



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON THE CONSERVATION OF  
MIGRATORY SHARKS**

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**RELEVANT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES,  
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF SELECTED REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (RFMOs)**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

**Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)<sup>1</sup>**

- Resolution on large-scale driftnet fishing (adopted at the 23rd Annual Meeting, October 2016).
- Recommendation to Mitigate the Impact on Ecologically Related Species of Fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna (updated at the 26th Annual Meeting, October 2019).

**Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)<sup>2</sup>**

- C-05-03: Resolution on the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in The Eastern Pacific Ocean.
- C-11-10: Resolution on the Conservation of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the Antigua Convention Area.
- C-15-04: Resolution on the Conservation of Mobulid Rays Caught in Association with Fisheries in the IATTC Convention Area.
- C-16-04: Amendment to Resolution C-05-03 on the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.
- C-16-05: Resolution on the Management of Shark Species.
- C-16-06: Conservation Measures for Shark Species, With Special Emphasis on the Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus Falciformis*). For the Years 2017, 2018, And 2019.
- C-18-05: Amendment of Resolution C-16-01 on the Collection and Analyses of Data on Fish-Aggregating Devices.

**International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT)<sup>3</sup>**

- 95-02: Resolution by ICCAT on cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with regard to study on the status of stocks and by-catches of shark species.
- 03-10: Resolution by ICCAT on the shark fishery.

<sup>1</sup> Retrieved on 22/11/2019 from <https://www.ccsbt.org/en/content/operational-resolutions-and-other-important-documents>

<sup>2</sup> Conservation management measures in force as of January 2019. Retrieved on 22/11/2019 from <https://www.iattc.org/PDFFiles/Resolutions/IATTC/Compendium-of-active-resolutions-and-recommendations.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Management Recommendations and resolutions effective in 2019. Retrieved on 22/11/2019 from [https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/COMPENDIUM\\_ACTIVE\\_ENG.pdf](https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/COMPENDIUM_ACTIVE_ENG.pdf)

- 04-10: Recommendation by ICCAT concerning the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by ICCAT.
- 07-06: Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Sharks.
- 09-07: Recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of Thresher Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
- 10-06: Recommendation by ICCAT on Atlantic Shortfin Mako Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries.
- 10-07: Recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of Oceanic Whitetip Sharks caught in Association with fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area.
- 10-08: Recommendation by ICCAT on Hammerhead Sharks (family Sphyrnidae) caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT.
- 11-08: Recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of Silky Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries.
- 11-10: Recommendation by ICCAT on Information Collection and Harmonization of Data on By-catch and Discards in ICCAT Fisheries.
- 13-10: Recommendation by ICCAT on Biological Sampling of Prohibited Shark Species by Scientific Observers.
- 14-06 Recommendation by ICCAT on Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries.
- 15-06: Recommendation by ICCAT on Porbeagle Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries
- 17-08: Recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries.
- 18-06: Recommendation by ICCAT to Replace Recommendation 16-13 on Improvement of Compliance Review of Conservation and Management Measures Regarding Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries.
- 2019<sup>4</sup>: Recommendation by ICCAT amending the Recommendation 16-12 on management measures for the conservation of the North Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.
- 2019: Recommendation by ICCAT on management measures for the conservation of South Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.
- 2019: Recommendation by ICCAT on the conservation of North Atlantic stock of Shortfin Mako caught in association with ICCAT fisheries.

### **Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)<sup>5</sup>**

- Resolution 12/09: On the conservation of thresher sharks (family *Alopiidae*) caught in association with fisheries in the IOTC area of competence.
- Resolution 12/12: To prohibit the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas in the IOTC area.
- Resolution 13/05: On the conservation of whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*).
- Resolution 13/06: On a scientific and management framework on the conservation of shark species caught in association with IOTC managed fisheries.
- Resolution 15/09: On a fish aggregating devices (FADs) working group.
- Resolution 17/05: On the conservation of sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by IOTC.

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<sup>4</sup> Recommendations and Resolutions adopted at the 26th Regular Meeting of the ICCAT.

<sup>5</sup> Compendium of Active Conservation and Management Measures as of October 2019. Retrieved on 22/11/2019 from <https://www.iotc.org/cmms>

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- Resolution 17/07: On the prohibition to use large-scale driftnets in the IOTC area.
  - Resolution 18/02: On Management Measures for the Conservation of Blue Shark Caught In Association With IOTC Fisheries.
  - Resolution 18/04: On BIOFAD Experimental Project.
  - Resolution 19/02: Procedures on a Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Management Plan.
  - Resolution 19/03: On the Conservation of Mobulid Rays Caught in Association with Fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence.

#### **Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)<sup>6</sup>**

- 2008-04: Conservation and Management Measure to Prohibit the Use of Large Scale Driftnets on the High Seas in the Convention Area.
- 2009-02: Conservation and Management Measure on the Application of High Seas FAD Closures and Catch Retention.
- 2010-07: Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks (Replaced CMM 2009-04, which replaced CMM 2008-06 and CMM 2006- 05) and Guidelines for safe release of encircled Whale Sharks as at Dec 2015; Best handling practices for safe release of mantas and Mobulids as at Dec 2017; Best handling practices for safe release of sharks as at Dec 2018.
- 2011-04: Conservation and Management Measure for Oceanic Whitetip Sharks.
- 2012-04: Conservation and Management Measure on the protection of Whale Sharks from purse seine operations.
- 2013-08: Conservation and Management Measure for Silky Sharks.
- 2014-05: Conservation and Management Measures for Sharks (this CMM does not replace or prejudice any other existing shark CMM).

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<sup>6</sup> Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and Resolutions compiled in November 2019. Retrieved on 22/11/2019 from <https://www.wcpfc.int/system/files/booklets/31/CMM%20and%20Resolutions.pdf>