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COMPLETED Atlantic Ocean tropical tuna - purse seine (OPAGAC)

Overview

FIP Description

This FIP encompasses all global tropical tuna stocks of three species: bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*), skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) and yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) for a total of 13 Units of Certification. In the case of this specific sub-FIP for the Atlantic Ocean, we deal with four stocks of tunas: two for skipjack (eastern and western), and one each for bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna.

Because of the set-up of this webpage, the overarching FIP was broken into four sub-FIPs according to the relevant RFMO (IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, and WCPFC). The reasoning behind this division is that each RFMO has different scores and actions for the various MSC principles, in particular Principles 1 & 3. Had we grouped all RFMOs we would not have been able to neither present nor track the various activities and timelines in a cohesive, clear and comprehensive manner.

Perfil de FIP en Español

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

11%	29%	61%

Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track,completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future

100%	0%	0%	0%

Red Indicator Progress This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
100%	0%	0%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

1. Achieve MSC certification for the OPAGAC industrial purse seine tuna fleet in three oceans and four RFMOs, within the next 5 years.
2. Unify the industrial purse seine fishery into one MSC unit of certification instead of the misleading current division of free and associated schools.
3. Bring together leading industry and environmental partners to work collaboratively towards sustainability of the fishery and ensure fair market access
4. Promote the adoption by RFMOs of Harvest Control Rules for stocks of tropical tuna species, including support to the process of Management Strategy Evaluation based on the best science available;
5. For stocks not subject to HCR promote, where required, the adoption of robust ad-hoc rebuilding strategies, in line with MSC standards.
6. Influence the various RFMOs to adopt an ecosystem approach to fisheries management.
7. Assist RFMOs in the adoption of best practices concerning the use of drift fish aggregating devices (dFADs), through provision of information in support of informed scientific advice.
8. Drive real changes in the fleet to minimize the impact of the fishery over non-target species and improve survivorship of sensitive species such as turtles, sharks, and any other sensitive bycatch

Note: The Indicator Scores presented in this website are based on the MSC Performance Indicators (PI) for the species in worst shape in the fisheries. This is because of the way this website is set up, as it does not permit entry of PI scores for more than one stock or species. In this case, two species have a yellow ranking (bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna) but the two stocks of skipjack (Eastern and Western) are in green.

FIP Type
Comprehensive

FIP Stage
Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

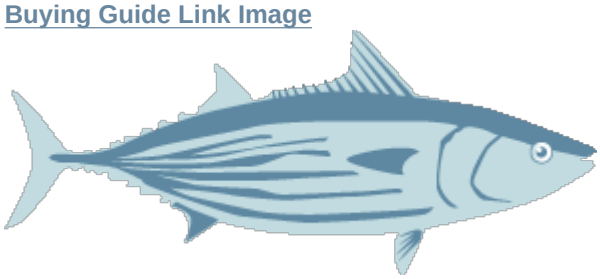
Start and Projected End Dates
October, 2016 -
September, 2021

Species

Common Name
Bigeye Tuna
Scientific Name
Thunnus obesus
Buying Guide Link Image

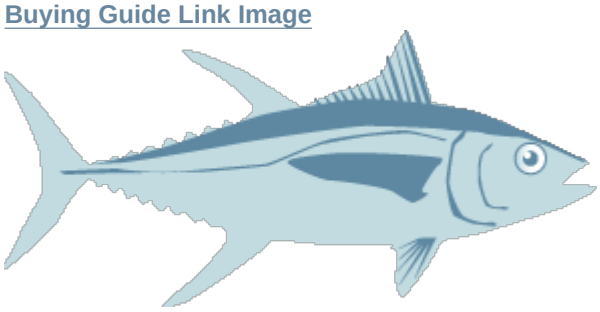
Bigeye Tuna
Buying Guide

Common Name
Skipjack Tuna
Scientific Name
Katsuwonus pelamis
Buying Guide Link Image



Skipjack Tuna
Buying Guide

Common Name
Yellowfin Tuna
Scientific Name
Thunnus albacares
Buying Guide Link Image



Yellowfin Tuna
Buying Guide

Gear Type
Purse Seine

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

Area 31 (Atlantic, Western Central)

Area 34 (Atlantic, Eastern Central)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country
Angola

Country
Cabo Verde

Country
Côte d'Ivoire

Country
Equatorial Guinea

Country
Gabon

Country
Guinea-Bissau

Country
Liberia

Country
Mauritania

Country
Sao Tome and Principe

Country

Senegal

Country
Sierra Leone

Country Flag of Vessel
Spain

Country Flag of Vessel
Curaçao

Country Flag of Vessel
El Salvador

Country Flag of Vessel
Guatemala

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Panama

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)
ICCAT

Estimated Total FIP Landings
95000 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name
OPAGAC

Organization Type
Industry

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