# Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (FCF Co., Ltd)

# **Overview**

#### **FIP Description**

The FIP first launched as the Western and Central Pacific albacore and yellowfin tuna longline FIP but after a scope extension in October 2021 and again in August 2022, the fishery now targets albacore (Thunnus alalunga ), bigeye (Thunnus obesus), skipjack (Katsuwonus pelamis) and yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares). The longline vessels are flagged to China, Taiwan, Fiji, Vanuatu and Panama and fish on the high seas and within the EEZ's of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, USA (American Samoa), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The fishery is managed regionally by the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in the WCPO and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATCC) in the EPO.

#### **How is this FIP Doing?**

#### **Current Status:**



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

27%

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

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
41%	32%	27%	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
50%	50%	0%	0%

#### **FIP Progress Rating**

C - Some Recent Progress

#### FIP Objective(s)

- There shall be robust and precautionary harvest strategies in place for tuna in the WCPO and EPO by June 2025.
- 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 by June 2025.
- Improved availability of accurate and comprehensive data on catches, especially bycatch, by strengthening information systems and training. Recording and reporting of discards by June 2025.
- Strengthened Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) and retained species management strategies; and ensure the fishery is not hindering the recovery of species by June 2025.
- To achieve a certifiable status by June 2025.

#### **FIP Type**

Comprehensive

#### **FIP Stage**

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

#### **Start and Projected End Dates**

June, 2019 -June, 2025

#### **Species**

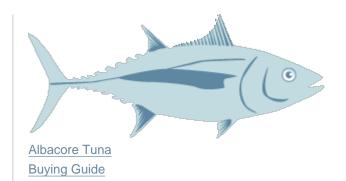
**Common Name** 

Albacore Tuna

**Scientific Name** 

Thunnus alalunga

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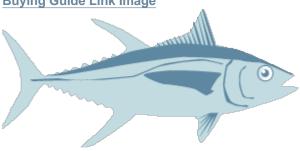
#### **Common Name**

Yellowfin Tuna

#### **Scientific Name**

Thunnus albacares

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Yellowfin Tuna

**Buying Guide** 

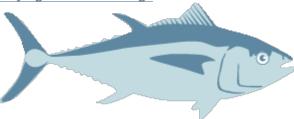
#### **Common Name**

Bigeye Tuna

## **Scientific Name**

Thunnus obesus

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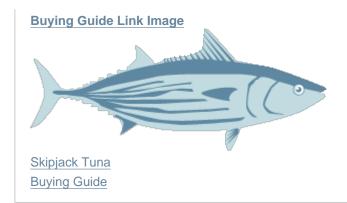
Bigeye Tuna **Buying Guide** 

#### **Common Name**

Skipjack Tuna

#### **Scientific Name**

Katsuwonus pelamis



## **Gear Type**

Longline

#### Location

#### **FAO Major Fishing Area**

Area 71 (Pacific, Western Central)

Area 77 (Pacific, Eastern Central)

Area 81 (Pacific, Southwest)

Area 87 (Pacific, Southeast)

## **Exclusive Economic Zones**

## Country

Solomon Islands

#### **Geographic Scope**

The entire EEZ

#### **Country**

Vanuatu

## **Geographic Scope**

The entire EEZ

## Country

Tonga

## **Geographic Scope**

The entire EEZ

## Country

Tuvalu	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
Country Cook Islands (the)	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
Country Micronesia (Federated States of)	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
<b>Country</b> Fiji	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
<b>Country</b> Kiribati	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
Country Papua New Guinea	
Geographic Scope The entire EEZ	
<b>Country</b> Samoa	
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Country American Samoa	
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Country Flag of Vessel	

China

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Fiji

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Taiwan

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Vanuatu

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Panama

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)** 

WCPFC

**IATTC** 

**High Seas Name** 

Pacific Ocean

#### **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

18000 metric tons

## **FIP Leads**

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