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**Republic of Palau**

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Scientific data was provided to the Commission in accordance with the decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the Commission by <b><u>30 April 2022</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
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## **I. ABSTRACT**

In 2021, Palau licensed a total of 67 fishing vessels comprising of 28 longlines and 39 purse seines. The licensed longlines included 1 locally based Chinese Taipei (TW) flagged vessel, and 27 Japan (JP) flagged vessels. The licensed purse seines include 27 JP flagged vessels, 1 PG flagged vessel, and 11 Philippines (PH) flagged vessels.

Total catches caught and reported for 2021, approximated about 1357 metric tons (MT) of fish with 3.54MT of Albacore, 914.23MT of Bigeye, 0.02MT of Skipjack, 330.71MT of Yellowfin, and all other catches totaling to 109.39MT. These are all Longline catches as there are no records as of yet for Purse Seine Fishing in Palau waters in 2021. Since Palau's Fishery Port is incapable of accommodating purse seine operations, catch landings are only done by the domestically based longline vessels. Of all the recorded catch caught in 2021, a total of 34MT of catch was landed in Palau port and were sold and donated locally.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

The Division of Oceanic Fishery Management Office is mandated to carry out the purposes of Title 27 of Palau National Code to adopt fisheries regulations, negotiate and conclude foreign fishing agreements, issue foreign fishing permits, and perform other duties and functions for the management, exploitation and conservation of all living resources in the extended and exclusive fishery zone of the Republic of Palau. The Title 27 of the Palau National Code is the primary fisheries legislation regulating the harvest of highly migratory fish stocks and fishing vessels that fish in the waters of the Republic of Palau. In addition to Fisheries Bilateral Agreement between Palau and Japan Fishing Association, Palau also have agreements with locally Based Foreign Chinese Taipei Fishing Company, an Offshore Based Philippine Company, and a locally owned fishing company.

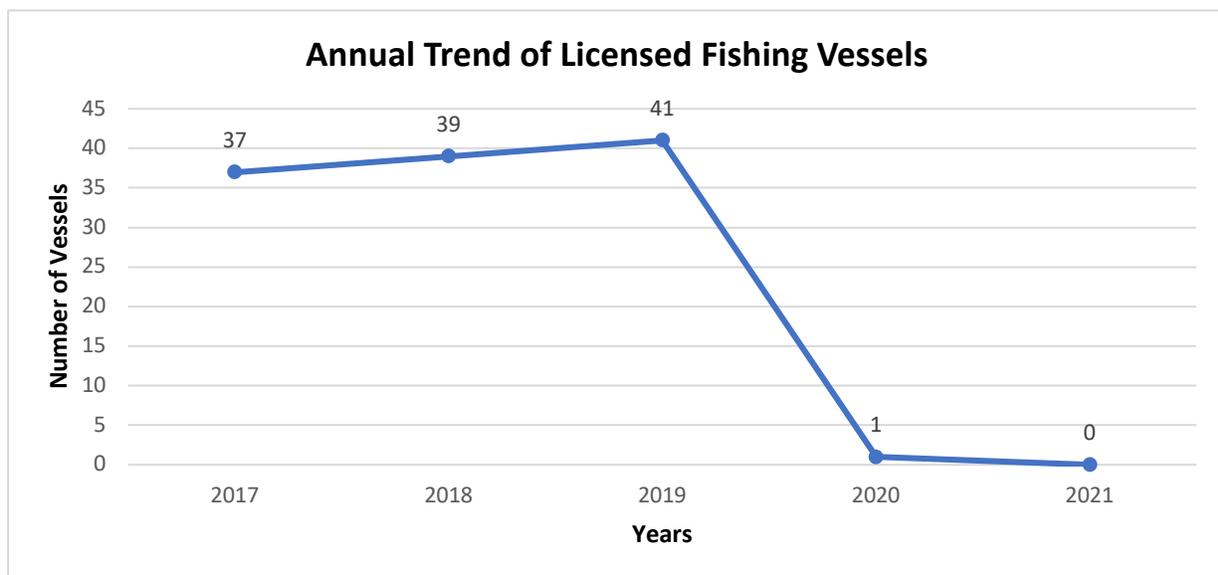
In developing countries, like Palau, sustainable developments would mean the commitment of resources toward continued improvement in living standard. In October 2015 Palau National Marine Sanctuary Act (PNMSA) was passed by the Republic's Congress to preserve eighty percent (80%) of Palau's Exclusive Economic Zone as Palau National Marine Sanctuary. The PNMS Transition Regulations were adopted and promulgated to govern fishing during a wind-down period until 2020 when Palau National Marine Sanctuary will be fully functioning. 2021 is the second year of PNMS in effect.

