

Fishing Vessel Notice

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To: All Ship Owners, Operators, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents, Representatives, and other Stakeholders

Subject: **NEW QUOTA ALLOCATION CRITERIA FOR TROPICAL TUNAS**

Following the outcome of the 23rd Special Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the adoption of a Recommendation to replace ICCAT Rec. 21-01 on a multi-annual conservation and management programme for tropical tunas, this Administration has undertaken to implement a new quota allocation criteria for these species which will improve the fishing opportunities for its vessels engaged in this fishery and optimize the utilization of the quota limits established under this ICCAT Recommendation.

ALLOCATION CRITERIA FOR BIGEYE TUNA QUOTAS – 2023

For Purse Seine Vessels

1. A threshold of 100 m/t allocation of BET is hereby established for all vessels involved in this fishery.
2. Vessels with a previous allocation of over 100 m/t will be allocated 100 m/t of BET in the first instance and eligible for additional allocations based on availability.
3. Vessels with a previous allocation of under 100 m/t will receive their requested allocation in the first instance and eligible for additional allocations based on availability.
4. Vessels that fish more than 50% of the established threshold will be eligible for an adjusted allocation of up to 50% of the threshold based on request and availability.
5. If a vessel fishes more than 80% of their adjusted allocation during the catching year, it will qualify for an additional allocation of 25% of the threshold, subject to availability.

For Long Line Vessels

1. A threshold of 25 m/t allocation for all vessels across the board has been established.
2. Vessels that fish up to 80% of their allocation during the catching year may qualify for an additional 15 m/t based on availability.

QUOTA ALLOCATION CRITERIA FOR YELLOWFIN AND SKIPJACK TUNAS – 2023

The allocation criteria for yellowfin and skipjack tunas remain unchanged and will be allocated as requested. Quota requests for yellowfin tuna will be subject to availability.



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