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IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-02

Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA REGARDING 2023 ALLOCATED CATCH LIMITS FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA

Please find attached a communication from the People's Republic of China.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from China

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Position of the People's Republic of China on Yellowfin Tuna Allocated Catch Limit for 2023 in IOTC Area

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

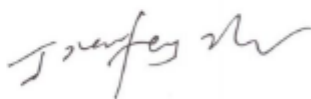
Thank you for sending IOTC Circular 2022-56 regarding yellowfin tuna allocated catch limit for 2023.

It seemed not clear how the 7,658 mt for China in 2023 was estimated. We understand that it is a long-standing practice of IOTC to separate the tuna catch from fleet of the mainland of China and the Taiwan province of China, and also this delegation mentioned clearly during the 25th session of IOTC that the catch limit for the mainland of China shall be applied by paragraph 7 of Resolution 21/01, and paragraph 11 shall apply to catch limit of the Taiwan province of China. Based on the long-standing practice of IOTC, the yellowfin tuna catch limit for the People's Republic of China in 2023 shall be 15,339 mt (4,641 mt for the mainland of China and 10,688 mt for the Taiwan province of China). Therefore, as did last year, this delegation does not agree to use paragraph 5 to calculate the yellowfin tuna catch limit for China in 2023. This delegation also proposes that, as last year, the obligation regarding yellowfin tuna catch limit of China should not be assessed during the 2023 session of IOTC Compliance Committee.

I wish the secretariat can circulate this letter to all CPCs of IOTC.

Regards

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