### III. FLAG STATE REPORT

In 2021, Palau did not forward any vessel to be registered on the WCPFC Vessel Registry therefore Palau is not considered a flag state and will not be reporting as a flag state. There were no Longline and Purse Seine vessels licensed as national vessel or chartered in 2021. Table 1 present the number of the licensed national/chartered vessels by gear and size category while Figure 1 displays its trend over the years.

**Table 1. Number of Licensed Fishing Vessel (National and Chartered) by Gear and Size Category**

GEAR	LONGLINE (National)					Total Vessels	LONGLINE (Chartered)					Total Vessels
	YEAR  GRT	0-25	26-50	51-75	76-100		100+	0-25	26-50	51-75	76-100	
2017	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	25	8	2	0	35
2018	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	26	10	2	0	38
2019	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	27	10	2	0	39
2020	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



**Figure 1. Chart of Palau Licensed National and Chartered Longline Fishing Vessels**

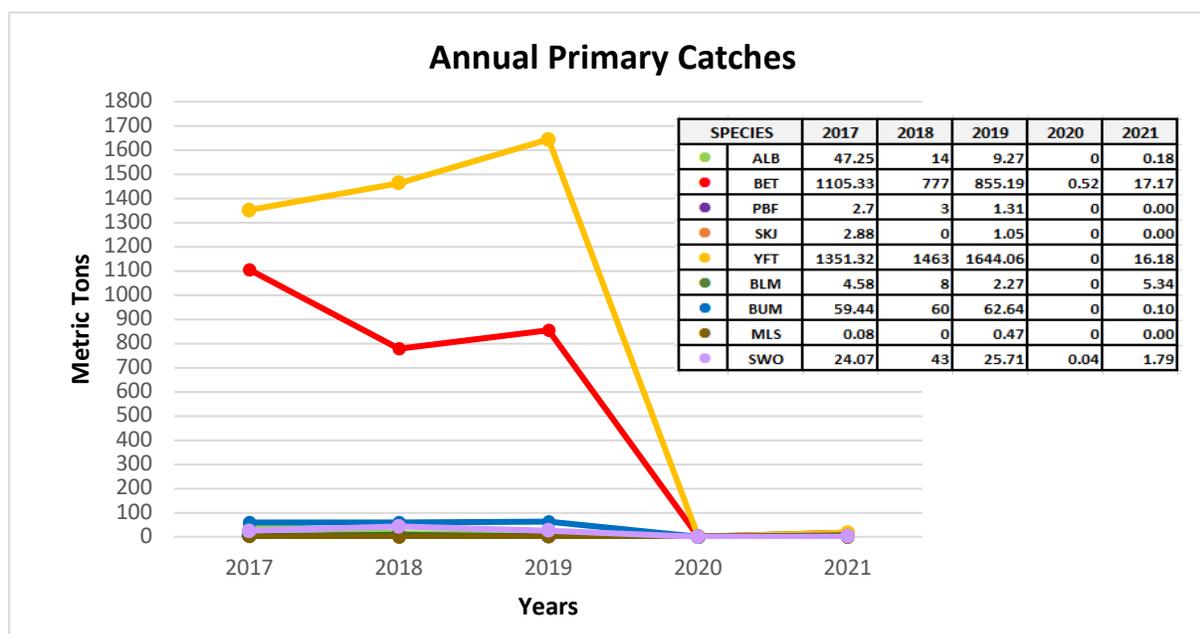
#### IV. COASTAL STATE REPORT

##### Domestic Based Fleet

In 2021, Palau licensed 1 domestic-based foreign flagged longline vessel. Its recorded catch totaled 40.76 metric tons. Bigeye was the main species caught with 17.17 metric tons accounting to 42% of the total catch. Table 2 presents the annual catch for this vessel with figure 2 illustrating its catch distribution.

**Table 2. Annual catch (MT) by species for the Republic of Palau Longline fishery.**

SPECIES	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Ret.	Disc.	Ret.	Disc.	Ret.	Disc.	Ret.	Disc.	Ret.	Disc.
ALB	47.25	0	14	0	9.27	0	0	0	0.18	0
BET	1105.33	0	777	0	855.19	0	0.52	0	17.17	0
PBF	2.7	0	3	0	1.31	0	0	0	0.00	0
SKJ	2.88	0	0	0	1.05	0	0	0	0.00	0
YFT	1351.32	0	1463	13	1644.06	0	0	0	16.18	0
BLM	4.58	0	8	0	2.27	0	0	0	5.34	0
BUM	59.44	0	60	6	62.64	0	0	0	0.10	0
MLS	0.08	0	0	0	0.47	0	0	0	0.00	0
SWO	24.07	0	43	0	25.71	0	0.04	0	1.79	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,597.65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,368.00</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2,601.97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40.76</b>	<b>0</b>



