

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA  
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

**Technical Circular  
055-2023**

<b>For:</b>	Shipowners, Operators, Masters, Service Providers and Resident Agents
<b>On Behalf:</b>	Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
<b>Subject:</b>	Compliance on conservation measures for tropical tunas in the Eastern Pacific Ocean during 2022-2024 (Resolution C-21-04), specifically the measures for fishing on Fish Aggregating Devices at the IATTC.
<b>Ref.:</b>	ARAP/IFA/TC/055/2023

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) communicates to the Owners, Operators, Captains, Service providers and Resident Agents that, considering the international guidelines for the management and conservation of fishing resources, specifically the measures for fishing on Fish Aggregator Devices in the IATTC, the Republic of Panama in its capacity as Cooperating Party (CPC) before the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (CIAT) reiterates strict compliance in the delivery of monthly information **on data from satellite buoys for purse seine vessels that fish in the agreement area**, as established by IATTC Resolution C-21-04.

In this sense, purse seine vessels shall send information on "**satellite buoy data**", according to paragraphs 20 (deactivation of data buoys - Annex II), paragraph 21 (activation of data buoys - Annex III) and paragraph 24 (satellite buoy data - Annex IV), established in said resolution.

**On the other hand, we inform you that the following procedures are established for the delivery of such information.**

Vessels, through their representatives or service providers, shall submit the buoy data information to the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance and Control, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Office of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs, by e-mail in the formats referred to in the previous paragraph, as follows:

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**Subject:** Data Buoys month of XXXX year 20XX

- Vessel Name.
- Month and year of the report
- Date range of information presented.

It should be noted that the information submitted must contain accurate and complete data and must be submitted monthly to the ARAP and the IATTC to ensure compliance with the obligations as a Cooperating Party before said RFMO and as established in Article 24 of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, which regulates fisheries and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and establishes other provisions.

*“Article 24, The Authority by regulation shall establish the procedures and the format of the data and information to be collected and transmitted by the masters or captains of all types of vessels engaged in fishing, related activities and activities related to fishing.”*

Vessels that do not comply with providing the data corresponding to their fishing activities, shall be subject to the application of the regulations in force established by this Authority in sanctioning matters.

**Attachments:** Law 204 of March 18, 2021, Resolution IATTC C-21-04.

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