

## **Coreper meeting of today on the mandate for bluefin tuna ahead of the upcoming ICCAT meeting in Paris**

***Statement by Ms. Maria Damanaki, EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries - 17/11/2010***

The Council has reached a decision on the Bluefin Tuna mandate for the upcoming ICCAT meeting in Paris, which is not based on the Commission's proposal.

Nevertheless, the Commission will respect its obligations as the negotiator on behalf of the European Union.

Beyond the forthcoming meeting in the framework of ICCAT, we will continue to follow very closely the situation of this sensitive stock, and we will continue to focus our efforts on control and compliance issues.

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