

ARTICLE XIII

Scientific Staff

The Scientific Staff shall operate under the supervision of the Director, and of the Coordinator of Scientific Research if appointed in accordance with Article XII, subparagraphs (d) and (e) of paragraph 2 of this Convention, and shall have the following functions, giving priority to tunas and tuna-like species:

- (a) conduct the scientific research projects and other research activities approved by the Commission in accordance with the plans of work adopted for this purpose;
- (b) provide the Commission, through the Director, with scientific advice and recommendations in support of the formulation of conservation and management measures and other relevant matters, following consultations with the Scientific Advisory Committee, except in circumstances where evident time constraints would limit the ability of the Director to provide the Commission with such advice or recommendations on a timely basis;
- (c) provide the Scientific Advisory Committee with the information necessary to carry out the functions specified in Annex 4 of this Convention;
- (d) provide the Commission, through the Director, with recommendations for scientific research in support of the Commission's functions in accordance with Article VII, subparagraph (a) of paragraph 1, of this Convention;
- (e) collect and analyze information relating to current and past conditions and trends of the populations of the fish stocks covered by this Convention;
- (f) provide the Commission, through the Director, with proposed standards for collection, verification, and timely exchange and reporting of data concerning the fisheries for fish stocks covered by this Convention;