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Subject: Allocation of part of the EU quota of Bigeye Tuna, to the Outermost Regions small scale fisheries

Dear Ms. Charlina Vitcheva,

First, we congratulate the European Commission and DG MARE, for the excellent results at the last ICCAT 24th special meeting of the Commission, held in Cyprus.

CCRUP is also very pleased, that the newly adopted recommendation on *multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas* includes a very important provision, regarding the need to take into account the specificities and needs of the European Outermost Regions at paragraph 6, which states: “*Small-scale fisheries, including those operating in overseas territories and outermost regions of a CPC shall be given special consideration to their specificities and needs*”, as recommended in our [advice n°54](#).

With the increase of the annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) at 73.000 ton, and the new allocation key, the European Union (EU) sees its own quota allocation increased from 13.421,31 Ton to 13.576,29 Ton. We believe that one of the factors that may have enabled this result for the European Union have been their outermost regions and the small-scale fleets operating there, that require special consideration.

Considering the above mentioned, CCRUP encourages the European Commission and DG MARE, when proposing the new allocation for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) for discussion at the December council, to allocate an additional extra quote corresponding to at least 154,98 tons to the exclusive benefit of the EU’s outermost regions.

We are available for any clarifications.

Best regards,

The President of the Executive Committee of the CCRUP,

(Ruben do Couto Farias)