

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

82ND MEETING

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PROPOSAL IATTC-82-H-1

SUBMITTED BY JAPAN

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF OCEANIC
WHITETIP SHARK IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recalling Article VII, paragraph 1. (f) of the Convention that the Commission shall adopt, as necessary, conservation and management measures and recommendations 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 this Convention, with a view to maintaining or restoring populations of such species above levels at which their reproduction may become seriously threatened;

Taking duly note that the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) expressed concern about recent declining trend in catches of oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) by purse seiners;

Recognizing that SAC recommends that conservation measures for this species be taken immediately without waiting for the results of the stock assessment;

AGREED the following:

1. Members and Cooperating non-Members of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as “CPCs”) shall prohibit, retaining onboard, transshipping, landing, storing, selling, or offering for sale any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks in any commercial and sport and recreational fishery.
2. CPCs shall record through their observer programs the number of discards and releases of oceanic whitetip sharks with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to IATTC.