

DPM and Capsen and Grand Bleu Atlantic Ocean purse seine tuna fishery

Meeting 18th September 2025

Attendees

DPM	CAPSEN S.A.	Grand Bleu S.A.	Key Traceability
Mamadou Seye	Adams Kwabena	Mohamadou S. Wade	Emily Wardrop
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<p>Welcome and introductions</p>
<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) The Atlantic Ocean purse seine tuna fishery (Capsen and Grand Bleu) <p>The fishery was certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in November 2024. The MSC is a coveted standard by which global fisheries aim to meet the requirements of target species stock status, predicted impacts on whole ecosystems, and effective management. As you know, the Capsen and Grand Bleu fishery met the majority of these requirements during the assessment process, but there are some areas that needed more information. This was built into a Client Action Plan (CAP) which is monitored for progress every year.</p> <p>The aim of this meeting is to discuss the outstanding areas to identify if there is any additional information currently in place that can help close out these actions. This is a work in progress situation and at present, we are only interested in the general information currently available.</p>
<p>Current conditions for the fishery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 5: There should be a partial strategy in place for the main secondary species - little tunny. The partial strategy should be expected to maintain or not hinder rebuilding of little tunny (<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>) (Ravil). <p>Mr. Seye confirmed what we had heard from Dr. Fambaye during the meeting with CRODT, ICCAT does not have any current management measures for little tunny (and other small tunas) currently. As DPM relies on large scale management measures from ICCAT, there is currently no Senegalese-specific management measures in place for these species either. However they are hopeful that measures will soon be implemented by ICCAT.</p> <p>Mr. Seye also mentioned that Dr. Fambaye is part of the ICCAT small tuna working group and noted that there maybe a strategy in place for these populations by 2026-</p>

2027. However he mentioned that for a whole strategy to be in place in 2 years is unlikely. Nevertheless, he is open to consider certain measures for Senegal specifically. Workshopping some measures across the stakeholders, industry and companies. Surveys to see how they can implement additional measures for the species. This could be something that CAPSEN, Grand Bleu and Key Traceability work with DPM on to implement small measures to help country-wide measures.

He confirmed that all data is sent to ICCAT regarding small tuna bycatch and landings. Main species catch data are sent to ICCAT and they are working to improve the catch reporting.

- **Condition 8:** There should be an objective basis for confidence that the partial strategy in place for managing UoA impacts on VME habitats, associated with lost and/or abandoned UoA FAD beaching events, will work based on information directly about the UoA and/or habitats involved.

For ICCAT Rec. 24-01, it was adopted into national regulation. DPSP has the new regulations that must be complied with and are monitored regularly. Number of FADs are reduced. So, this is important for the industry. DPM uses the information of active buoys from Zunibal.

For FADs, CAPSEN collects all buoys across West African area but there is no proper collection of old FADs for pollution.

There are no current provisions within the DPM policy on FADs that relates to the retrieval of these devices upon loss or breakage. Once the ministry has more information about potential schemes and projects working on this initiative, they are open to collaborating. Mr. Seye to check if there is anything written into law regarding.

There are no current trials set by DPM but they are expecting this from ICCAT soon.

Over the last few years, Mr. Seye confirmed that DPM has required that all FADs used by Senegalese tuna vessels should be using BioFADs.

- **Condition 10:** Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) for yellowfin tuna by ICCAT

Mr. Seye mentioned that thus far, there have been no updates from ICCAT this year regarding the HCRs for yellowfin tuna. However, he is aware of many discussions on Harvest Control Rules for YFT have been had in 2025. He mentioned that as they are very hard to develop, he expects it should take some time to come into implementation. He does not anticipate that the SCRS will be able to address HCRs for individual species this year, but is hopeful that as a group (YFT, SKJ, and BET) this may be available.

Final comments and close