

Eastern Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (Transmarina)

Overview

FIP Description

In 2016, the longliner fishery of Transmarina conducted a pre-assessment against the MSC v2.0 Standard. The unit of assessment considered for the analysis was: Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), Bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*) and South Pacific Albacore (*Thunnus Alalunga*), with longline vessels under the flag of Ecuador in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO).

The Transmarina longline fleet has 4 industrial longline vessels between 42 and 50 meters length, operating in international waters in the FAO 87 zone, in the Galapagos Islands and within the EEZ of Ecuador. The general settings and the fishing gear are similar to the Japanese fleet operating in the EPO. It is estimated that vessels deploy between 2000 and 3000 hooks during each fishing operation, with an average depth between 35 and 40 m. The catches include a wide range of retained species (up to 17 in total), most of which are sharks.

The pre-assessment was based on a previous analysis of the Ecuadorian purse-seine tuna fishery (MRAG Americas, 2015), which was adapted for the longline fishery and updated to the new version (v2.0) of the MSC standard. The Standard evaluates three principles.

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.



0%

91%

9%

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

C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)

Achieve MSC v2.0 Standard certification by 2020.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

November, 2018 -
December, 2020

Species

Common Name

Albacore Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus alalunga

Common Name

Yellowfin Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus albacares

Common Name

Bigeye Tuna

Scientific Name*Thunnus obesus***Gear Type**[Longline](#)**Location****FAO Major Fishing Area**[Area 77 \(Pacific, Eastern Central\)](#)**Exclusive Economic Zones****Country**

Ecuador

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IATTC

High Seas Name

Pacific Ocean

FIP Volume

2880 metric tons

FIP Leads**Organization Name**

Transmarina

Organization Type

Industry

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