



THEMATIC SECTION

This thematic section is dedicated to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. ICCAT is responsible for the conservation of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas. ICCAT also undertakes work in the compilation of data for bycatch species that are caught during tuna fishing (principally sharks) and incidental captures of seabirds, sea turtles, etc. A previous ICCAT section was already available, see “*Aquatic Living Resources*” 2008, volume 21, issue N° 4.

The present thematic section of “*Aquatic Living Resources*” 2010, volume 23, issue N° 1, deals with:

- Estimates of historic changes in total mortality and selectivity for Eastern Atlantic skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) from length composition data (D. Gaertner)
- Age estimation of billfishes (*Kajikia* spp.) using fin spine cross-sections (Kopf et al.)
- Ecological risk assessment of pelagic sharks caught in Atlantic pelagic longline fisheries (Cortès et al.)
- Annual indices of Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) larvae in the Gulf of Mexico developed using delta-lognormal and multivariate models (Ingram et al.)
- Seabirds: The spatial-temporal patterns of the incidental capture of the black-browed (*Thalassarche melanophrys*) and Atlantic yellow-nosed (*Thalassarche chlororhynchus*) albatrosses and the white-chinned petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*) by the Uruguayan pelagic longline fleet (Jiménez et al.)
- Sea turtle: The standardization of the catch rates of loggerheads, *Caretta caretta*, caught by pelagic longline fisheries in the region, using data collected by observer programs from Brazil and Uruguay (Pons et al.).

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