

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
95th MEETING

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**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

I. Conservation and management

A. Tropical tunas

1. The SAC recommends the establishment of a triennial assessment and management cycle for the tropical tuna fishery in the EPO. This cycle would start on the date decided by the Commission. This cycle does not prejudice the possibility for the Commission to review and revise on a yearly basis the conservation and management measures that it has adopted, taking into account their effect on the stocks and the monitoring of the status of the stocks.
2. The SAC recommends that the provisions of the current resolution (C-17-02) be maintained for 2021 and that, as appropriate, those provisions be reviewed and updated by the commission, in particular those related to FADs.
3. The SAC agrees on the need to explore further actions to limit fishing mortality at appropriate levels and in particular to avoid increases of fishing mortality beyond the status quo conditions. Without prejudice to the conclusions and decisions that the Commission may adopt, the SAC recommends that the IATTC staff and the Commission consider, discuss and/or prioritize appropriate options based on the best available information.

B. Temperate tunas

a. Pacific bluefin tuna

1. Extend the provisions of Resolution C-18-01 through 2021.

b. North Pacific albacore tuna

1. The SAC recommends that CPCs continue to implement Resolutions C-05-02, C-13-03, C-18-03, presently in force.
2. The SAC recommends that the Commission endorse the management objectives for North Pacific albacore tuna developed and agreed by the ISC MSE process, ensuring their prioritizing, ranking and weighting in the context of that ongoing process.

II. Research

A. Tropical tunas

1. **Environment**: The SAC, considering that the environment is a likely driver of changes in the dynamics of tropical tunas, recommends to further study the relationships between tropical tuna stocks and fishery variables and oceanographic conditions and supports the activities of the staff already undertaken or programed in this respect.
 2. **Risk analysis**: In collaboration with CPCs and relevant stakeholders, continue improving stock assessments and risk analysis for tropical tunas.
 3. **Management strategy evaluation**: In collaboration with CPCs and relevant stakeholders, continue support for MSE for tropical tunas, following guidelines from C-16-02 and C-19-07.
- B. Temperate tunas**: The SAC recommends that the IATTC collaborate with the ISC on an assessment of Swordfish in the EPO, north of the Equator.