

## Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (StarKist)

### Overview

#### FIP Description

The fishery being assessed is the StarKist Pacific Ocean longline tuna fishery. The fishery targets albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) and catches bigeye (*T. obesus*), skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) and yellowfin (*T. albacares*). The pelagic longline vessels are flagged to Taiwan, China, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Fiji, American Samoa, French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Panama and fish on the high seas (and occasionally in the national Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)) in the Pacific. The fishery is managed regionally by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and by the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO).

### 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
33%	8%	58%	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 Progress Rating**

A - Advanced Progress

**FIP Objective(s)**

**Sustainable Fish Stocks** – To ensure tuna and other primary species catches across the Pacific Ocean do not exceed sustainable levels by 2025.

**Minimising Environmental Impacts** – To promote the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management by 2025.

**Effective Management** – To strengthen governance systems in Flag States, RFMO and the fishery by 2025.

Be in a place to enter MSC full assessment in 2025.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

**Start and Projected End Dates**

March, 2020 -

March, 2025

**Species**

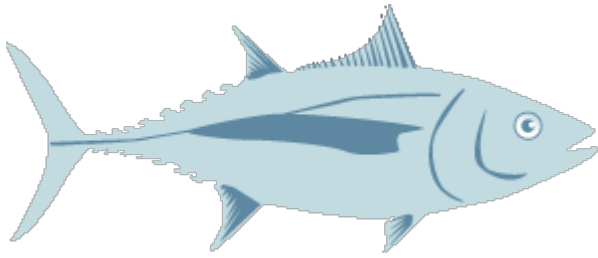
**Common Name**

Albacore Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus alalunga

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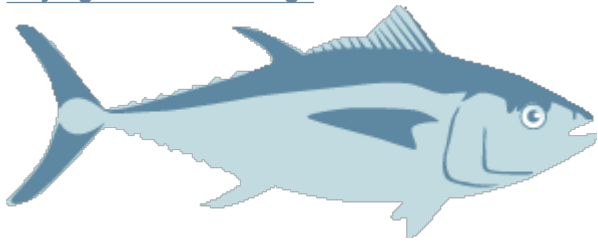
**Common Name**

Bigeye Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus obesus

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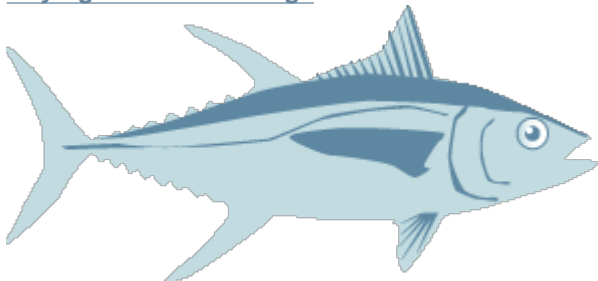
**Common Name**

Yellowfin Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus albacares

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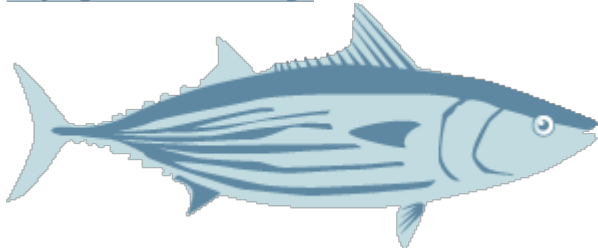
**Common Name**

Skipjack Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Katsuwonus pelamis

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**Gear Type**

[Longline](#)

**Location**

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 61 \(Pacific, Northwest\)](#)

[Area 67 \(Pacific, Northeast\)](#)

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

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

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

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

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Micronesia (Federated States of)

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

Vanuatu

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

Cook Islands (the)

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

Fiji

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

American Samoa

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

French Polynesia

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country**

New Caledonia

**Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

**Country Flag of Vessel**

China

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Taiwan

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Micronesia (Federated States of)

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Vanuatu

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Cook Islands (the)

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Fiji

**Country Flag of Vessel**

American Samoa

**Country Flag of Vessel**

French Polynesia

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Panama

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

WCPFC

IATTC

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

16372 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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