



25 January 2023

IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-06

Dear Madam / Sir

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

Please find attached a communication from Bangladesh.

Yours sincerely

Christopher O'Brien
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- letter from Bangladesh

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Recipients: The Executive Secretary, IOTC Secretariat, Victoria Mahe –
Seychelles.

**Subject: Regarding objection to IOTC Resolution 21/01, IOTC Yellowfin
tuna allocated catch limits for 2023.**

Ref: IOTC Circular no. 2022-56 Date: 31 December 2022.

In response to the subject mentioned above, Bangladesh would like to take into consideration that it has raised objection on IOTC Resolution 21/01 (Proposal M&J_Rev1), on an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean Yellowfin tuna stock in the IOTC area of competence in the last 26th Commission Meeting, held in Seychelles on 16-20 May 2022.

In this connection, as CPC, Bangladesh has submitted its written objection on IOTC Resolution 21/01, letter no. 33.00.0000.129.24.007.09 (part-1)-187, dated 31 July, 2022. Bangladesh has nominal or no reported historical catch record on Yellowfin tuna, has no Yellowfin tuna vessels and no fishing vessels fishing outside the EEZ of Bangladesh within the IOTC area of competence. Therefore, currently no fishing vessel is fit for this resolution. As a result, we would like to seek support to allow no catch limit for developing Yellowfin tuna fisheries.

In these circumstances, we would like to draw your attention that the IOTC Resolution 21/01 is not applicable for Bangladesh; therefore, no catch limit is applicable for Bangladesh in 2023.

It would be highly appreciated if the commission could circulate the letter among other CPCs.

Yours faithfully,

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A copy has been sent for consideration and necessary (if applicable) action:

- 1) Director General (Current), Department of Fisheries
- 2) PS to Secretary (Additional), Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
- 3) Personal Officer, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

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