rec. 08-09.**
- On the basis of recommendation 18-10 by ICCAT concerning minimum standards for vessel monitoring systems in the ICCAT convention area, implementing a regional VMS for all vessels actively fishing in ICCAT.
- Adopting a comprehensive workplan and timeline for the development and implementation of electronic monitoring systems.
- Expanding the coverage of electronic Catch Documentation Schemes (eCDS) to cover all ICCAT stocks/species.
- Amending Recommendation 06-14 by ICCAT and strengthen the implementation of Recommendation 21-13, in order to prevent CPC nationals from deriving benefits from or supporting IUU fishing.
- Revising resolution 18-09 on port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing.

Transshipments

The LDAC supports the total elimination of transshipments at sea **and welcomes all proposal that will go along this line.**

In the meanwhile, LDAC supports the continuation of the ICCAT Regional Observer Program for fishing vessels 35 meters LOA engaging in transshipment operations at sea.

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Before you leave...

- Thanks you for your active participation
- Thanks to the interpreters
- Thanks to the Secretariat

Farewell