



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and
Conservation of Sea Turtles
Fifth Conference of the Parties
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**Promote sustainable fishing in international waters, especially for the protection of
sea turtles**

RECOGNIZING that the state of some sea turtle populations is still a concern and that, among other causes, fishing is still an activity that negatively impacts conservation efforts;

CONSIDERING that fishing in international waters is carried out by countries outside of the region – the American continent – and thus outside of the range of application of the Convention;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that the Rio + 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which will focus on two themes: a green economy and international environmental governance;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that from the point of view of the objectives of the IAC, these two themes are fundamental to the conservation of sea turtles;

RECOGNIZING the importance of collaboration between the Convention and other multilateral environmental agreements related to the conservation of marine species and with other multilateral mechanisms related to fishing activities;

CONSIDERING that the efforts made by IAC Party countries to conserve sea turtles in their jurisdictional waters can be threatened by activities carried out in international waters;

**THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA
TURTLES**

RESOLVE TO:

Invite the Parties to:

1. Urge countries that carry out fishing activities in international waters to adopt principles of sustainable fishing and in particular, the practices recommended to protect sea turtles.
2. Encourage, during the negotiations at the Rio + 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development that the objectives of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles be included in the final documents to be adopted.

Instruct the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to:



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1. Propose, in collaboration with the IAC Parties and the Secretary General of the United Nations, that discussions on the protection of sea turtles be included in the agenda item on sustainable fishing.
2. To promote the objectives of this Convention before the Parties and secretariats of other similar agreements and international mechanisms.