



Bluefin tuna: The 27 European countries agreed to argue in favour of a stable or partially reduced quota.

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The 27 European countries, deeply divided on the issue of safeguarding this lucrative and overfished fish, agreed to negotiate a quota located “between its current level of 13,500 tons and about 11,500 tonnes”.

“Conscious of the precarious situation of bluefin tuna and the need of a sustainable management”, the European Union reached a compromise which “provides an ambitious position and gives negotiators flexibility enough to take into account the field dynamics”, said the EU Belgian Presidency on a press release.

The 17th Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) has started last Wednesday in Paris behind closed doors. Its 48 members have ten days to find a compromise between the need of rebuilding stocks of this great predator and migratory marine, against the interests of professionals, agents and owners of tuna farms, which operate mainly in the Mediterranean.

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