Indian Ocean tuna - longline (Thai Union)

Overview

FIP Description
The Indian Ocean Tuna Longline Fishery aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region. The fishery being assessed is Indian Ocean Longline Tuna, targeting albacore (Thunnus alalunga), bigeye (Thunnus obesus) and yellowfin (Thunnus albacares) in the Indian Ocean using Malaysian flagged vessels.

Indian Ocean Tuna Longline Fishery goals:

- **Sustainable Fish Stocks**? To ensure tuna and other primary species catches across the Indian Ocean do not exceed sustainable levels
- **Minimising Environmental Impacts**? To promote the ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
- **Effective Management**? To strengthen governance systems in the IOTC and Indian Tuna Longline fishery.

How is this FIP Doing?

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**Actions Progress** This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

- 17%

**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.
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.

FIP Objective(s)

- Achieve sustainable stock status? for albacore, bigeye and yellowfin that is consistent with the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and management systems strengthened to achieve this.
- To improve the availability of accurate data on catches, retained and especially bycatch by strengthening information systems and training.
- To collaborate with other institutions working on tuna fisheries issues in the country, including working together to improve the management and policy towards sustainable fisheries for example Harvest Control Rules.
- Increase observer coverage electronically.
- Promote the adoption by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and member countries of precautionary and ecosystem-based management measures and encourage the IOTC to adopt management measures that will reduce fishing mortality.
- Strengthen ETP and retained species management strategies and reduce bycatch
- Promote Malaysia to join the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing as approved by the FAO Conference at its thirty-sixth Session.
- Improve governance and decision-making process.
- To achieve a certifiable status by 2024.

FIP Type
Comprehensive

FIP Stage
Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management
Start and Projected End Dates
December, 2018 - December, 2023

Species

Common Name
Albacore Tuna
Scientific Name
Thunnus alalunga
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Common Name
Bigeye Tuna
Scientific Name
Thunnus obesus
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Common Name
Yellowfin Tuna
Scientific Name
Thunnus albacares
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# Yellowfin Tuna Buying Guide

## Gear Type
- Longline

## Location
- **FAO Major Fishing Area**
  - Area 51 (Indian Ocean, Western)
  - Area 57 (Indian Ocean, Eastern)
- **Exclusive Economic Zones**
- **Country Flag of Vessel**
  - Malaysia
- **Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**
  - IOTC

## Estimated Total FIP Landings
5242 metric tons

## FIP Leads
- **Organization Name**
  - Key Traceability
- **Organization Type**
  - Consultant
- **Primary Contact**
  - Tom Evans
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