## Call for big cut in Mediterranean bluefin tuna catches

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The EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Maria Damanaki has called for a significant cut in catches of bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean and East Atlantic. WWF is calling for substantial reductions to form a fundamental part of the EU's position at the meeting of ICCAT members on 17-27 November 2010 in Paris. A recent scientific assessment of East Atlantic bluefin tuna by ICCAT scientists has shown that stock size is only one third of sustainable levels, and that only a total fishing quota of less than 6,000 tonnes per year might allow the tuna stock to rebuild by 2020. More here

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