

PROSPECTIVE Indian Ocean albacore tuna - longline

Overview

FIP Description

The Indian Ocean Albacore Tuna Longline FIP aims to improve fishing practices for longline vessels operating in the Indian Ocean that land albacore and supply Bumble Bee Foods. Bumble Bee sources albacore tuna from these vessels through the Taiwanese-founded company FCF Fishery Company, Ltd. (FCF), who acts as a broker for the fishing vessels, with Bumble Bee exporting the product to North American markets. While the target stock is healthy and management is well-documented and well-implemented, the fishery lacks explicit harvest control rules and harvest strategies, which are fundamental tools to limit the risk of overfishing. Additionally, the fishery lacks independent observers, electronic monitoring, and qualitative information about bycatch, making the fishery's effects on the surrounding ecosystem difficult to assess.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

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

0%

FIP Type

Prospective

FIP Stage

Start and Projected End Dates

Species

Common Name

Albacore Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus alalunga

Gear Type

Longline

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

Area 51 (Indian Ocean, Western)

Area 57 (Indian Ocean, Eastern)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Madagascar

Country

Mauritius

Country Flag of Vessel

China

Country Flag of Vessel

Taiwan

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IOTC

IATTC

High Seas Name

Indian Ocean

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Organization Type

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