

Resolution on the Allocation of the Global Total Allowable Catch

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The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

Seized by the need to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna based on the best available scientific advice,

Recalling agreement reached on nominal catch levels at the 16th annual meeting of the Extended Commission meeting and the Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at that meeting,

Further to the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011,

Noting that the Management Procedure is the basis for setting the total allowable catch since 2012,

Taking into account the desirability of a transparent and stable process for allocating total allowable catch to Members and Cooperating Non-Members, which provides greater certainty to Members and Cooperating non-Members, in particular for their fishing industries, and facilitates the administration of national allocations,

Recalling the Extended Commission agreed at its special meeting in 2011 to principles that would apply to the distribution of any increase in the global total allowable catch under the Management Procedure,

Further recalling the changes to nominal catch proportions agreed in 2016,

In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of Article 8 of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, the Extended Commission decides as follows:

1. The total allowable catch (TAC) set on the basis of the Management Procedure (MP)¹ shall be allocated among Members and Cooperating Non-Members according to this Resolution.
2. Unless this Resolution provides otherwise, the TAC shall be allocated among Members and Cooperating Non-Members based on Members' nominal catch percentage levels set out in the Annex and paragraph 6 of this Resolution.
3. If there is no change to the TAC, each Member's allocation will remain unchanged.
4. If there is an increase to the TAC, the additional tonnage will be allocated amongst the Members based on the nominal catch percentage level as set out in the Annex to this Resolution.

¹The Management Procedure agreed to under the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure adopted at the annual meeting of the Extended Commission in 2011, and any subsequent revisions to that Resolution.

5. If there is a decrease to the TAC, each Member's allocation will decrease consistent with its nominal catch percentage level. However, the European Union's allocation will not decrease below 10 tonnes.
6. Each Cooperating Non-Member shall receive a fixed amount of the TAC, subject to the annual review of their status as a Cooperating Non-Member.
7. The Extended Commission may decide on an amount of the TAC to set aside for Research Mortality Allowance and for IUU catch by Non-Members. These amounts will be deducted from the TAC before allocation of the TAC to Members.
8. The allocation of the TAC may be revised with the entry of new Members and Cooperating Non-Members. The nominal catch levels will remain unchanged with the entry of new Members or Cooperating Non-Members, but the nominal catch percentage levels may change.

Annex

Members' Nominal Catch and Percentage Levels

<i>Member</i>	<i>Nominal Catch Level (tonnes)</i>	<i>Nominal Catch Percentage Level</i>
Japan	6,165.068	35.5643%
Australia	6,165.068	35.5643%
Republic of Korea	1240.631	7.1568%
Fishing Entity of Taiwan	1240.631	7.1568%
New Zealand	1,088.273	6.2779%
Indonesia	1001.705	5.7785%
South Africa	422.741	2.4387%
European Union	10.883	0.0628%