

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**90<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (RESUMED)**

**La Jolla, California (USA)  
12-14 October 2016**

**PROPOSAL IATTC-90 A-3 REV**

**SUBMITTED BY COLOMBIA**

**REGULATION USE OF FADS IN THE PURSE-SEINE FISHERY FOR  
TUNAS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN DURING 2017-2019**

*The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC, gathered in La Jolla, California, USA, on the occasion of its 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting:*

*Aware of its responsibility for the scientific study of the tunas and tuna-like species in its Convention Area and for formulating recommendations to its Members and Cooperating non-Members (CPCs) with regard to these resources;*

*Recognizing that the potential production from the resource can be reduced if fishing effort is excessive;*

*Aware that the capacity of the purse-seine fleets fishing for tunas in the Convention Area continues to increase;*

*Concerned because the capacity of the purse-seine fleets and the number of FADs that are being deployed in the Convention Area continues to increase.*

*Taking into account the best scientific information available, reflected in the IATTC staff's recommendations, and the precautionary approach;*

*Understanding that the IATTC Scientific Advisory Committee recommended looking for complementary conservation measures as an alternative to an increase in the closure days suggested by the scientific staff;*

*Recognizing that attempts must be made to reduce the catches of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin mainly associated with fish-aggregating devices FADs;*

*Reiterating that there is an urgent need to limit the increase in fish-aggregating devices (FADs) deployed in the Convention area; and*

*Taking into account that the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission have established measures to control the maximum value of FADs that their vessels can utilize per year;*

*Recalling the definition of fishing in Article I of the "Antigua Convention", which establishes that fishing means "engaging in any activity which can reasonably be expected to result in the locating, catching, harvesting of these stocks".*

*Agrees:*

To apply in the Convention Area the conservation and management measures for yellowfin and bigeye tuna set out below, and requests that the staff of the IATTC monitor the fishing activities of the respective CPC's flag vessels relative to this commitment, and report on such activities at the next meeting of the Commission;

**I. ANNUAL LIMIT ON DEPLOYMENT OF FADs PER VESSEL**

1. Beginning in the year 2017, CPCs shall ensure that none of their purse-seine vessels of Classes 1-6 shall deploy more than de 500 FADs per year.
2. Each CPC shall require before the beginning of the closure period to recover 80% of the FADs deployed during the previous trips.

3. For monitoring compliance with the FAD deployment and recovery limit by each of its vessels, CPCs shall keep track by using the FAD data collection format established in Resolution C-16-01, as well as the information supplied by the observer aboard IATTC Class 6 vessels.
4. The Commission jointly with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the *Ad hoc* Permanent Working Group on FADs, shall review the progress and results of the implementation of this measure and may adjust the established limit.