**Figure 2. Historical Annual Primary Catch presented as a line graph.**

There were no observers' placements in 2021 so there are no data provided. Electronic monitoring trial was carried out in 2018 on some of the vessels and a total of 6 trips were analyzed and entered into Dorado TUBS Report. Table 3 displays the data provided for observed species of special interests, including seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals.

**Table 3. Observed Annual Estimated catches of Species of Special Interests**

YEAR	SEABIRD				TURTLE				MARINE MAMMAL			
	Species	No. Alive	No. Dead	Total	Species	No. Alive	No. Dead	Total	Species	No. Alive	No. Dead	Total
2021	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
2020	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
2019	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
2018	N/A	0	0	0	Olive Ridley	0	1	1	Dolphins / Porpoises (Unidentified)	1	0	1
					Marine Turtle (Unidentified)	13	14	27				
2017	N/A	0	0	0	Olive Ridley	1	0	1	N/A	0	0	0

Other than the primary species catches presented in Table 1, there were some non-targets, associated and dependent species that were caught. Table 4 below presents these catches by species each year caught by domestic based fishing vessel. Data along the years shows that Oilfish and Sailfish were the most caught species.

**Table 4. Annual Estimated Catches of Non-Target, Associated, and Dependent Species.**

Species Name	Total Annual Longline Catches (MT)					Total Catch
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
BARRACUDA NEI	0.08	0.08	0.4	0	0	<b>0.56</b>
COMMON DOLPHINFISH	2.82	1.51	2.3	0	0.06	<b>6.69</b>
ESCOLAR	0.2	2.04	0.84	0	0.87	<b>3.95</b>
OILFISH	4.48	4.88	2	0	0.28	<b>11.64</b>
OPAH	0.53	0.5	0	0.17	0.07	<b>1.27</b>
SAILFISH (INDO-PACIFIC)	13.18	19.02	16.35	0	0.76	<b>49.31</b>
SICKLE POMFRET	0	0.05	0	0	0.09	<b>0.14</b>
WAHOO	1.03	1.76	0.29	0	0.00	<b>3.08</b>
OTHER FISH	0	0.29	0.43	0	0.09	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Annual Grand Total</b>	<b>22.32</b>	<b>30.13</b>	<b>22.61</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>77.45</b>

### Distant Water Fleet

In 2021, Palau licensed a total of 66 foreign flagged, foreign-based fishing vessels of 27 longlines and 39 purse seines. Table 5 shows the break-down of these licensed vessels by year, by flag, by gear, and by size category with Figure 3 showing its trend.

