



## Pacific Ocean tuna – longline (Sky Vision) FIP Position Statement for the 2021 96<sup>th</sup> IATTC Annual Meeting

Drafted with agreement from all Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (Sky Vision) FIP Participants –  
August 2021

The submission of this position statement is regarding the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) currently being undertaken by the Sky Vision Longline Tuna Fishery. The fishery targets north and south Pacific albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*), western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) bigeye (*T. obesus*), and WCPO yellowfin and EPO (*T. albacares*) tuna. The longline vessels are flagged to China, Fiji, Tuvalu Cook Islands and Vanuatu and fish on the WCPO and EPO high seas and within the Vanuatu, Fiji, Tuvalu and Cook Islands Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs). Further details can be found here: <https://fisheryprogress.org/fip-profile/pacific-ocean-tuna-longline-sky-vision>.

This FIP 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 end goal is to achieve certification under the [Marine Stewardship Council](#) Fisheries Standard by 2026.

As part of this FIP reaching MSC certification there are various actions which need to be undertaken which involve a range of different stakeholders. To ensure the FIP meets these objectives we need the support of the IATTC and urge action at the IATTC annual meeting this year on multiple topics laid out in this position statement.

We recognise that the impacts of COVID-19 continue to present challenges to regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) like the IATTC. However, we do not believe these circumstances should prevent the IATTC from taking action in 2021 to adopt science-based management measures to ensure the sustainable management of the tuna stocks and marine ecosystems under its purview.

The Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (Sky Vision) FIP strongly urges the IATTC and its member states to ensure the IATTC acts in August at the Annual Meeting of the IATTC Commission to:

1. Adopt a precautionary tuna conservation and management measure, based on the current scientific advice, including additional FAD management measures.
2. Request the Scientific Staff to provide science-based limits on active FADs, deployments and/or sets.
3. Accelerate development of MSE for bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin.
4. Adopt the EMS workplan. Establish a fleet-wide observer program (human or electronic) for small purse seine vessels by 2022. Require 100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic) in industrial tuna fisheries, including all those engaged in at sea transshipment, by 2024.
5. By 2022, adopt a Port State Measures Resolution.
6. Establish a work plan to operationalize paragraphs 5-8 of C-11-07 on Compliance and to develop audit points.

If the above mentioned are addressed effectively it will have positive long term-sustainability implications and improve overall health of the Eastern Pacific marine ecosystem to allow for fisheries like our current FIPs to achieve sustainability targets, particularly in line with MSC certification.



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*Signed on behalf of the Pacific Ocean tuna - longline (Sky Vision)*

*August 2021*



*Annex 1: Vessels in support of the above statement*

Vessel Name 船名	Owner 船東	Flag 船籍國	Representative 船東代表	IMO Number IMO號碼
GUI YUAN YU 60001	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8656192
GUI YUAN YU 60002	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8656257
GUI YUAN YU 60003	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8656269
GUI YUAN YU 60005	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8656207
GUI YUAN YU 60006	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8656219
HE SHUN 1	HE SHUN FISHERY LIMITED	Vanuatu	Mr. Sung	8664369
HE SHUN 3	HE SHUN FISHERY LIMITED	Vanuatu	Mr. Sung	8664383
K. CAMELLIA	Fiore Marine Limited	FIJI	Mr. Sung	8889048
KEMA	Handfull Marine Co, Ltd	Cook Islands	Mr. Sung	8402931
SHUN JHAN 188	SHUN JHAN FISHERY	Vanuatu	Mr. Sung	8946858
XINYA 10	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8683523
XINYA 11	SHENZHEN SZAP OVERSEAS FISHERIES CO.,LTD	China	Mr. Sung	8683535