

Western and Central Pacific albacore and yellowfin tuna - longline

Overview

FIP Description

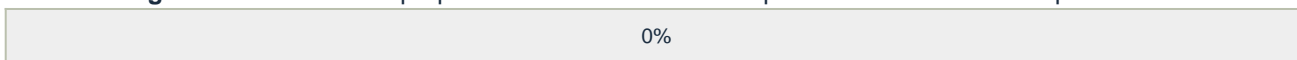
The Western and Central Pacific albacore and yellowfin tuna longline FIP aims to improve fishing practices for longline vessels operating in the Pacific Ocean that land albacore in Fiji and supply Bumble Bee Foods. Bumble Bee sources albacore tuna from these vessels through the Taiwanese-founded company FCF Fishery Company, Ltd. (FCF), much of which is canned and exported to North American markets. While the fishery's target stocks are healthy and management is well-documented and well-implemented, the fishery lacks independent observers, electronic monitoring, qualitative information about bycatch, and explicit harvest control rules and harvest strategies which are fundamental tools used to limit the risk of overfishing.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



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



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

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

FIP Objective(s)

- There shall be robust and precautionary harvest strategies in place for South Pacific (SP) albacore, and Western and Central Pacific (WCP) yellowfin.
- A comprehensive range of information related to stock structure, stock productivity, fleet composition, and other data are available to support the harvest strategy; and all information required by the harvest control rule is monitored with high frequency and a high degree of certainty.
- Improved availability of accurate and comprehensive data on catches, especially bycatch, by strengthening information systems and training. Recording and reporting of discards.
- Strengthened Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) and retained species management strategies; and ensure the fishery is not hindering the recovery of species.
- Evidence that the WCPFC's decision-making processes respond to serious and other important issues (including the declining catch rates of SP albacore, identified in relevant research, monitoring, evaluation and consultation) and that the issues are dealt with in a transparent, timely and adaptive manner and take account of the wider implications of decisions; and that the WCPFC has begun to address issues of non-compliance with management measures through the use of sanctions.
- To achieve a certifiable status by mid-2024.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 2: FIP Launch

Start and Projected End Dates

June, 2019 -
June, 2024

Species

Common Name

Albacore Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus alalunga

Common Name

Yellowfin Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus albacares

Gear Type

[Longline](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 71 \(Pacific, Western Central\)](#)

[Area 81 \(Pacific, Southwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Solomon Islands

Geographic Scope

The entire EEZ

Country

Vanuatu

Geographic Scope

The entire EEZ

Country Flag of Vessel

China

Country Flag of Vessel

Taiwan

Country Flag of Vessel

Fiji

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

WCPFC

IATTC

High Seas Name

Pacific Ocean

FIP Volume

15000 metric tons

FIP Leads

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