



18 January 2023

IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-04

Dear Madam / Sir

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

Please find attached a communication from Japan.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Japan

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Dr. Christopher O'Brien
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Dear Dr. O'Brien:

I am writing in response to the IOTC Circular 2022-56 regarding 2023 allocated catch limits for yellowfin tuna as well as the Circular 2023-02 regarding a communication from China on this subject.

Japan recognizes that, as expressed in the circular 2022-06 dated 20 January 2022, the IOTC has been managing catches of China and Taiwan, province of China separately, and catch limits for yellowfin tuna established by Resolution 16/01 and its succeeding Resolution 21/01 have been applied separately as well. We would also like to recall that, at the 25th Commission meeting in June 2021, both the delegations from China and Taiwan, province of China expressed their interpretations that catch limits for China and Taiwan, province of China should be allocated separately in accordance with paragraph 7 and 11 of Resolution 21/01, respectively, and no delegation expressed different views thereon so far. Therefore, it should be considered that the Commission agreed to manage catch limits for China and Taiwan, province of China separately. If necessary, it would also be helpful to make this point clear at the next Commission meeting.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter to CPCs.

Sincerely,

Yoshitsugu Shikada
Japan's Commissioner to IOTC