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NOTICE

TO: ALL VESSEL OWNERS, OPERATORS, DESIGNATED OFFICES, AGENTS

DATE: 14TH JANUARY 2013

RE: AREA/TIME CLOSURE IN RELATION TO THE PROTECTION OF JUVENILES

1. In 2011 the ICCAT Commission adopted Recommendation 11-01 on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Program for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas which will contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of BET and YFT.
2. This Recommendation is necessary to monitor and control measures that will ensure respect of conservation and management measures and to improve the scientific assessment of the stocks as necessary.
3. One important measure contained in the aforementioned recommendation is in respect to area/time closure in relation to the protection of juveniles.
4. In accordance with Recommendation 11-01 on a multi annual conservation and management program for bigeye tuna and yellowfin tunas, fishing for, or supported activities to fish for bigeye tuna and yellowfin tunas in association with objects that could affect fish aggregation, including FADs, shall be prohibited.
 - From 1 January to 28 February each year, and
 - In the areas delineated as follows:

Northern limit	African Coast
Southern limit	Parallel 10° south latitude
Western limit	Meridian 5° west longitude
Eastern limit	Meridian 5° east longitude

The prohibition referred to above includes:

- Launching any floating objects, with or without buoys;
- Fishing around, under or in association with artificial objects including vessels.

- Fishing ground, under or in association with natural objects;
 - Towing floating objects from inside to outside area.
5. If the VMS satellite tracking device of a vessel stops functioning or has a technical failure when the vessel is inside the area/time closure referred to above, the vessel will be required to exit the area without delay. The vessels will not be allowed to enter the area again without the satellite tracking device having been repaired or replaced.
 6. Appropriate actions will be taken against any vessel which fails to comply with the conditions of this Notice.