

**WCC-2012-Res-032-EN**

**Action to recover the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) population in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean**

CONSIDERING Resolution 4.028 *Action for the recovery of the East Atlantic and Mediterranean population of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Thunnus thynnus*, adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008) in which the Director General of IUCN was asked to urge the governments involved in the management of this species, through the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), to curb the overfishing of this species through illegal catches both by the state and the private sectors;

***The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, 6–15 September 2012:***

1. URGES IUCN Members that are members of ICCAT to continue to engage in improving conservation and management measures for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea; and
2. CALLS ON the Director General to request that ICCAT, at its next annual meeting:
  - a. takes meaningful measures to address non-compliance with ICAAT recommendations for the conservation of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna, such as closing the fishery of ICCAT Contracting Parties that have not complied with the Capacity Reduction Plan approved by ICCAT in 2009, and/or have not implemented the approved control measures, and to amend this Capacity Reduction Plan in accordance with recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) and taking into account the best available science reflecting total fishing mortality;
  - b. applies sanctions, including the withdrawal of fishing rights, against ICCAT members whose flagged vessels are violating applicable management measures;
  - c. considers the creation of sanctuaries at the ICAAT 2012 meeting in accordance with scientific advice of the SCRS; and
  - d. considers options for improving implementation of ICCAT's Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) programme.