**Table 5. Number of foreign fishing vessels, active in the WCPFC Convention Area.**

YEAR	FLAG	GEAR	Size Category (GRT)				Total Vessels
			0-500	501-1000	1001-1500	1501+	
2021	JP	LL	27	0	0	0	27
	JP	PS	0	0	20	7	27
	PG	PS	0	0	1	0	1
	PH	PS	0	0	11	0	11
<b>2021 Total Vessels</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>66</b>
2020	JP	LL	32	0	0	0	32
	JP	PS	0	0	23	6	29
	PH	PS	0	3	16	1	20
	TW	LL	2	0	0	0	2
<b>2020 Total Vessels</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>
2019	JP	LL	34	0	0	0	34
	JP	PS	0	0	23	4	27
	PG	PS	0	0	1	0	1
	PH	PS	0	6	14	1	21
	SB	PS	0	0	3	0	3
	TW	PS	0	0	4	2	6
	VU	PS	0	0	2	1	3
<b>2019 Total Vessels</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>95</b>
2018	JP	LL	35	0	0	0	35
	JP	PS	0	0	23	4	27
	PH	PS	0	4	12	1	17
	TW	PS	0	0	3	0	3
<b>2018 Total Vessels</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>
2017	JP	LL	21	0	0	0	21
	JP	PS	0	0	25	4	29
	TW	LL	2	0	0	0	2
	TW	PS	0	0	3	0	3
<b>2017 Total Vessels</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>

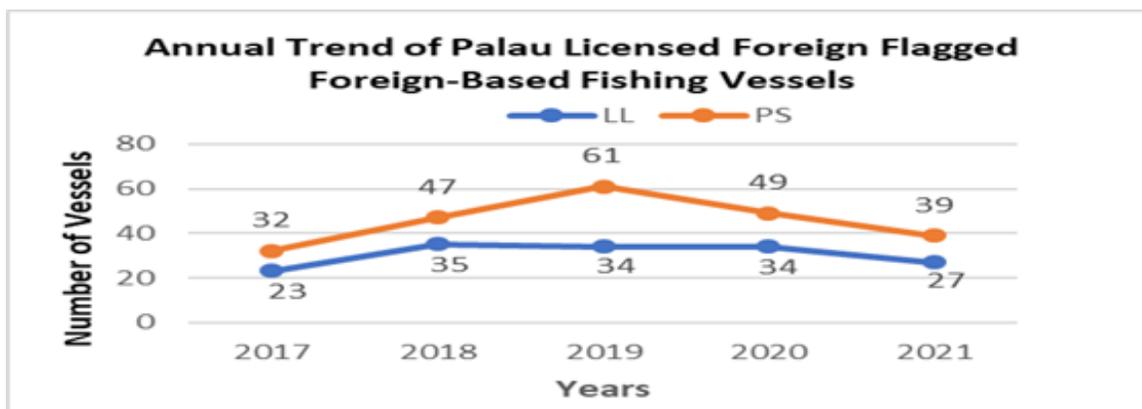


Figure 3: Annual trend of Palau Licensed Vessels by Gear

**(a) Distant Water Longline Catch Report**

The Palau-licensed foreign flagged longline vessels provisional catch for 2021 totaled 1314.92 metric tons. Bigeye accounted almost 68% of all the catch that were caught. Table 6 displays a five-year (2017-2021) annual longline catches in Palau’s exclusive economic zone by flag and by species with Figure 4 displaying trend over the years.

