

Fishing Vessel Notice

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

Subject: **ICCAT FAD CLOSURE PERIOD AND LIMITATIONS IN 2024.**

Pursuant to the decision taken at the 28th Regular Meeting of ICCAT, the following area/time closure for fishing on FADs and FAD limitations has been adopted for 2024.

Area/Time Closure

To reduce the fishing mortality of juvenile bigeye tuna and yellowfin tunas, purse seine vessels and bait boat vessels fishing for, or vessels supporting activities to fish for bigeye, yellowfin, and skipjack tuans in association with FADs in the high seas or EEZs shall be prohibited during a seventy-two (72) day period from 1st January to 12th March 2024 throughout the Convention area.

Limitations on FADs

Purse seine vessels fishing for bigeye, yellowfin and/or skipjack tunas on FADs shall ensure that the following provisional limits are not exceeded.

- No more than 300 FADs per vessel with operational buoys at any one time
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