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RECOMMENDATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

The following are recommendations and endorsements made by the Scientific Advisory Committee, in no particular order. The participants understand that some are more important than others.

1. That the chair of the SAC develop a working document for this year's annual meeting of the Commission, outlining recommendations for rules of procedure, clarification of the participation of NGOs as observers, and establishing a time deadline for documents to be submitted prior to the SAC meetings. Other elements that might be included, such as how to work without a quorum, were mentioned in the report of the first meeting of the Committee in 2010.
2. That the staff conduct a full assessment of the yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks in the EPO every third year, and these assessment shall be independently reviewed periodically.
3. The SAC generally supports the Commission staff's conservation recommendations for 2011 to 2013, but some participants believed that they should be strengthened. Furthermore, the recommendations should be reviewed every year, in view of the new stock assessments, as called for in IATTC Recommendation [C-10-01](#), paragraphs 18a and 18b.
4. That a comprehensive report about movement of fish across the western boundary of the EPO, including fish tagged in the western Pacific, be produced.
5. Encourage collaboration among the scientists working in all oceans on the issue of post-stratification, as described in Document [SAC-02-10](#).
6. That the Commission staff prepare a report about FAD research activities, based on the information discussed during this meeting, given that bycatch mitigation is not adequately covered in Document [SAC-02-12](#)
7. That the IATTC join the effort established at the Kobe II meeting in April 2009 to develop strategy matrices for application to the tuna stocks in the EPO.
8. The SAC supports the analysis presented in Document [SAC-02-INF A](#). However, some participants believe that newly-built purse seiners are likely to be more efficient than current vessels, and therefore added capacity will not be equivalent to existing capacity.
9. That the Commission adopt rules for the availability of fisheries data of a similar standard as the other tuna RFMOs.
10. To support the genetics research project proposed by Colombia.
11. To support programs for building scientific capacity, in the framework of the Antigua Convention, in coastal states. The SAC recognizes that this may require additional staff for the IATTC.
12. That the Commission strengthen Resolution [C-05-03](#) by clarifying the mitigation measures, especially for shark species of concern.
13. That, within the Bycatch Working Group, Recommendation [C-10-02](#) on seabird bycatch be reviewed, taking into account the latest information.

Finally, the SAC recognized the invaluable contribution of Patrick Tomlinson to fisheries science, and recommends that the Commission officially acknowledge his 50-year continuous service at the IATTC.