

PART I**GENERAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE I****Definitions**

For the purposes of this Convention:

1. "Fish stocks covered by this Convention" means stocks of tunas and tuna-like species and other species of fish taken by vessels fishing for tunas and tuna-like species in the Convention Area;
2. "Fishing" means:
 - (a) the actual or attempted searching for, catching, or harvesting of the fish stocks covered by this Convention;
 - (b) engaging in any activity which can reasonably be expected to result in the locating, catching, harvesting of these stocks;
 - (c) placing, searching for or recovering any fish-aggregating device or associated equipment, including radio beacons;
 - (d) any operation at sea in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph, except for any operation in emergencies involving the health and safety of crew members or the safety of a vessel;
 - (e) the use of any other vehicle, air- or sea-borne, in relation to any activity described in this definition except for emergencies involving the health or safety of crew members or the safety of a vessel;
3. "Vessel" means any vessel used or intended for use for the purpose of fishing, including support vessels, carrier vessels and any other vessels directly involved in such fishing operations;
4. "Flag State" means, unless otherwise indicated:
 - (a) a State whose vessels are entitled to fly its flag, or