**Table 6. Longline Catches (MT) by year, by flag, and by species in Palau EEZ.**

YEAR	FLAG	ALB	BET	YFT	OTH	Total Catches
2021	JP	3.36	897.06	314.53	99.97	1314.92
<b>2021 Total</b>		<b>3.36</b>	<b>897.06</b>	<b>314.53</b>	<b>99.97</b>	<b>1314.92</b>
2020	JP	0.54	438.83	91.18	39.92	570.47
	TW	0.07	15.85	14.34	11.15	41.41
<b>2020 Total</b>		<b>0.61</b>	<b>454.68</b>	<b>105.53</b>	<b>51.07</b>	<b>611.89</b>
2019	JP	3.44	54.34	30.47	4.94	93.19
<b>2019 Total</b>		<b>3.44</b>	<b>54.34</b>	<b>30.47</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>93.19</b>
2018	JP	0	19.05	5.88	1.06	25.99
<b>2018 Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>19.05</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>25.99</b>
2017	JP	2.47	1189.33	472.99	104.47	1769.26
	TW	0	21.81	31.91	1.15	54.87
<b>2017 Total</b>		<b>2.47</b>	<b>1211.14</b>	<b>504.9</b>	<b>105.62</b>	<b>1824.13</b>

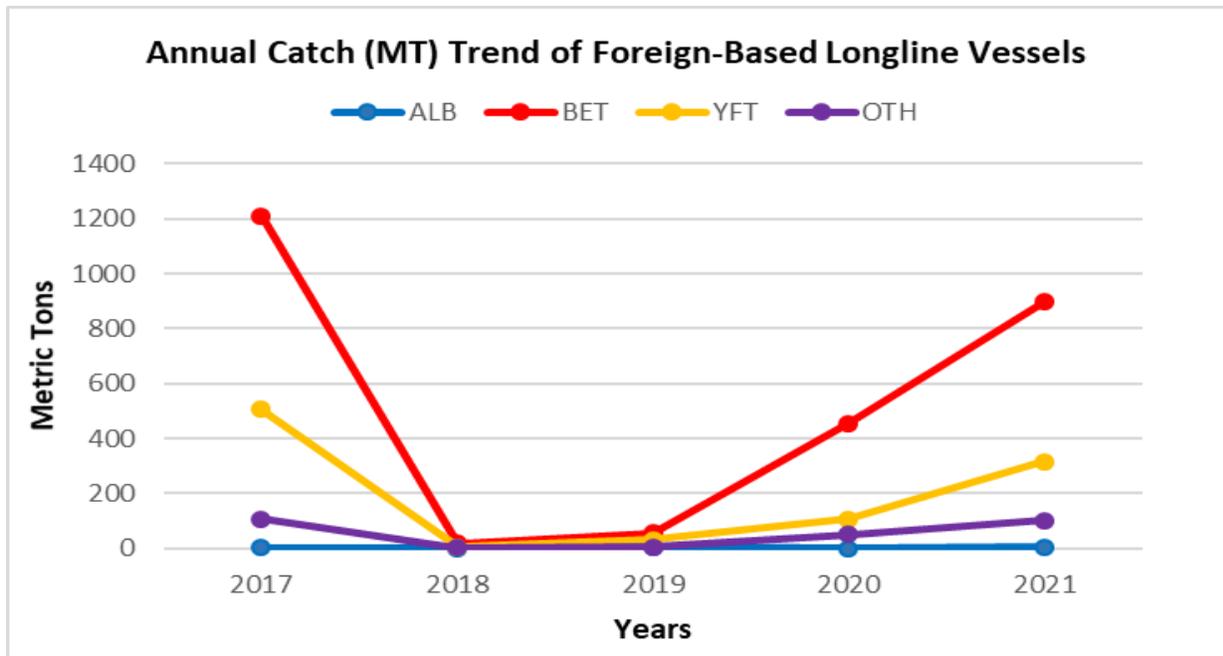


Figure 4. Annual catch trend in Palau’s EEZ.

**(b) Distant Water Purse Seine Catch Report**

The catch data of Purse Seine fishing in Palau EEZ for 2021 will be updated on this report as soon as it will be made available on TUFMAN 2. Catches caught and reported by Purse Seine Vessels fishing in Palau waters for the past five years, from 2017 to 2021, totaled more than 11,000 metric tons. Table 7 displays purse seine annual catches with Figure 5 showing the catch trend through the years.

