

Ecuador skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye tuna - purse seine (SUSTtainableTUNAfishing)

Overview

FIP Description

The fishing companies **Pesquera Finisterre, AldanPacific Ecuador, Pesquera Doña Rouge, and Belouve**, Ecuadorian tuna suppliers based in Manta, Ecuador, operate 5 purse seine vessels.

"CLASS 6" Vessels:

- **BP DOÑA ROGE (IATTC #: 3139)**
- **BP RIA DE ALDAN (IATTC #: 19006)**
- **BP BELLE RIVE (IATTC #: 19057)**
- **BP BELLE ISLE (IATTC #: 19059)**
- **BP BELOUVE (IATTC #: 19066)** The tuna fishing for this FIP takes place within the Exclusive Economic Zones of Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia, as well as in international waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean. These operations contribute as a source of food, generate both direct and indirect employment, support the export trade balance, and provide economic support at both the regional and national levels.

The target species for capture are:

- **Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*),**
- **Skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), and**
- **Bigeye tuna (*T. obesus*).**

Some associated species include black skipjack (*Eutynnus lineatus*), mahi-mahi, wahoo, and bonito (*Sarda* spp.).

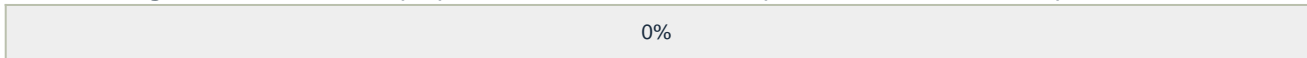
The fishery has faced various challenges since its inception, primarily in three areas: overexploitation of the resource, overcapitalization, and social conflicts. The fishery is managed through a scientific plan and the fishery management resolutions of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), in which governments, companies, fishers, crew members, processors, and NGOs actively participate. The fishery is conducted in a safe, inclusive, and economically viable manner, following a sustainable resource model, adhering to international regulatory standards, with coordinated stakeholders, well-advised fishers who enjoy quality of life and economic development, using optimal infrastructure and wide, diverse distribution channels that offer high-quality, value-added products meeting market demands.

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% | 100% | 0% | 0% |

FIP Objective(s)

The goal of the FIP (Fishery Improvement Project) is to achieve a score of >80 on all performance indicators to achieve the Standard of the Marine Stewardship Council by January 2029

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 2: FIP Launch

Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2025 -
January, 2029

Species

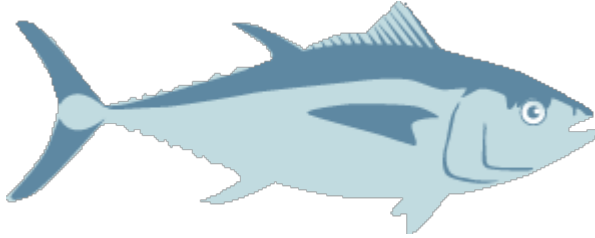
Common Name

Bigeye Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus obesus

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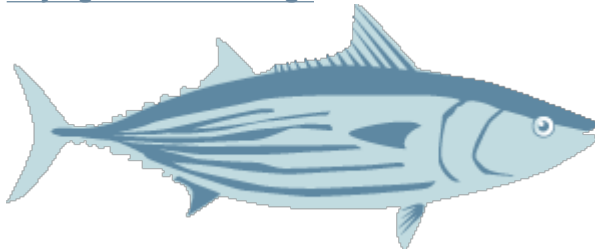
Common Name

Skipjack Tuna

Scientific Name

Katsuwonus pelamis

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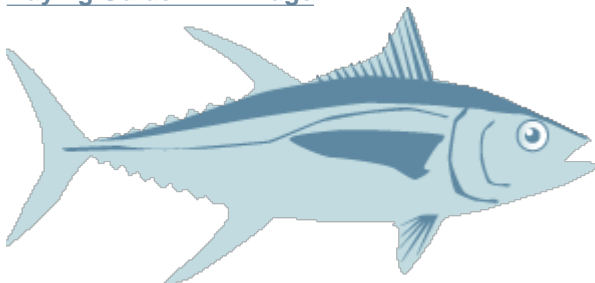
Common Name

Yellowfin Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus albacares

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Gear Type

[Purse Seine](#)

Location

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Ecuador

Geographic Scope

entire country

Country

Colombia

Geographic Scope

entire country

Country

Peru

Geographic Scope

entire country

Country Flag of Vessel

Ecuador

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IATTC

Estimated Total FIP Landings

40000 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

SUSTtuna - SUSTainableTUNAfishing FIP

Organization Type

Other

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