

## Indian Ocean tuna - longline (Thai Union)

### Overview

#### FIP Description

Nov 2024 - FIP has entered Full Assessment for albacore only - the FIP is no longer pursuing bigeye & yellowfin

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 and Taiwanese 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?

#### 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
33%	0%	67%	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
67%	0%	33%	0%

### 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 5: Improvements on the Water

### Start and Projected End Dates

December, 2018 -  
December, 2024

## Species

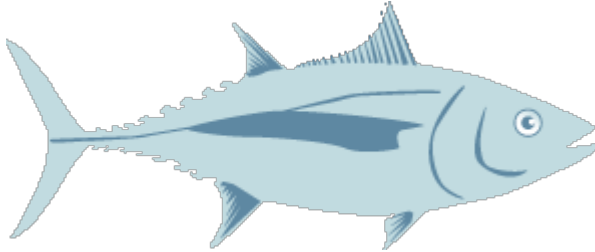
### Common Name

Albacore Tuna

### Scientific Name

Thunnus alalunga

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## 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

#### Country Flag of Vessel

Taiwan

### Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IOTC

## Estimated Total FIP Landings

5000 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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