

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

82ND MEETING

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RESOLUTION C-11-11

**RESOLUTION ON THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR FISHERIES FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY
SPECIES TO STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Taking into account the provisions of Article XXIII of the Antigua Convention that the Commission shall seek to adopt measures relating to technical assistance, technology transfer, training and other forms of cooperation, to assist developing countries that are members of the Commission to fulfill their obligations under the Convention, as well as to enhance their ability to develop fisheries under their respective national jurisdictions and to participate in high seas fisheries on a sustainable basis;

Recalling that the Antigua Convention in its Article XXIII likewise establishes that the members of the Commission shall facilitate and promote such cooperation, especially financial and technical, and the transfer of technology, as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the previous paragraph;

Considering that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (b) indicates that one of the functions of the Commission is that it shall adopt standards for collection, verification, and timely exchange and reporting of data concerning the fisheries for fish stocks covered by the Convention;

Likewise taking into account that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (f) indicates that conservation and management measures and recommendations shall be adopted, as necessary, for species belonging to the same ecosystem and that are affected by fishing for, or dependent on or associated with, the fish stocks covered by the Convention, with a view to maintaining or restoring populations of such species above levels at which their reproduction may become seriously threatened;

Likewise taking into account that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (i) indicates that the Commission shall establish a comprehensive program for data collection and monitoring which shall include such elements as the Commission determines necessary, and that each member of the Commission may also maintain its own program consistent with guidelines adopted by the Commission; and

Recalling that the Commission has agreed various resolutions that commit its Members to submit information on catches of tunas and bycatches, among others;

Agrees that:

1. The “*Special fund for strengthening the institutional capacity of developing countries for the sustainable development of fisheries for highly migratory species*” (the Fund) is created, which shall be administered by the IATTC.
2. The resources of the Fund shall proceed from contributions obtained from the Members or from national and international bodies or entities interested in strengthening the capacities of developing countries. Such contributions may be declared by the donor for a specific use, consistent with the

nature of the Fund, or may be subject to the ordinary use of investments in building capacity for developing countries.

3. The Director shall budget for 2013 an item of fifty thousand (50,000) US dollars set aside to constitute the initial capital of the Fund.
4. The Director shall present to the Commission for its approval every year the strategic investment plan chargeable to the Fund, which shall be constructed on the basis of the requirements of the developing countries and the analyses carried out by the Commission staff.
5. The administration of the Fund shall be the responsibility of the Director and shall be subject to the auditing rules of the Commission and the financial regulations for the administration of the Fund to be developed by the Commission.
6. The purpose of the utilization of the Fund shall be the development of technical and scientific capacity, that will allow the developing countries to duly follow and comply with their obligations established under the Antigua Convention, particularly:
 - a. The creation of a standardized system for collecting, processing and analyzing data, as regards the stocks of tunas and tuna-like species and other species of fish caught by vessels that fish for tunas and tuna-like species in the Antigua Convention area.
 - b. Education and training, mainly in relation to the implementation and development of databases, analysis of fisheries statistics and data, and stock assessments, among others.
 - c. The participation of representatives of developing countries in the annual meetings of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies, as well as of scientific experts in the meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 - d. Facilitate the support of the IATTC scientific staff necessary for fulfilling the aims of this resolution in support of developing countries.
 - e. The creation of a standardized program for collecting, processing, and analyzing data, in order to match the processes with the Commission's systems.
 - f. Others that the Commission may decide, strictly for the creation of capacity development.
7. Members are encouraged to make contributions to the Fund.
8. The Director be asked, within his program of work, to explore and identify other options to strengthen the capacity of Members. This shall include opportunities for partnership with other organizations that work in this field, and providing guidance to these organizations on the needs and priorities of the countries.