

## Recommendation N° 32

### **ICCAT<sup>1</sup> Management Strategy Assessment (MSE)<sup>2</sup> process for Bluefin tuna**

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) is nearing the end of a long process to implement a management procedure (MP<sup>3</sup>) for Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Atlantic, a specie of crucial socio-economic importance for many countries. We believe that this tool will allow to manage this resource more efficiently and, if properly applied, guarantee its long-term stability.

The European Commission has been proactive in the Management Strategy Assessment (MSE) process since the beginning and has pointed the adoption of an MP as one of the main goals for the ICCAT 2022 annual meeting, to be held in the Algarve (Portugal) in November. It will be a crucial moment to ensure sustainable bluefin tuna fishing in the Atlantic and all the efforts must be made to ensure a consensus about the best MP to be adopted.

So, CCRUP recommends to the European Commission to **continue its efforts for the adoption and implementation of a management plan for Atlantic bluefin tuna**, and to ensure that the management objectives included in this procedure guarantee the best hypothesis of conservation for this specie, namely regarding the probability of *stocks* being in the green quadrant of the Kobe matrix.

#### \*Opinion of the *Asociación Tinerfeña de Amigos de la Naturaleza* (ATAN)

ATAN considers that this recommendation should not be sent, as it does not indicate anything new, as the text itself states: "...to the European Commission to continue..." and furthermore, there is no doubt that the Commission will continue working on this matter.

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<sup>1</sup>ICCAT acronym for International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

<sup>2</sup>Management Strategy Assessment, referred to as MSE.

<sup>3</sup>Management procedure, referred to as MP.