

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION  
COMISIÓN INTERAMERICANA DEL ATÚN TROPICAL

**72<sup>ND</sup> MEETING**

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**RESOLUTION C-04-03**

**RESOLUTION ON A SYSTEM OF NOTIFICATION OF SIGHTING AND  
IDENTIFICATION OF VESSELS OPERATING IN THE CONVENTION  
AREA**

*The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):*

*Concerned* that illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities in the Convention area undermine the effectiveness of the IATTC conservation and management measures.

*Recognizing* the importance of cooperating with respect to the sightings of vessels that may be fishing contrary to the IATTC conservation and management measures;

*Resolves as follows:*

1. Encourages vessels of IATTC Parties, cooperating non-Parties, fishing entities or regional economic integration organizations (collectively "CPCs") to report informally to the Director, if possible in real time, any sightings of vessels that may be fishing contrary to the conservation and management measures of the IATTC;
2. Encourages vessels of CPCs to report to their responsible authorities any sightings of vessels that may be fishing contrary to the conservation and management measures of the IATTC on the form attached to this resolution.
3. The responsible authorities referred to in paragraph 2 shall communicate the information reported on these forms to the Director. Once the Director has verified, to the extent possible, that the vessel sighted was likely to have been fishing contrary to the conservation and management measures of the IATTC, he shall inform the other CPCs of the vessel's activity, and shall also inform the government concerned and request that it rectify the vessel's activities. Any CPC informed of a sighting of one of its vessels shall reply, informing the Director of the steps it has taken to investigate and, if necessary, rectify the situation.

