

Cook Islands bigeye tuna - longline

Overview

FIP Description

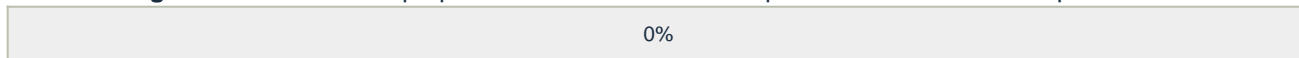
Since 2013, Anova Food/Fishing & Living and Luen Thai Fishing Ventures have been co-leading the Cook Islands Fishery Improvement Project for the country's pelagic longline tuna fishery. The FIP covers all vessels that are participating in the Cook Islands longline fishery. In March 2017, the yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) portion of this fishery became MSC-certified. The FIP now only covers bigeye tuna caught both within the Cook Islands Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and on the adjacent high seas. Vessels in this fishery primarily fish within the Cook Islands EEZ and about 5% of fishing effort occurs in the country's adjacent high seas. Participants of this FIP currently include the Ministry of Marine Resources of the Cook Islands (MMR), Luen Thai Fishing Ventures and Anova Food LLC/Fishing & Living.

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
40%	60%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating



FIP Objective(s)

The objective of this FIP is MSC certification of the Cook Islands longline Bigeye tuna by February 2020.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

February, 2017 -

February, 2020

Species**Common Name**

Bigeye Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus obesus

Gear Type

[Longline](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Cook Islands (the)

Country Flag of Vessel

China

Country Flag of Vessel

Micronesia (Federated States of)

Country Flag of Vessel

Cook Islands (the)

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

WCPFC

High Seas Name

Pacific Ocean

FIP Volume

350 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

Anova Food LLC

Organization Type

Industry

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Luen Thai Fishing Ventures

Organization Type

Industry

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Organization Name

Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources

Organization Type

Other

Website

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Organization Name

Yi Rong Fishery Company

Organization Type

Industry

Organization Name

Norpac Fisheries Export

Organization Type

Industry

Website

<http://www.norpaceport.com/>

Organization Name

Pacific Community

Organization Type

Other

Website

<https://www.spc.int/>

Organization Name

Western and Central Pacific Commission

Organization Type

Other

Website

<https://www.wcpfc.int/>