

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICE

N° 074-2024

**FOR:** Longline and Purse Seine Fishing Fleets Operating in ICCAT

**ON BEHALF:** International Technical Cooperation Office

**SUBJECT:** *Compliance with ICCAT Recommendation 23-05 on Conservation and Management Measures, including a management procedure and exceptional circumstances protocol, for North Atlantic Albacore.*

**DATE:** January 8, 2024

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), communicates to the Owners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents, the guidelines for the management and conservation of North Atlantic albacore tuna, in accordance with Recommendation 23-05 of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), which modifies paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Recommendation 21-04.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Recommendation 21-04, which states that the Contracting Party Members (CPCs) shall manage and establish management measures for the utilization of the resource in an orderly manner and aligned with the regulations established by ICCAT.

- Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) whose vessels fish North Atlantic albacore in the Convention area shall implement the following conservation and fishery management measures for North Atlantic albacore tuna, which include the Management Procedure (MP) set out in Annex 1 for establishing annual Total Allowable Catches.*

In this regard, Panama, in its condition as CPC to ICCAT, is responsible for managing the new measures on North Atlantic albacore catch limits, as well as the over-harvests and under-harvests, established in Articles 7 and 9 of Recommendation 23-05:

- CPCs other than those mentioned in paragraph 6 shall limit their annual catches to 302 t.*
- Any unused portion or excess of a CPC's annual quota/catch limit may be added to/shall be deducted from, according to the case, the respective quota/catch limit during or before the adjustment year, in the following way:*

<b>Year of Catch</b>	<b>Adjustment Year</b>
2022	2024
2023	2025
2024	2026
2025	2027
2026	2028

**✓ Important and Mandatory**

The fishing fleet that is in operation shall not fish, retain on board, transship, transport, transfer, process or land North Atlantic albacore, **maintaining the prohibition for 2024 and until the Authority establishes the mechanisms for the distribution and allocation of the annual catch established in Article 7 of Recommendation 23-05**; as well as, the specific authorization for North Atlantic albacore fishing and the ICCAT Record of Vessels established in Article 12 and 13 of ICCAT Recommendation 21-04.

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Vessels shall report releases and species status through fishing logbooks and on-board observer programs, the latter when applicable.

This Technical Notice supersedes Technical Notice No. 057-2023.

**Attachments:**

- ICCAT Recommendation 21-04 and
- ICCAT Recommendation 23-05.

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