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ATTN: Heads of Delegation to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

21 Environmental Organizations Call on ICCAT to Adopt an Equitably Allocated, Precautionary Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Yellowfin Tuna and Strengthen FAD Management

The 24th special session of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) on 11-18 November 2024 brings an important opportunity to enhance conservation of key species. Specifically, we urge the Commission **to adopt an equitably allocated, precautionary Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for yellowfin tuna consistent with the SCRS advice, and to strengthen FAD management, including agreement on a timetable for transition to fully biodegradable FADs.**

Additionally, we urge the Commission to:

- Adopt **management procedures for western Atlantic skipjack and North Atlantic Swordfish**, as well as multi-stock management objectives for bigeye, yellowfin, and eastern skipjack.
- Adopt a **streamlined seabird conservation management measure** that reflects up-to-date scientific advice on best practice.

We the undersigned agree that these critical issues can and must be addressed during the Commission's annual meeting.

As a delegate to the ICCAT, we urge your government to support efforts to adopt proposals or take other actions to address the important issues noted above this year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

