

Possible Principles for Allocation

A composite list drawn from meeting report IOTC-2016-TCAC03-R
Appendix VII (“Possible Principles for Allocation”)

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 - a. ensure the sustainable utilisation of the resource, through appropriate overall limits on each stock in accordance with agreed TRPs and Harvest Control Rules. Any allocation system must support sustainability by ensuring compliance with overall catch limits, IOTC Conservation and Management Measures, and rules against IUU fishing. [see Appendix VII (a), (f), (m), (n)]
 - b. recognise the rights under international law of Indian Ocean coastal States and distant water fishing nations. [see Appendix VII (h)]
 - c. allocate fair and equitable fishing opportunities to all participants in accordance with these principles, and ensure transparency, predictability and progressiveness. [see Appendix VII (g)]
 - d. ensure opportunities for development and leveraging livelihoods and food security aspirations of small, vulnerable economies and developing coastal States and small islands and those with large fleets of subsistence vessels, including the development of fishing opportunities according to the principles of sustainable and responsible fisheries. [see Appendix VII (b), (i)]
 - e. in the case of coastal States, be based on the level of resources and fishing opportunities of each relevant IOTC fish species in their EEZs. [see Appendix VII (c)]
 - f. facilitate increased participation by IOTC developing coastal States in high seas fishing opportunities. [see Appendix VII (e)]
 - g. consider socio-economic factors, such as dependency of Indian Ocean coastal State economies for the livelihood of their local communities on tuna and tuna-like fisheries and investments made in the tuna sector. [see Appendix VII (j)]
 - h. consider the weight of trade of tuna products on economies and on the global consumption of tuna products of Contracting Parties. [see Appendix VII (k)]
 - i. reflect the compliance record/status of each CPC. [see Appendix VII (l)]

- j. consider the degree of sustainability of fishing methods with respect to an ecosystem approach. [see Appendix VII (o)]
 - k. consider food security issues, which shall include not only the catch of tuna and tuna-like species, but also their processing and trade. [see Appendix VII (q)]
 - l. take into account, if applicable, bio-ecological significance. [see Appendix VII (r)]
 - m. take into account contributions for research, data collection and compliance capacity building. [see Appendix VII (s)]
 - n. authorise the transferability (lease) of allocations in accordance with scientific criteria. [see Appendix VII (p)]
 - o. foresee a system to allocate fishing rights to new coastal State entrants. [see Appendix VII (t)]
- (2) Where catch history in EEZs is used, it shall be attributable on the following basis.....