

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

87TH MEETING

**Lima (Peru)
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RESOLUTION C-14-03

**AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION C-11-11 ON THE CREATION OF
THE SPECIAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR
FISHERIES FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TO STRENGTHEN
THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Lima, Peru, on the occasion of its 87th Meeting:

Taking into account the provisions of Article XXIII of the Antigua Convention that the Commission shall seek to adopt measures relating to technical assistance, technology transfer, training and other forms of cooperation, to assist developing countries that are members of the Commission to fulfill their obligations under the Convention, as well as to enhance their ability to develop fisheries under their respective national jurisdictions and to participate in high seas fisheries on a sustainable basis;

Recalling that the Antigua Convention, in its Article XXIII, likewise establishes that the members of the Commission shall facilitate and promote such cooperation, especially financial and technical, and the transfer of technology, as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the previous paragraph;

Considering that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (b) indicates that one of the functions of the Commission is that it shall adopt standards for collection, verification, and timely exchange and reporting of data concerning the fisheries for fish stocks covered by the Convention;

Likewise taking into account that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (f) indicates that conservation and management measures and recommendations shall be adopted, as necessary, for species belonging to the same ecosystem and that are affected by fishing for, or dependent on or associated with, the fish stocks covered by the Convention, with a view to maintaining or restoring populations of such species above levels at which their reproduction may become seriously threatened;

Likewise taking into account that the Antigua Convention in its Article VII, paragraph (i) indicates that the Commission shall establish a comprehensive program for data collection and monitoring which shall include such elements as the Commission determines necessary, and that each member of the Commission may also maintain its own program consistent with guidelines adopted by the Commission; and

Recalling that the Commission has agreed various resolutions that commit its Members to submit information on catches of tunas and bycatches, among others;

Agrees that:

1. The “*Special fund for strengthening the institutional capacity of developing countries and territories for the sustainable development of fisheries for highly migratory species*” (the Fund) is created, which shall be administered by the IATTC.
2. The resources of the Fund shall proceed from the fixed annual contribution of 2% of the Commis-

sion's budget intended for building and strengthening of the capacity of coastal developing countries and territories. Additionally, the budget will be strengthened with other voluntary contributions obtained from the Members or from national and international bodies or entities interested in strengthening the capacities of developing countries and territories. Such contributions may be declared by the donor for a specific use, consistent with the nature of the Fund, or may be subject to the ordinary use of investments.

3. The Director shall present to the Commission for its approval every year the strategic investment plan chargeable to the Fund, which shall be constructed on the basis of the requirements of the developing countries and territories and the analyses carried out by the Commission staff.
4. The administration of the Fund shall be the responsibility of the Director and shall be subject to the auditing rules of the Commission and the financial regulations for the administration of the Fund to be developed by the Commission.
5. The purpose of the utilization of the Fund shall be the development of technical and scientific capacity, that will allow the developing countries and territories to duly follow and comply with their obligations established under the Antigua Convention, particularly:
 - a. The creation of a standardized system for collecting, processing and analyzing data, as regards the stocks of tunas and tuna-like species and other species of fish caught by vessels that fish for tunas and tuna-like species in the Antigua Convention area.
 - b. Education and training, mainly in relation to the implementation and development of databases, analysis of fisheries statistics and data, and stock assessments, among others.
 - c. The participation of representatives of developing countries in the annual meetings of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies, as well as of scientific experts in the meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
 - d. Facilitate the support of the IATTC scientific staff necessary for fulfilling the aims of this resolution in support of developing countries and territories.
 - e. The creation of a standardized program for collecting, processing, and analyzing data, in order to match the processes with the Commission's systems.
 - f. Others that the Commission may decide, strictly for the creation of capacity development.
6. Members, national and international bodies and entities are encouraged to make voluntary contributions to the Fund.
7. The Commission shall review, in 2024 at the latest, the impacts and effectiveness of the actions developed from the utilization of the Fund with the aim of determining their advisability and necessity, as well as the possible adjustments that may be required to guarantee the objectives established in this resolution and those that the Commission may determine in due course.
8. The Director is asked, within his program of work, to explore and identify other options to strengthen the capacity of Members. This shall include opportunities for partnership with other organizations that work in this field, and providing guidance to these organizations on the needs and priorities of the countries.
9. This resolution replaces Resolution C-11-11.