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Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA REGARDING 2026 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

Attachments:

- Annex1: Letter from China

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Position of the People's Republic of China on the Allocation of Yellowfin Tuna Catch Limit for 2026 in IOTC Area

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Dear Mr. de Bruyn,

IOTC Circular 2025-44, dated 22 December 2025, concerning the allocation of the tropical tuna catch limits for 2026, has been duly received.

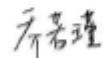
We note that it has been a long-standing practice of the IOTC to distinguish tuna catches from the fleet of mainland China and those of Taiwan Province of China. This delegation also clearly expressed, during the 25th session of the IOTC, that the catch limit for mainland China and the catch limit for Taiwan Province of China shall be applied in accordance with paragraph 7 and paragraph 11 of Resolution 21/01, respectively. No objection was raised with regard to this matter.

Therefore, as did in the last year, this delegation does not agree to the application of paragraph 5 of Resolution 21/01 to calculate the yellowfin tuna catch limit of China for 2026. This delegation also proposes that, in line with the previous year, the obligation

regarding the yellowfin tuna catch limit of China should not be subject to assessment during the 2026 Session of the IOTC Compliance Committee.

We respectfully request the Secretariat to circulate this letter to all CPCs of the IOTC.

Regards,

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