

## COMPLETED Cook Islands bigeye tuna - longline

### Overview

#### FIP Description

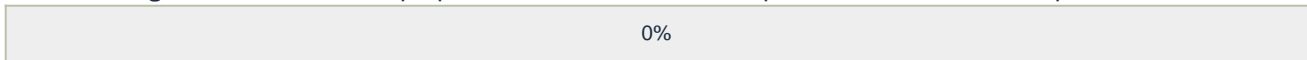
Since 2013, Anova Food/Fishing & Living and Luen Thai Fishing Ventures have been co-leading the Cook Islands Fishery Improvement Project for the country's pelagic longline tuna fishery. The FIP covers all vessels that are participating in the Cook Islands longline fishery. In March 2017, the yellowfin 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
100%	0%	0%	0%

**FIP Objective(s)**

The objective of this FIP is MSC certification of the Cook Islands longline Bigeye tuna by February 2020. This part of the fishery entered MSC re-certification in October 2019. See the fishery's [MSC site](#) for additional information.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

**Start and Projected End Dates**

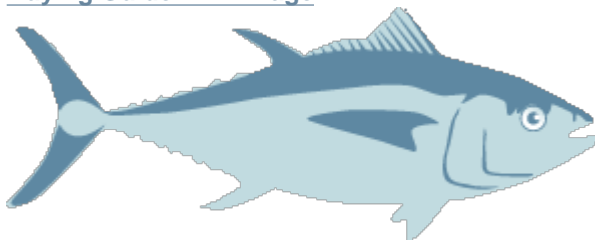
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**Species****Common Name**

Bigeye Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus obesus

**[Buying Guide Link Image](#)**

[Bigeye Tuna](#)

[Buying Guide](#)

**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

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

350 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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**Organization Type**

Industry

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**Organization Type**

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**Organization Name**

Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources

**Organization Type**

Other

**Website Name**

<http://www.mmr.gov.ck/>

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**Organization Name**

Yi Rong Fishery Company

**Organization Type**

Industry

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**Organization Name**

Norpac Fisheries Export

**Organization Type**

Industry

**Website Name**

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

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**Organization Name**

Pacific Community

**Organization Type**

Other

**Website Name**

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**Organization Name**

Western and Central Pacific Commission

**Organization Type**

Other

**Website Name**

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