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

20 Environmental Organizations Call on ICCAT to Adopt a Management Procedure for Western Skipjack, Advance MSEs for Multiple Stocks, Increase Observer Coverage

The 25th special session of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) on 17-24 November 2025 brings an important opportunity to enhance conservation of key species. Specifically, we urge the Commission **adopt a management procedure for western skipjack, and advance MSEs for the multi-stock tropical tunas, blue sharks and South Atlantic albacore.**

Additionally, we urge the Commission to:

- Update REC 16-14 to require an **increase of observer coverage to at least 20%** for pelagic longline vessels, as recommended by the SCRS, and adopt a timeline to reach 100% coverage
- **Equitably allocate the Total Allowable Catch (TAC)** for yellowfin tuna
- **Protect shortfin mako in line with scientific advice and the precautionary approach** by mitigating bycatch, continuing the North Atlantic retention ban without exceptions, and reducing the South Atlantic TAC to no more than 1295t

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,

