



18 December 2023

IOTC CIRCULAR 2023-66

Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA REGARDING 2024 ALLOCATED CATCH LIMITS FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA

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

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn
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 2024 in IOTC Area

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Dear Mr. Bruyn:

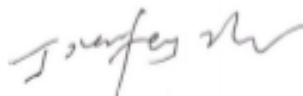
IOTC Circular 2023-64 dated 13 December 2023 regarding yellowfin tuna allocated catch limit for 2024 has been received.

We understand that it is a long-standing practice of IOTC to separate tuna catch from the fleets of mainland of China and Taiwan province of China. This delegation also expressed clearly during the 25th session of IOTC that the catch limit of mainland of China and the catch limit of Taiwan province of China shall be applied by paragraph 7 and paragraph 11 of Resolution 21/01 respectively and no objection was raised on this matter. Therefore, as did last year, this delegation does not agree to use paragraph 5 of Resolution 21/01 to calculate the yellowfin tuna catch limit of China for 2024. This delegation also proposes that, as last year, the obligation regarding yellowfin tuna catch limit of China should not be assessed during the 2024 session of IOTC Compliance Committee.

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

Regards

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