

Recommendations to WECAFC 17 for SAG review

**WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY
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Recommendations and Resolutions

- Non-binding -> members can make them binding at national level
- WECAFC **Recommendations** promote harmonized sub-regional or regional fisheries conservation, management and development, establish regional measures, and endorse fisheries management plans for sub-regional or regional implementation.
- WECAFC **Resolutions** encourage all stakeholders in the WECAFC area to implement or support implementation of sub-regional, regional or international voluntary or binding instruments related to fisheries, or address other issues of common interest.
- Drafts prepared by the Working Groups

Draft Recommendations for Review (1)

- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/1** “on the **marking and identification of fishing vessels** in the WECAFC area”
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/2** “on the establishment of a WECAFC **record of fishing vessels** over 12 meters authorized to operate in the WECAFC area”
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/3** “on the establishment and maintenance of **lists of vessels** presumed and/or confirmed to have carried out **IUU fishing** in the WECAFC area”
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/4** “on **billfish** management and conservation in the WECAFC area”

Draft Recommendations for Review (2)

- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/5** “on the sustainability of fisheries using **fish aggregating devices** in the WECAFC area” *-amendment to Recommendation WECAFC/15/2014/2.*
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/6** “on the fisheries management and **conservation of sharks** and rays in the WECAFC area”
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/7** “on the **removal of fins** of sharks on board by vessels fishing in the WECAFC area”
- **Recommendation WECAFC/17/2018/8** “on applying a **precautionary approach** to fishing of **threatened species** of sharks and rays in the WECAFC area”

Draft Resolutions for Review

- **Resolution WECAFC/17/2018/9**

“ON THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CLME+
SOME REPORTING MECHANISM WITHIN WECAFC

- **Resolution WECAFC/17/2018/10**

“ON THE SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES INTERIM
COORDINATION MECHANISM AND INTERIM
COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, USE AND
PROTECTION OF SHARED LIVING MARINE
RESOURCES IN THE CLME+ REGION”

Interim Coordination Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries (ICM)

Relevant recommendations and resolutions will be passed to the partners in the ICM (being CRFM and OSPESCA) for their review and sub-regional endorsement before being presented for final review and adoption to WECAFC 17

Note: some regional management plans and RPOAs (e.g. sharks and IUU fishing) are still being finalized and will be shared with the SAG for e-mail review

The SAG is invited to:

Review the draft Recommendations and Resolutions and amend them, as appropriate, for adoption by the 17th Session in September/October 2017 as non-binding fisheries management Recommendations and WECAFC Resolutions.