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93RD MEETING

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PROPOSAL IATTC-93 A-1

SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

**EU PROPOSAL TO AMEND RESOLUTION C-03-05 ON DATA
PROVISION**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Comprehensive data collection on the fish stocks covered by the Antigua Convention is key to carrying out the objective of the Antigua Convention laid down in its Article II of ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the stocks under its purview, as well as an essential element for the provision of sound scientific advice by the Commission Scientific Staff and the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

The need to increase the Level 2 and 1 catch and effort data and length frequency data available for scientific purposes has been regularly highlighted by the SAC in its discussions. This will improve not only the quality of the stock assessment exercises but also the ecosystem analysis.

The current EU proposal makes the provision of that data compulsory for all vessels with some exceptions allowed for artisanal vessels.

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RESOLUTION C-03-05

RESOLUTION ON DATA PROVISION

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Emphasizing the importance of obtaining comprehensive information on the catches, and related information, by all vessels fishing for species under the purview of the Commission;

Understanding that all member nations of the Commission are obliged to provide information on catches by all of their vessels fishing for any species under the purview of the Commission;

Aware of the long-standing and well-established practice of vessels fishing in the EPO providing catch information to the Director;

Noting that nations not members of the Commission which are fishing in the region are obliged under international law to cooperate with the Commission, and that the provision of catch data is one aspect of such cooperation;

Concerned that the Director is not receiving all pertinent catch information;

Therefore recommends to the High Contracting Parties that:

1. Through the appropriate government authorities and in collaboration with those authorities, they take the necessary steps to ensure that all pertinent catch information is provided to the Director on an annual basis, for all of their vessels fishing for species under the purview of the Commission.
2. The data be provided, by species and fishing gear, where practical, via vessel logbooks and unloading records, and otherwise in aggregated form as in the following table, with Level 3 catch and effort data as a minimum requirement, and, ~~whenever possible~~, Levels 2 and 1 catch and effort data and length-frequency data.

Category	Level	Resolution	Data
Catch and effort	1	Set-by-set, logbook data with information on gear configuration and target species	Total catch in numbers, and weight if available; fishing effort
	2	1°x1°-month, with information on gear configuration and target species	
	3	5°x5°-month, with information on gear configuration and target species	
Length frequency	1	Set position, start or end of set	Length or weight of individual fish
	2	Grid position, best possible spatial-temporal resolution of area of capture	

3. The aggregated data referred to in paragraph 2 for each year shall be provided by 30 June of the following year.
4. The technical aspects of the data to be supplied shall be established by the Director in collaboration with scientists of the members.
5. The following exceptions shall apply to the immediate entry into force of this resolution:
 - a. For vessels of less than 24 meters in length overall, the requirements of this resolution shall not enter into force until 1 January 2007. However, each member shall make its best efforts to provide as much data as possible for these vessels.
 - b. Catch data from artisanal vessels may be reported as total annual catches, without data on fishing effort. ~~Levels 2 and 1 catch and effort data and length- frequency data of paragraph 2 shall only be provided where practicable.~~
 - c. Catch data from recreational fishing vessels may be reported as total annual catches, without data on fishing effort.
6. The Director communicate with the governments of states not party the Commission whose flag vessels may be fishing in the region, to comply with the terms of this resolution.
7. The Director ensure that the catch information provided to the Commission is maintained in strict accordance with the Commission's confidentiality rules and procedures.