

Vietnam yellowfin tuna - handline

Overview

FIP Description

Rooted in earlier projects by WWF Vietnam focused on bycatch best practices, the Vietnam yellowfin tuna FIP was launched in 2014, following the completion of a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) pre-assessment and ensuing FIP Action Plan (updated in 2023). The Action Plan scores the yellowfin against MSC criteria, identifying gaps and recommended actions required to meet the MSC standard. WWF Vietnam is the National FIP Manager and the Vietnam Tuna Association (VinaTuna) is also a member of the FIP Coordination Unit together with an International FIP coordinator supported by WWF-US.

The FIP previously included the longline gear (pre-2020) but vessels historically using longline have converted to handline only.

Key Matrices:

Species: Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*)

Gear Type: Handline

Location: FAO Major Fishing Area 61 (Pacific, Northwest) and Area 71 (Pacific, Western Central) Exclusive Economic Zones

Geographic Scope: Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa

Volume: 17,859 metric tons (2018)

FIP Collaborators

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) together with provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) are the key State agencies collaborating with the FIP Coordination Unit. The FIP works with relevant MARD departments, particularly the Directorate of Fisheries (DFISH), the Department of Conservation and Aquatic Resource Development (DECAP) and the Research Institute of Marine Fisheries (RIMF).

The yellowfin tuna FIP is directly supported by several international seafood companies (FIP Participants) engaged in various aspects of implementation – including field, market, policy and financing. We also work with tuna processing industries in Vietnam in establishing FIP traceability.

The continued active involvement of international seafood companies, domestic processors and several national

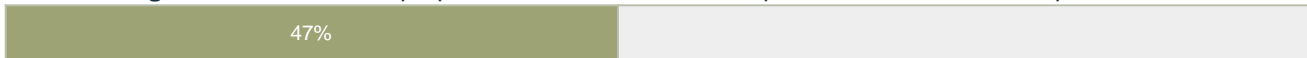
government agencies, are helping to improve the rate of progress in improvements against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standard.

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%	53%	47%	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%	100%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

D - Some Past Progress

FIP Objective(s)

To overarching goal is to achieve MSC certification by Dec 2025. Several intermediate objectives of the FIP have been identified, in contribution to the continual improvement in management of the fishery. These include:

- Supporting the development and implementation in management of harvest control rules and limit reference points, in partnership with WPEA project and wider WCPFC
- Continued expansion of training, piloting and at-sea deployment of onboard observers in the handline fishery, including piloting of electronic logbooks, in direct partnership with industry (FIP Participants)
- Supporting the establishment of a National Observer Program and securing the sustainable financing of its implementation towards WCPFC targets
- Development and application in management of a Bycatch Mitigation Strategy, including full reporting of

sea turtle and shark encounters

- Continued socialization and expansion in the use of Circle Hooks in the handline fishery, mainstreaming their adoption across the sector
- Implementation of FIP traceability program, fully applied in all relevant processors and verified through independent 3rd party audits
- Ongoing communication and awareness programs with fishers, processors and other stakeholders related to the FIP

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

April, 2014 -
December, 2025

Species

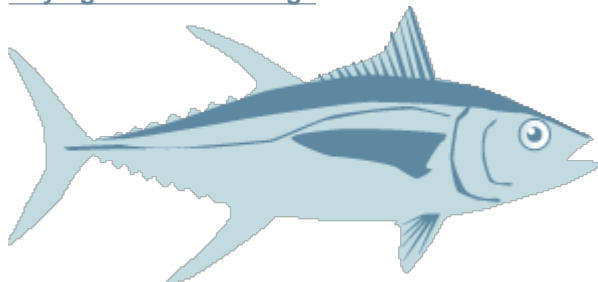
Common Name

Yellowfin Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus albacares

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Gear Type

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Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Viet Nam

Geographic Scope

Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

WCPFC

Estimated Total FIP Landings

4000 metric tons

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NGO

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