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Statement by Oceana

As an observer NGO, I would like to acknowledge the advances of this Commission on transshipment protocols and IUU fishing monitoring. Nevertheless, I would like to see the same compromise of countries debating quota allocation in compromising with monitoring measures. I have seen serious efforts from various countries to adopt and create observer programs and monitoring protocols. Some countries have invested considerable amounts of money and efforts throughout these years on scientific research and IUU monitoring, promoting conservation measures which may lead to the partial recovery of the stock and therefore a resulting quota increase. I believe these countries should be prized with quota allocation. It is clear that jack mackerel fishing will become more profitable in the future with oil prices dropping, more countries will want a piece. I encourage all countries to establish monitoring and observer protocols and engage responsibly on the discussion and not only focus on quota decisions.