

ON THE ALLOCATION OF FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IOTC SPECIES

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(PENDING: Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, I. R. Iran, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand)

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The proposal has 4 broad AIMS:

- 1) Ensure a fair, equitable, and transparent system of allocation of fishing opportunities is developed.

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The proposal aims to:

- 2) Take into account the sovereign rights of IOTC coastal State CPCs, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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The proposal aims to:

- 3) Support the long-term sustainability of 5 species under the IOTC mandate: albacore, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna, and swordfish.

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The proposal aims to:

- 4) Ensure the special requirements of developing coastal State CPCs, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), are accommodated including food security and development aspirations, thereby promoting opportunities for economic development and development aspirations.

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The explanatory memorandum also contains a rationale for several key elements being included or excluded from this proposal.

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Socio-Economic considerations: The proponents of this proposal strongly believe that the allocation scheme must accommodate the dependency of Coastal States, particularly, Developing Coastal States (which includes Small Island Developing States), on fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence, measured by the contribution of those fisheries to social and economic needs.

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Socio-Economic considerations:

At this time we believe we are limited to the HDI, GNI and SIDS status of each CPC, however, other factors may replace the above generic indicators, such as:

- Fisheries employment as proportion of total workforce;
- Tuna exports as proportion of total exports;
- Fisheries contribution to GDP;
- Per capita fish consumption (kg/pers/yr).

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Allocation compliance: Although the proponents of this proposal believe that the record of compliance and/or cooperation by eligible participants with the IOTC's Conservation and Management Measures should be an element of an allocation system, this should be limited to a penalty for over-catch of a CPCs allocation for a given species, made under the allocation.

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Historical catches: The proponents of this proposal consider that, for the purpose of allocation of future fishing opportunities, all historical catches taken within an Exclusive Economic Zone, within the IOTC Area of Competence, shall be attributed solely to the coastal State with jurisdiction over that area, regardless of the flag State of the vessel/s that took such catches.

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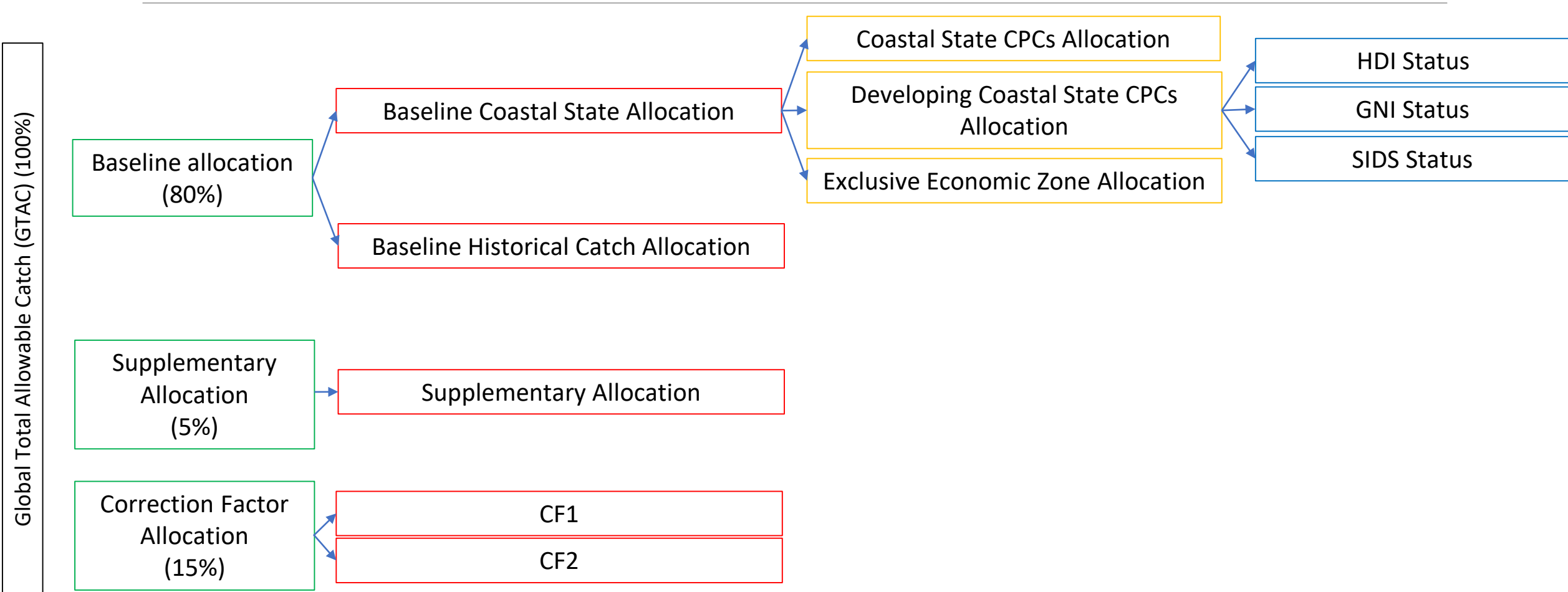
Historical catches: Any other approach would significantly derogate from the coastal States rights under UNCLOS. Therefore, any catches made during previous provision of access to fisheries resources within an area under national jurisdiction (e.g. via access agreements or other arrangement) shall be attributed solely to the coastal State with jurisdiction over that area rather than to any other State – for the purpose of future access.

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Historical catches:

In the current proposal, the incorporation of temporary quota transferability has been incorporated to ensure market access is maintained.

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➤ Improvements since the last Commission meeting:

- 1) Catch history reference periods: 2012-16
- 2) Correction factors:
 - 1) CF1: 15% of the GTAC to DCS CPs
 - 2) CF2: 10% of the GTAC to transition from DWF CPCs to DCS CPs.

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➤ Catch history reference periods: 2012-16

20. *Baseline historical catch allocation (within the EEZ and on the high seas):*

- a) Historical catches of CPCs in a given reference period (5 year average (2012-16)) [~~23~~ options to be simulated: ~~5 year average (2012-16)~~, 15 year average (2002-16), and best 5 years averaged from within the period 1950-2016], shall be used to calculate a baseline historical catch allocation for each CPC, calculated using the method described in **paragraph 20b**, for each IOTC species, as provided in [Table 1](#).

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➤ Correction factors – CF1

22. *Correction Factors (CF)*

- a) CF1: Developing Coastal State (DCS) CPs whose allocation arising from the components detailed in paragraphs 19-21, for a particular species, totals less than [95%] of that DCS CPs average catch taken within the catch history reference period (para. 20a), shall receive a corrective allocation. The Correction Factor (CF1) shall be allocated proportionally among eligible DCS CPs, based on the average catch taken within the catch history reference period for those DCS CPs.

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➤ Correction factors – CF2

- 22 b) CF2: Additional future fishing opportunities for DCS CPCs shall be provided for by the application of a corrective allocation (CF2), in recognition of development needs. The corrective allocation (CF2) shall be facilitated by the gradual reallocation of [10%] of the allocation from DWF CPCs whose total allocation for that species is greater than [4%] of the GTAC for that species. This reallocation shall commence one (1) year after the commencement of this allocation scheme and shall be completed over a five (5) year period, with 20% per year being reallocated. Eligibility, and distribution of allocation among eligible DCS CPCs shall be determined at the TCAC meeting subsequent to the adoption of this Resolution.