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# Grenada yellowfin and bigeye tuna - longline, troll, & dropline

# Overview

#### **FIP Description**

This FIP covers the Atlantic Ocean stocks of bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*) and yellowfin (*T. albacares*) tunas caught in the Grenada Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by vessels supplying the Southern Fishermen Association (SFA) and using pelagic longline, troll and dropline fishing gear. With the majority of the Grenada EEZ in deep oceanic water, large pelagics such as tuna dominate fisheries landings. For the purpose of this FIP, two key fisheries are considered to make up the Grenada tuna fleet: a pelagic longline and troll fishery that targets free schools of tuna and a troll and dropline fishery that targets large pelagics around anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs). The longline fleet consists of about 200 vessels, the majority of which make single-day trips, while approximately 120 fishers are active in the FAD fishery. The fishery falls under the jurisdiction of the Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) ICCAT. Within the EEZ, the development and management of marine resources fall under the jurisdiction of the Grenada Fisheries Division, a division of the Ministry of Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management and Information.

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**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
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#### **FIP Progress Rating**

C - Some Recent Progress

#### FIP Objective(s)

This FIP aims to support gradual improvements to Grenada's management systems and fishing practices to a point where the Grenada EEZ pelagic longline, troll and dropline Atlantic Ocean yellowfin and bigeye fishery will achieve a level of sustainability consistent with conformity against the MSC fisheries standard by end 2023. The FIP will achieve this aim through the following objectives:

- Support development of robust harvest strategies for Atlantic Ocean yellowfin and bigeye through ongoing engagement with the Grenada government and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).
- Support the Grenada government in its development of a robust domestic fisheries management system, including through involvement in Sub-regional and ICCAT Fisheries Management Systems.
- Establish and manage a system for independent fisheries data collection on all target species and bycatch.
- Guide precautionary ecosystem-based management responses through comprehensive ecological risk assessments of non-target species.
- Identify changes in fishing methods and gear to address the fishery's environmental challenges including on billfish bycatch and bait use.
- Ensure robust supply chain traceability.

# **FIP Type**

Comprehensive

#### **FIP Stage**

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

# **Start and Projected End Dates**

November, 2020 -

December, 2026

# **Species**

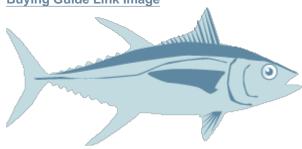
#### **Common Name**

Yellowfin Tuna

# **Scientific Name**

Thunnus albacares

**Buying Guide Link Image** 



Yellowfin Tuna

**Buying Guide** 

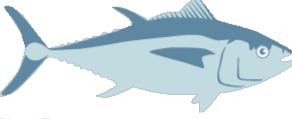
# **Common Name**

Bigeye Tuna

# **Scientific Name**

Thunnus obesus

**Buying Guide Link Image** 



Bigeye Tuna

**Buying Guide** 

# **Gear Type**

Dropline

Longline

Troll

#### Location

# **FAO Major Fishing Area**

Area 31 (Atlantic, Western Central)

#### **Exclusive Economic Zones**

Country

Grenada

# **Geographic Scope**

Entire Grenada EEZ

# **Country Flag of Vessel**

Grenada

# **Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

**ICCAT** 

# **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

100 metric tons

# **FIP Leads**

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Industry

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