

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
89TH MEETING

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**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

The following are recommendations and endorsements made by the 6th Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee participants (in no particular order):

1. The IATTC staff should create a form to guide Members in the submission of national reports.
2. Include in the agendas of future SAC meetings an item for a review of the SAC recommendations from the previous year, thus providing the SAC with an opportunity to track progress and outcomes, where applicable.
3. The IATTC should establish a data collection program for fishing vessels smaller than 24 m length overall.
4. Establish an IATTC program for collecting and processing data in the fisheries covered by the Convention, in order to standardize and systematize the handling of information and enable the reduction of the levels of uncertainty about the impact of the fisheries on species associated with tunas.
5. All documents and presentations prepared for a meeting of the SAC should be available one week before the meeting.
6. The SAC welcomes initiatives such as those pursued under the FAO-GEF project on sharks, and recommends that these efforts continue and be expanded upon in order to improve data collection, cooperation, and capacity building.
7. The Commission should continue and strengthen its cooperation with the WCPFC so as to ensure the recovery of Pacific bluefin tuna through the management of both juvenile and adult fish.
8. The Commission should strengthen the work on FADs by holding a meeting involving managers, scientists, and other stakeholders.
9. The Commission should consider requiring all the Members with fleets catching sharks, skates, and rays in the region to collaborate and cooperate with the staff by providing detailed statistics that will allow the staff to conduct a comprehensive ecological risk assessment of the main species of pelagic elasmobranchs.