

## Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (PTR)

### Overview

#### FIP Description

*Update Feb 2025: The majority of the FIP is now MSC certified and the remainder is being assessed via a gap analysis, which will not be available until completion of the certification.*

The fishery being assessed is the Pacific Tuna Longline Fishery targeting albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*), bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*) and yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*) tuna across all regions of the Pacific Ocean.

The Pacific Tuna Longline Fishery aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region.

#### Pacific Tuna Longline Fishery goals:

- *Sustainable Fish Stocks* – To ensure tuna and other primary species catches across the 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 the WCPFC, IATTC and Pacific Tuna Longline fishery.

This FIP was previously part of the [Pacific Ocean Tuna - longline \(Thai Union\) FIP](#). Half of the UoAs (Vanuatu flagged vessels) are now within the MSC assessment due to the progress they have made. Due to this, the FIP profile was split to allow for the remaining fleet (Chinese flagged vessels) to continue on with their FIP.

Half of the vessels within the FIP have entered and obtained MSC Certification - [Pingtairong Pacific tuna deep set longline fishery](#). The remaining vessels stay within this FIP and will be added via a scope extension.

### 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%	40%	60%	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%	0%	0%	0%

**FIP Objective(s)**

- Achieve sustainable stock status' for albacore, bigeye and yellowfin that is consistent with the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and management systems strengthened to achieve this.
- To improve the availability of accurate data on catches, retained and especially bycatch by strengthening information systems and training.
- To collaborate with other institutions working on tuna fisheries issues in the country, including working together to improve the management and policy towards sustainable fisheries for example Harvest Control Rules.
- Strengthen ETP and retained species management strategies.
- To promote traceability to ensure that the origins and status of Tuna products purchased are well-known and all coming from legal fisheries by engaging the supply chains that support improvement through the implementation of e-monitoring.
- Improve governance and decision making process.
- To achieve a certifiable status by December 2025.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

## Start and Projected End Dates

December, 2017 -

December, 2025

## Species

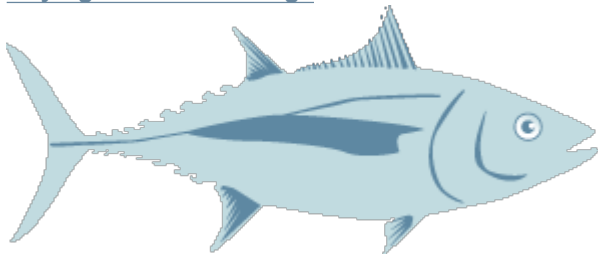
### Common Name

Albacore Tuna

### Scientific Name

*Thunnus alalunga*

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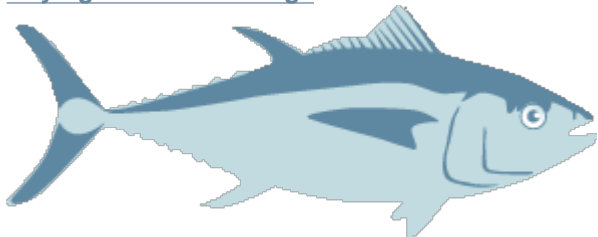
### Common Name

Bigeye Tuna

### Scientific Name

*Thunnus obesus*

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[Bigeye Tuna](#)

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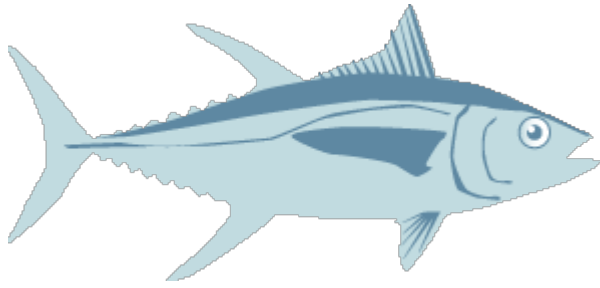
### Common Name

Yellowfin Tuna

### Scientific Name

*Thunnus albacares*

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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**

Vanuatu

#### **Geographic Scope**

Within EEZ

#### **Country Flag of Vessel**

China

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

WCPFC

IATTC

## **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

5000 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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