



Fig : Species Composition per sites in Sablayan, Mindoro (left) and Mati, Davao & Infanta, Quezon (right) (Data from Sept 2020 to May 2022, gathered by Guillemette Forato, FIP manager)

The catch composition was different between the two sites. While the small handliners from Sablayan have almost zero bycatch, the larger fishing vessels in Infanta/Mati seem to be less selective and YFT only represents 35% of the total landings (Fig). The fishing vessels however also bring other hook and lines gear to sea, not only the handling gear targeting larger tuna. Furthermore, during the project phase the fishing for larger tuna doesn't seem to have been successful, and therefore the fishing techniques were probably switched to target other species. As the example from Sablayan shows, handling fishing for large tuna can be almost 100% selective, and it is assumed that this is also the case for larger vessels, if the same fishing technique is applied.