

RECOMMENDATION ON TUNA AND TUNA-LIKE STOCKS

Considering that the issue of over-exploitation of tuna and tuna like stocks was raised at the Twenty-fourth Session of Committee on Fisheries (COFI);

Considering that the COFI report indicated that some Members urged FAO to review and analyse the global status regarding tuna and tuna like stocks and bluefin tuna fisheries, in particular purse seine and longline fisheries;

Considering that this over-exploitation should be addressed firstly at the regional level and that, in this regard, ICCAT was the competent regional organization for this exercise;

Recalling that a wide range of issues needed to be addressed in order to ensure the sustainability of the tuna resources and tuna fisheries, including the issue of increased tuna penning/farming in the Mediterranean;

The Commission requested that the Joint GFCM/ICCAT Working Group address the concerns expressed at the Twenty-sixth Session of the Commission on the sustainability of the bluefin tuna resources including developments in bluefin tuna penning/farming in the Mediterranean.