



SCREENING CHAPTER 13 FISHERIES

AGENDA ITEM 8: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

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I. MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS



International Organizations

- FAO
 - ✓ GFCM
- OECD
- EUROFISH
- EIFAC
- ICCAT

Convention

- CITES



Black Sea Fisheries Convention

No agreement has been reached on the convention proposed despite decade-long effort



II. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS



- A bilateral agreement exists between Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
- Negotiations to conclude a bilateral agreement with following countries continue:

Algeria, Morocco, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania and Yemen



III. TECHNICAL AND CONTROL MEASURES FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES



Legal Basis

Fisheries Law no. 1380

- Article 23
sets provisions on technical measures on conservation and control of fisheries management
- Article 13
sets provisions on establishment of fish farms



Legal Basis of Fishing and Farming of Bluefin Tuna (BFT)

Accession of Turkey to

“International Commission for the Conservation of
Atlantic Tunas, Final Act, Rules of Procedure and
Financial Regulation (ICCAT)”

was approved by Law no. 4859 . Turkey has been a
member of ICCAT since 2003.



Communiqué 2003/9 on Fisheries and Farming of BFT
(*Thunnus thynnus*),

effective since 2003

lays down rules for fishing and farming of BFT



Article 1. BFT Fishing

Requires

- obtaining a “BFT Fishing Permit”
- fishing by an authorized vessel during specified fishing season
- Notification of catch declaration (within 24 hours)
- Keeping of records identified by MARA



Article 2. BFT Farming

Requires

- Approval for setting up BFT farming facilities
- Authorization of procedures concerning BFT farming, quotas and other required arrangements
- Keeping records identified by MARA



Ministrial Communique no. 67 on the Foreign Trade of BFT of 2005

Sets rules for;

- foreign trade of BFT
- notification after fishing



PART I. of Ministerial Communiqué no. 67

Rules set with regard to Exportation

- Amount of Exportable BFT
- A system of quota allocation
- Filling out ICCAT Statistical Document/ICCAT Re-export Certificate
- Keeping records identified by MARA



PART II. of Ministerial Communiqué no. 67

Import

Requires

- compliance with the “Implementation Directive on the Import of Live, Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Fishery Products”
- compliance with rules set for import of caged BFT
- use of Control Certificate
- use of ICCAT Statistical Document/ICCAT Re-export Certificate
- Keeping records identified by MARA



PART III. of Ministerial Communiqué no. 67

Registration

Requires

- keeping records of domestic quota
 - ✓ Quota Follow-up Form
 - ✓ ICCAT Statistical Document Follow-up

- Form keeping records of external quota
 - ✓ Quota Follow-up Form for BFT supplied from Other Countries”
 - ✓ ICCAT Re-export Certificate Follow-up Form

- Declaration of canned BFT



Ministrial Communique concerning the Fishing of BFT, 9897, 2005

- Sets rules for quota and fishing season
 - ✓ BFT fishing quota for 2005: 990 tons
 - ✓ Closed fishing season: 16th July- 15th August, 2005

- Requires a BFT Fishing Permit for vessels involved in fishing and transportation of BFT



Ministrial Communique concerning the Fishing of BFT, 9897, 2005

Requires

- Filling out Catch Statement Form for amount of BFT catch
- Issuing of Vessel Origine Certificate by Master
- Keeping data on dead catches resulting from fishing and transportation



Ministrial Communique concerning the Farming of BFT, 9464, 2005

Farms involved in BFT farming are required to keep records specified by MARA and to operate their activities in comply with the rules introduced by referred Communiqué.



Ministrial Communique

Requires

- **Filling out Farm Registration Form by producer**
- **Crosschecking of quota by Provincial Directorates**
- **Crosschecking of trade figures by Provincial Directorates**



- Issuing of Farm Origin Certificate by authorized staff of farm
- Crosschecking, by Provincial Directorates, of data recorded at farm
- Keeping data by Farms regarding total length, total weight and type of harvest (frozen or fresh)



Bluefin Tuna

	2004	2005
Amount of BFT catch (tones)	1075	990
Closing day of fishing season	28 May 2004	9 June 2005
Number of Farm	6	6



Other Migratory Species

Besides BFT, there are two other migratory species in Turkish waters

- Atlantic bonito
- Swordfish

Fishing of these species is regulated by Circular



Rules defined in Circular for Atlantic bonito and Swordfish

	Atlantic Bonito	Swordfish
Minimum landing size	25 cm	130 cm
Fishing season	1 April-31 August	1 October - 31 January



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION