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OCEAN OUTCOMES

ATTN: Mr. Chia-Chun Wu and Mr Ken Chien-Nan Lin

I am writing on behalf of Fue Shin Fishery Co., Ltd in support of urgently needed tuna management measures in the Indian Ocean, a region for which our government serves as an important leader and participant of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

We work closely with Ocean Outcomes (O2), a global organization of scientists, seafood industry experts, social and environmental specialists. O2's mission is to improve the sustainability of fisheries and seafood supplies and their contributions to our collective environmental, social and economic well being.

Fue Shin Fishery Co., Ltd is concerned with the status of the tuna stocks in the Indian Ocean and their effective management. We operate in this region and the sustainability of these stocks is integral to not only our business, but also to the overall marine environment.

We strongly urge our government to take positions to ensure the IOTC takes action at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the IOTC Commission on these top priorities:

#### **Compliance**

- Fully implement the revised IOTC compliance assessment process adopted in 2023 to ensure robust and transparent assessment of CPC accountability, particularly for CPC non-compliance with the provision of mandatory fishery data, catch limits, and use of large-scale gillnets.
- Ensure all CPCs provide a detailed plan of action to address non-compliance - when they are assessed as non-compliant category 2 - within the three-month period following the Compliance Committee.

#### **Tuna Stock Conservation**

- Adopt a TAC for yellowfin tuna for the period of 2026-2028 that does not exceed the median MSY estimate of 421,000 tonnes, and adopt measures to ensure this TAC is not exceeded, as recommended by the IOTC Scientific Committee.
- Implement effective measures to ensure that skipjack and bigeye tuna catches do not exceed the catch limits established by the Harvest Control Rule for skipjack and the Management Procedure for bigeye.

#### **Effective Management Procedures (Harvest Strategies)**

- Sufficiently fund and accelerate the adoption of robust management procedures for yellowfin tuna and albacore.

### **Bycatch Mitigation and Shark Protections**

- Amend Res. 25/08 to require shark fins to be naturally attached for all landings without exceptions or alternatives.
- The SC established criteria for the conduct of experimental fishing trials to assess the effects of leader materials on the mortality of vulnerable shark species (per para 17 of Resolution 25/08), if such trials take place, ensure that they are done so only in accordance with the criteria.
- Adopt updated best practices for safe handling and release of mobulids and adopt best practices for safe handling and release for cetaceans, including use of safe release devices, as recommended by the SC.
- Amend Res. 23/07 on seabird mitigation measures to reflect up-to-date scientific advice and align the specifications to meet the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) standards.
- Amend Res. 12/04 on sea turtles to include scientifically proven mitigation measures and safe handling and release devices and require identification of sea turtles at species level as recommended by the SC.

### **Electronic Monitoring and Reporting and Observer Coverage**

- More fully embrace the use of electronic monitoring to increase observer coverage from the minimum 5% level for all gear types.
- Adopt measures to begin increasing observer coverage (human and/or electronic) from the minimum 5% and adopt a timeline towards 100% coverage in industrial tuna fisheries.

### **Effective Management Procedures (Harvest Strategies)**

- Adopt a comprehensive Management Procedure for albacore.
- Accelerate the adoption of robust management procedures for yellowfin tuna.
- Adopt robust management measures that implement and fully allocate the catch limits set by the swordfish, skipjack and bogey management procedures.

### **Vessel Monitoring Systems and Port State Measures**

- Strengthen Res. 16/11 to be consistent with the FAO Port State Measures Agreement, including by adopting provisions for prioritizing vessels for inspection and including ports of CPCs outside the IOTC Agreement Area.
- To improve compliance with tuna conservation measures, adopt amendments to Res. 15/03 to strengthen the IOTC VMS, including by requiring simultaneous near real-time position reporting and ensuring systems are tamper-proof.

### **Transshipment Regulation**

Amend IOTC at-sea transshipment Res. 25/05 to further strengthen the regulation of transshipment:

- Add recommended data fields from the FAO Guidelines, Annex I, to the IOTC transshipment declaration including, among others, vessel owner and company contact information, master contact details, intended location (at-sea position or port), and the amount of catch remaining on board after transshipment operations.
- Require all reporting to be electronic and in near real-time, but no greater than 24 hours after event, and that all transshipment declarations be submitted to flag State and IOTC Secretariat.

- Require all vessels authorized to conduct at-sea transshipment to have IMO number and operational automatic identification systems (AIS), and that VMS position data are provided to IOTC Secretariat in near-real time.

**Labor and Social Issues in Tuna Fisheries**

- Adopt a binding measure that will ensure the safety of human observers, including those on supply and carrier vessels.

We also strongly urge our government to take positions at the Annual Meeting of the IOTC Commission to progress the other priorities outlined in the attached ISSF Position Statement

As an organization engaging in proactive tuna fisheries improvement activities in the Indian Ocean, we urge you to ensure that our government fully supports action on the above issues at the Annual Meeting of IOTC Commission, and that the positions of Chinese Taipei will testify to our support for addressing these issues.

Fue Shin Fishery Co., Ltd looks forward to the continued leadership of our government in the Indian Ocean, a region rich in tuna resources that are in need of continued science-based conservation and management.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enc. 2026 ISSF IOTC Position Statement