



PROGRESS ON ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CAPACITY BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNA (ICCAT)

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ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CAPACITY




- ICCAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES USES A VARIETY OF MANAGEMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING LIMITATION OF CATCH AND EFFORT.
- SYSTEM FOR EQUITABLE ALLOCATION NEEDED

ICCAT CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISHING POSSIBILITIES



- ADOPTED IN 2001 – REF. 01-25
- TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ARTISANAL, SUBSISTENCE, SMALL-SCALE COASTAL FISHERS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS, FOOD SECURITY, INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT
- MUST BE APPLIED *“in a manner that encourages efforts to prevent and eliminate over-fishing and excess fishing capacity and ensures that levels of fishing effort are commensurate with the ICCAT objective of achieving and maintaining MSY.”*

LIMITS ON FISHING EFFORT

-  YELLOWFIN TUNA – REC.93-04
- FREEZE OF FISHING EFFORT RECOGNIZED
POSSIBILITY OF OVER CAPACITY

MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CAPACITY IN ICCAT

CURRENT MEASURES

- CAPACITY LIMITATIONS FIRST ADOPTED FOR:
 - NORTH ATLANTIC ALBACORE – LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF VESSELS 
 - BIGEYE TUNA – LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF VESSELS ADJUSTMENT OF FISHING EFFORT COMMENSUATE WITH THE AVAILABLE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES 

CAPACITY LIMITS FOR BFT



- BLUEFIN TUNA
- ANNUAL CAPACITY PLANS REQUIRED
- FREEZE ON CAPACITY (VESSELS AND TRAPS)
- REDUCTION BY 25% OF EXCESS CAPACITY
- FREEZE NOT REQUIRED BY DEVELOPING STATES THAT DEMONSTRATE NEED TO DEVELOP FISHING CAPACITY FOR FULL UTILIZATION OF QUOTA

REDUCTION OF FISHING CAPACITY IN NUMBER OF VESSELS

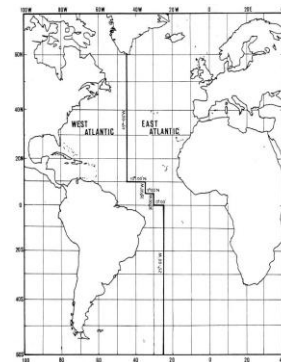
- REDUCTION BY NUMBER OF BFT CATCHING VESSELS AND TRAPS, 2008-2010

	2008 level	2010 (as reported 2009)	2010 REV (as reported Feb 2010)
PS large	127	56	44
PS medium	203	138	130
PS small	134	38	32
LL large	9	40	39
LL medium	9	13	17
LL small	395	324	196
Baitboat	68	69	69
Handline	102	310	47
Trawler	187	79	79
Trap	33	29	26
Other artisanal	253	2	376
TOTAL units	1520	1098	1055



AVOIDANCE OF CAPACITY TRANSFER

- To avoid increasing fishing mortality of BFT in the eastern or western Atlantic, CPCs continue to take measures to prohibit any transfer of fishing effort from the western Atlantic to the eastern Atlantic and from the eastern to the western Atlantic



IDENTIFICATION OF OVERCAPACITY

- ICCAT WG ON STOCK ASSESSEMENT METHODS:
NEED MORE DETAILED INFORMATON ON FLEETS.
ACCESS AND EFFORT CONTROLS MAY ALSO BE
REQUIRED



- SUGGESTED DEFINITION OF OVERCAPCITY
SUGGESTED: The generic term for excessive levels
of capacity. It is measured by the difference
between harvesting capacity and a sustainable
management target.

STEPS TO A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH

- ONGOING WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY ICCAT – WORKING GROUP ON CAPACITY HAS MET TWICE TO DATE
- RELIABLE STUDIES OF CAPACITY REQUIRED. THIS IS IN PLACE FOR MEDITERRANEAN SWO (Rec. 09-04).
- NEED TO EXTEND TO MORE SPECIES – AWAIT OUTCOME OF BRISBANE WORKSHOP.

