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**PROPOSAL IATTC-87 H-2**

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**IATTC RESOLUTION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FISHING  
CAPACITY IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (EPO)**

*The Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC),*

CONSCIOUS of the need to avoid an overexploitation of the stocks targeted by this fleet in its entire area of distribution;

AWARE that the issue of excess fishing capacity is of worldwide concern and is the subject of an International Plan of Action developed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization;

NOTING that FAO International Plan of Action for the Management of the Fishing Capacity (IPOA) stipulates in its Objectives and Principles that States and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations confronted with an overcapacity problem which is undermining the achievement of long-term sustainability outcomes, should endeavour initially to limit at the present level and progressively reduce the fishing capacity applied to affected fisheries;

MINDFUL of IATTC Resolution C-02-03 and the IATTC 2005 Plan for Regional Management of Fishing Capacity which states in its Objectives and Principles the need for an efficient, equitable and transparent management of fishing capacity in the EPO in order to assist in achieving long-term sustainability of the fishery targeting species covered by the Convention and that this plan clearly states that capacity limitation should apply to all segments of the fleet active in the EPO, through an holistic approach to capacity management;

AWARE that the above Plan considers management of fleet capacity as complement of other measures taken to conserve the stocks of species covered by the Convention and that Members and Cooperating non-Members (CPCs) should reduce the total fleet capacity;

AWARE that any capacity management plan needs to encompass the existing capacity claims and pending disputes;

BELIEVING that it is important to limit fishing capacity in the IATTC Convention Area to a level commensurate with the target capacity established by the IATTC scientific staff in order to ensure that the fisheries in the region are conducted at a sustainable level;

MINDFUL of the legitimate rights and obligations under international law of coastal developing States in the Convention Area to pursue a responsible level of development of their own fisheries in the Convention Area;

ADOPTS, in accordance with the IATTC Convention, the following Resolution:

**Purse seiners**

1. The capacity on the IATTC Regional Vessel Register is frozen at the level extant on the date of the entry into force of this Resolution as appended in Annex 4. No new capacity will be allowed.
2. The capacity listed in Annex 1 includes granted volumes related to disputes and pending claims referred to in Appendix B of Document CAP-15-05. No new requests for increased capacity of any nature will be

considered.

3. The entry of new vessels to the Regional Register is prohibited unless a vessel of equal or greater capacity is removed from the Register.
4. On the basis of the active target capacity established by the IATTC scientific staff and Scientific Advisory Committee in 2015 of [X] cubic meters, the maximum total capacity of CPCs' purse-seine vessels will be limited by [31 December 2026] to the capacity listed in Annex 1. The target active capacity will be revised periodically as established in paragraph 6.
5. The reduction of capacity will be implemented gradually starting at the latest on 1 January [2021] in accordance with the timetable in Annex 2.
6. The target capacity will be revised periodically by the scientific staff and the Scientific Advisory Committee, taking into account *inter alia* stock status and fleet fishing efficiency. Any adjustment of Annex 2 following a revision of the target capacity will be done following the precautionary approach.
7. Before the date of entry into force of this Resolution, all CPCs will confirm the well volume of purse seiners which will be added to the volume referred to in paragraph 1. The Secretariat can request at any time verification of the information provided by CPCs. In case of absence of confirmation of the well volume by the date of entry into force, the most recent well volume reflected in the Regional Register will be considered as confirmed. If the Regional Register reflects a well volume lower than the actual volume, the confirmed volume will prevail. Any claim related to an upward revision of well volume after the adoption of this Resolution could be met only within the existing capacity allocated to that CPC and will not generate an increase of the allocated capacity.

#### **Automatic reduction of capacity for purse-seiners**

8. In addition to the reduction timetable referred to in paragraph 5, when an active purse-seine vessel is replaced by a second-hand vessel, no more than 90% of the existing vessel's capacity shall be used (*i.e.*, the capacity of the replacing second-hand vessel must be 90% or less than that of the one to be replaced). When replaced by a newly built vessel, no more than 80% of the existing vessel capacity shall be used.
9. [CPCs agree to implement other mechanisms of capacity reduction such as...].

#### **Longliners**

10. CPCs shall notify the Secretariat by 31 December 2015 the capacity of all longliners actively fishing in the Convention Area in [2012-2014].
11. In notifying their longliners, CPCs shall confirm that they have verified the effective presence and fishing activities of their vessels in the Convention Area in the referred period, through their VMS records, catch reports, port calls, or other means. The IATTC Secretariat shall have access to such information upon request.
12. CPCs shall limit the capacity of longliners fishing in the Convention Area to the number of their vessels active in the fishery in [2012-2014] and as reflected in Annex 3. No additional increase of capacity for longliners will be allowed.
13. On the basis of the target capacity for longliners established by the IATTC scientific staff and Scientific Advisory Committee by [year N], CPCs will initiate discussions on a management plan for longliners by [year N+1].

#### **Other mechanisms**

14. CPCs will continue discussions as to other methods to manage capacity, taking into consideration various options including the possibility of establishing individual transferable quotas (ITQs) for specific fisheries and others.

#### **Entry into force**

15. This Resolution shall enter into force on [XX XX XXXX].

## **ANNEX 1**

### **To be decided by the Members**

[Annex 1 will contain a table reflecting the maximum capacity allowed to purse-seiners flagged to CPC by a given date to be decided. The table will reflect the maximum capacity by CPC. It will be discussed and agreed by the CPCs on the basis of, among others, the following elements:

- Initial capacity to be reduced (active, inactive, claims and disputes)
- Final reduction percentage
- Formula for reduction (proportional, linear, a combination of various possibilities)
- Mechanism to reflect the rights of developing coastal states
- Production and economic yield
- Socio-economic impact
- Applicable conservation measures including closures
- Type of fisheries, targeted species and situation of the stocks
- Trade-offs between fisheries and gears
- Size of the fleet
- Fishing opportunities
- Other]

## **ANNEX 2**

### **To be decided by the Members**

[Annex 2 will reflect the timetable agreed for capacity reduction for CPCs' purse-seiners. It will be discussed and agreed by the CPCs on the basis of the following elements, among others:

- Number of years
- Timetable and benchmark for each reduction period
- Other]

## **ANNEX 3**

### **Maximum capacity allowed for CPCs' longliners by [year N]**

## **ANNEX 4**

### **CPCs' purse seiners capacity at the date of entry into force of the Resolution**