

# Eastern Pacific Ocean tuna - purse seine (Messinia G)

## Overview

### FIP Description

The fishery being assessed is the Panama Purse Seine Tuna Fishery targeting bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*), skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) and yellowfin (*T. albacares*) tuna. There are five purse seine vessels flagged to Nicaragua and Panama, fishing on the high seas in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) (and occasionally in national Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)). They are operated by Messinia G and are managed regionally by the IATTC. They fish both using Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) and free school (non-FAD associated).

## 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%	36%	64%	0%

### FIP Progress Rating



## FIP Objective(s)

- *Sustainable Fish Stocks* – To ensure tuna and other primary species catches across the Eastern Pacific Ocean do not exceed sustainable levels
- *Minimising Environmental Impacts* – To promote the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management
- *Effective Management* – To strengthen governance systems in Flag States, RFMO and Eastern Pacific Purse Seine Tuna fishery.

Overall we aim to meet an unconditional pass of the MSC Standard by January 2027.

## FIP Type

Comprehensive

## FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

## Start and Projected End Dates

December, 2019 -  
January, 2027

## Species

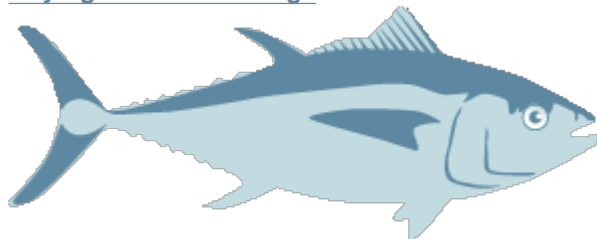
### Common Name

Bigeye Tuna

### Scientific Name

Thunnus obesus

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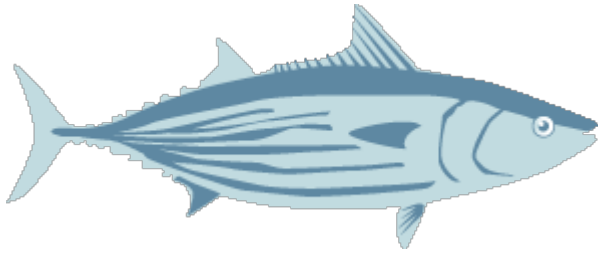
### Common Name

Skipjack Tuna

### Scientific Name

Katsuwonus pelamis

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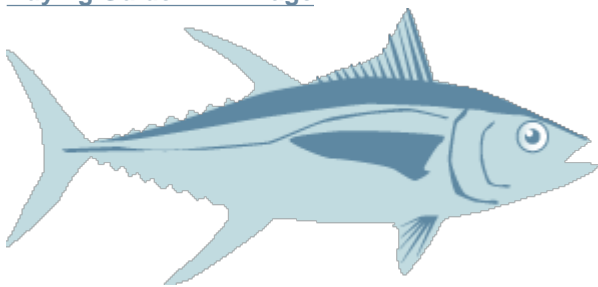
**Common Name**

Yellowfin Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus albacares

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**Gear Type**

[Purse Seine](#)

**Location**

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 77 \(Pacific, Eastern Central\)](#)

[Area 87 \(Pacific, Southeast\)](#)

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Nicaragua

**Geographic Scope**

EEZ

**Country**

Ecuador

**Geographic Scope**

EEZ

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Nicaragua

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Panama

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

IATTC

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

15000 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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