

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICES

N° 080-2024

FOR: Panamanian flag fleet operational in ICCAT.

ON BEHALF: Office of International Technical Cooperation

SUBJECT: Compliance with Resolution ADM/ARAP No.013 of February 29, 2024 promulgated on 06 March 2024, Adopting Recommendation 21-14 of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and establishing provisions to cover contributions to the annual budget of the Commission..

DATE: March 11, 2024.

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), communicates to Ship-owners, Operators, Masters, and Resident Agents, that according to Resolution ADM/ARAP No.013 of February 29, 2024, Recommendation 21-14 of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) on the establishment of a register of vessels with an overall length of 20 meters or more authorized to operate in the Convention area is adopted in all its parts, and establishes the provisions to cover the contributions to the annual budget of the Commission.

That according to Article 75 of Executive Decree No. 13 of November 1, 2023, which regulates Law 204 of 2021, establishes the following:

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In the case of activities subject to the RFMO regulatory framework, Panamanian flag vessels may only operate on the species and/or in the relevant areas, once the Authority has proceeded to the granting of the corresponding commercial license for international catch service or fishing related activities and its registration with the respective organization.

For these purposes, the owner and/or holder of the vessel, in addition to the cost of the license, shall cover the financial contributions determined by the Authority to cover the participation in the said organization, which shall be calculated in proportion to the activities carried out in accordance with its participation as a catching vessel or vessel engaged in fishing related activities.

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In this sense, every vessel authorized on the ICCAT record shall have an international service fishing license, under the Panama chapter, and contribute to the annual budget of the Commission, provided that it has carried out catching or fishing related activities in the Convention area and in accordance with Article 3, which indicates the following:

Article 3. Any vessel that has a commercial fishing license for international service, is registered in the ICCAT Record of Vessels and has carried out activities in accordance with its participation as a catching vessel or fishing related activities in the area regulated by ICCAT, under the Panama Chapter, shall contribute to the annual budget of that organization, adopted by ICCAT recommendation, by contributing to the amount to be paid by the Republic of Panama as a member of the Commission in said budget, according to the following percentage distribution, as of fiscal year 2024:

Capture fishing vessels and fishing vessels engaged in fishing related activities.	90%
The Authority	10%

That the allocation of the percentage established in the table of Article 3, which corresponds to the distribution of the country quota, shall be assigned in equal parts for each vessel fishing for catches and fishing related activities, as established in Article 4 of the resolution.

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That based on Article 5 of Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 013 of February 29, 2024, the amount of the financial contribution that corresponds to each vessel that is in the Commission's Vessel Register, shall be communicated by the Authority in a formal manner before March one (01) of each year, to each of the owners of vessels with commercial fishing license of international catch service and with commercial fishing license of international service of fishing related activities, as well as the manner of making such payment; however, for the case of the communication of such amount and manner in the year 2024, given that Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 013 of 2024 was promulgated in the Official Gazette on March 06, 2024, date on which it came into effect, the formal communication shall be made no later than March 15, 2024.

That the payment of the contribution assigned to each vessel shall be made before August fifteenth (15) of the corresponding year.

✓ Important and Mandatory

Failure to comply with these guidelines and measures will be subject to the application of the provisions of Article 6 of Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 013 of February 29, 2024.

Attachments:

- Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 013 of February 29, 2024.
- Recommendation ICCAT 21-14 can be found at the following link:
<https://www.iccat.int/en/RecRes.asp>.

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Annex

Guidelines and measures for the conservation and management by species of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT:

GUIDELINES	REC. ICCAT	SPECIES
<i>Vessels flying the Panamanian flag shall prohibited, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of this species.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus)</i> <i>Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus)</i> <i>Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae)</i> <i>Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>The masters of vessels flying the Panamanian flag, shall report in the fishing logbooks, the discard and/or release of these species and inform the condition of each specimen (live or dead), coordinates, date, set, and others that the authority determines. They shall release these species quickly and unharmed, as far as possible, taking into account their safety and the minimum standards for safe handling and release procedures.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus)</i> <i>Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus)</i> <i>Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae)</i> <i>Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>On vessels with an On-Board Observer Program, in addition to the established requirements, the observer shall also report the discard and/or release of specimens and inform the condition of each specimen (dead or alive), coordinates, date, sets, and others that the Authority may determine.</i>	09-07 10-07 10-08 11-08 07-06 15-06	<i>Thresher sharks (Alopias superciliosus)</i> <i>Oceanic sharks (Carcharhinus longimanus)</i> <i>Hammerhead sharks (family Sphyrnidae)</i> <i>Silky shark (Carcharhinus falciformis)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus)</i> <i>Porbeagle (Lamna nasus).</i>
<i>Vessels flying the Panamanian flag shall prohibited from retaining on board, transshipping, storing, selling, offering for sale and landing shark fins obtained in contravention of this ICCAT recommendation and national regulations in force.</i>	04-10	<i>Sharks (SHK)</i>