

## ANNUAL FISHING / CAPACITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TROPICAL TUNAS

### BRAZIL

#### Fishing Plan Year: 2022

#### 1. Introduction

Brazilian Fishing Plan for tropical tunas, in conformity with paragraphs 20, 21 and 22a, of Rec. 21-01.

#### 2. Details of fishing plan – For those with >1,000 t average catch

##### 2.1 Catch limits and Catch reductions (Part II)

In accordance with ICCAT Rec. 21-01, from November 2018 to December 2021, Brazil already adopted the following domestic regulations and measures to ensure the limit is respected:

*Portaria Interministerial SG-PR/MMA n° 59A, established on 9 November 2018:*

- Prohibits the use of FADs for tuna fishing;
- Prohibits fishing in the vicinity of oceanographic buoys at distances less than 200 m;
- Prohibits tying fishing vessels to oceanographic buoys;
- Establishes that the use of VMS mandatory to all tuna fishing vessels that are larger than 10 m (to be enforced on 11/09/2019);
- Restricts to 250, the number of fishing vessels authorized with handline in associated schools with the process of establishing the new license and licensing all the interested boats to be completed within one year (until 11/09/2019);
- Establishes that the authorization to fishing tunas with handline in associated schools are exclusive, i.e. vessels that are authorized to fish with such a permit cannot have any other fishing license;
- Limits the amount of bycatch of authorized fishing vessels with handline in associated schools to 20% of the total catch (it prevents using the fishing license to other fishing modalities);

*Portaria SAP/MAPA n° 89, established on 9 May 2019*

- Prohibits the emission of any new fishing licenses, including licenses for building new fishing boats, for any modality of fishing methods targeting tuna or tuna-like species, except boats authorized to fish with handline in associated schools (already frozen at 250 boats, by Portaria 59A/2018).

*Portaria 5,174, established on 4 November 2019*

- In response to a call to boat owners to issue a specific license to fish for tunas by handline in associated schools (Normative Instruction 44), the Brazilian Government authorized only 184 fishing boats.

#### 3. Control Measures, including planned trials of electronic observers (Part V)

The Secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries (SAP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA), with support of Brazilian scientists, will pilot the implementation of Electronic Monitoring on the Brazilian handline and longline fleet in the northeast and southeast country through the Ecopeescatum Project in 2022. The project will combine on your tests electronic observers with onboard observers and will approach the small-scale tuna fleet.

#### **4. Other information / measures to be taken**

Through the support provided by the Secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries (SAP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA) to the Scientific Subcommittee of the Standing Committee for the Management of the Tuna Fisheries in Brazil, some scientific activities will be continued in 2022, such as the collection of biological data, including size distribution of the fish caught and biological studies within the scope of the PROTUNA project (Project of Technical and Scientific Support for the Development of Tuna Fisheries in Brazil). In addition to this research, the activities of the Blue Shark Project which acts in the south of Brazil, have been also contributing for the collection of biological data, including size distribution of the fish caught from the longliners.

Brazilian scientists have been continuing to work in collaboration with scientists from other CPCs to improve ICCAT stock assessments, including research on several topics, such as the development of joint abundance indices and stock assessment models.

#### **5. Country expectations**

Brazil has a tuna and tuna-like small-scale fleet with high socioeconomic importance for artisanal and small-scale fishing communities in northeast and southeast country and since 2019 the emission of new fishing licenses is prohibited by the government, including licenses for building new fishing boats, for any modality of fishing methods targeting tunas or tuna-like species, except boats authorized to fish with handline (already frozen at 250 boats, by Portaria 59A), complying with control rules and SCRS advices based on the agreed ICCAT recommendations 19-02 updated by 21-01. During the pandemic period (2020 to current days) the fishing activity in Brazil was recognized by the government as an essential economic activity due to their socioeconomic and food security importance to the vulnerable communities supporting this value chain to remain their operations and services during this critical moment.

In light of the above and in the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries declared by United Nations General Assembly and in accordance to the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities, Brazil is highly committed to the sustainable management of tunas and tuna-like species as well with the well-being of small-scale fishing communities, consciousness of the great challenges the small-scale communities are facing during the pandemic and with the limits currently established towards the fleet. For this reason, Brazil highlights the intention to develop its fishery for tropical tunas in future years, mainly by expanding its artisanal fishery with handline, in a progressive and gradual manner, in conformity with international law and its special provisions needed for developing coastal States.

**CAPACITY TABLE**

| <b>TROPICAL TUNA VESSEL FLEET</b>                |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
|--|--------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|---|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------------------------|
|  | <i>Number of Vessels</i> |      |        |        |        |   | <i>Total Estimated Capacity</i> |      |      |      |      | <i>Unit of capacity used</i> |
| <b>Type</b>                                      | 2018                     | 2019 | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   | <i>Estimated best catch rate per unit (t)</i> | 2018                            | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |                              |
| Purse seiner over 40m                            |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Purse seiner between 20 and 40m                  |                          |      | 2      | 3      | 3      |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Purse seiners less than 20m                      |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Longliner over 40m                               |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Longliner between 20 and 40m                     | 37                       | 38   | 37     | 37     | 37     |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Longliner less than 20m                          | 18                       | 18   | 18     | 18     | 18     |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| <b>For Capacity Expansion</b>                    |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Baitboat   | 31                       | 30   | 30     | 30     | 30     |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Other gears (specify)                            |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| LL Surf  | 48                       | 48   | 48     | 48     | 48     |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Handline   | 227                      | 227  | 227    | 250    | 250    |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| <b>Total fishing capacity</b>                    |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| <b>Quota</b>                                     |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Initial quota                                    |                          |      | 6,043t | 6,043t | 6,043t |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Quota transfer made to XXX (if applicable)       |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Quota transfer received from XXX (if applicable) |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |
| Total adjusted quota (if applicable)             |                          |      |        |        |        |   |                                 |      |      |      |      |                              |