**Table 7. Purse Seine Catches (MT) by year, by flag, and by species in the Palau EEZ.**

YEAR	FLAG	BET	SKJ	YFT	OTH	TOTAL
2021	JP	0	0	0	0	0
	PG	0	0	0	0	0
	PH	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2021 Total</b>		0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
2020	JP	0	0	0	0	0
	PH	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2020 Total</b>		0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
2019	JP	0	934.29	231.12	0.02	1165.43
	PH	0	49.2	2.8	0.2	52.2
	PG	0	390.5	84	0.19	474.69
	US	0	545	65	0.37	610.37
<b>2019 Total</b>		0	1918.99	382.92	0.78	<b>2,302.69</b>
2018	FM	0	785	230	3	1,018.00
	PG	24	1518	263	0	1,805.00
	SB	0	597	83	0	680
	VU	0	231	134	0	365
<b>2018 Total</b>		24	3131	710	3	<b>3,868.00</b>
2017	FM	0	41	25	0	66
	JP	6	1428	541	1	1,976.00
	PG	0	1701	1082	3	2,786.00
	TW	0	100	0	0	100
<b>2017 Total</b>		6	3270	1648	4	<b>4,928.00</b>

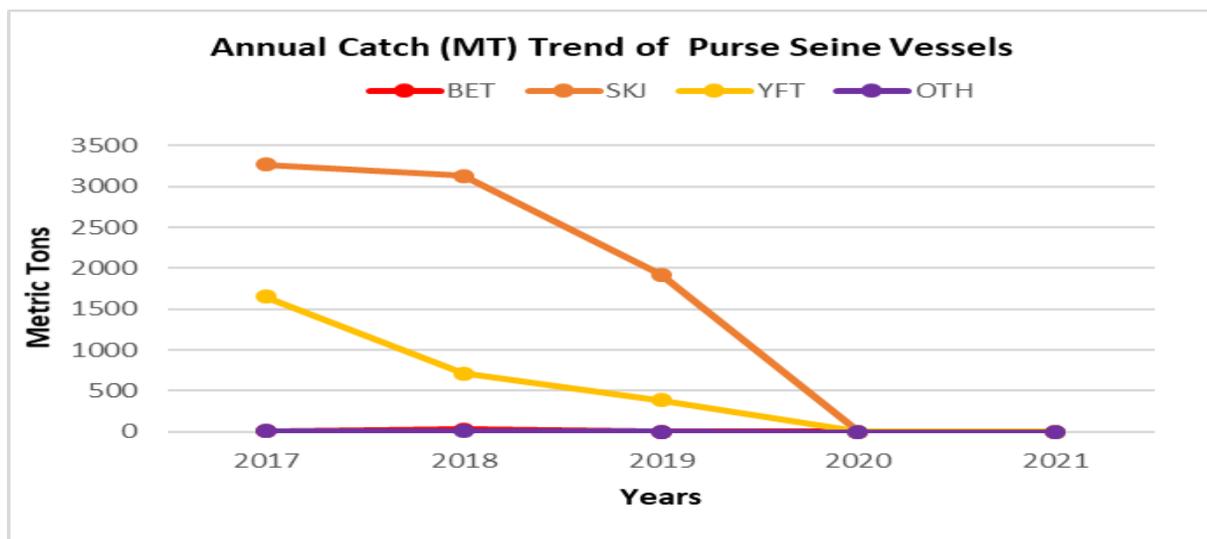


Figure 5. Purse Seine: Annual Catch Trend in Palau EEZ.

## V. SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

Palau's locally based fishing industries are very committed in ensuring their viability and vibrancy but the unpredictable price signals and shifting number of fishing vessels pose significant challenges. Other changes like establishment of Palau National Marine Sanctuary (PNMS) and COVID19 have also affected Palau's fishery. These challenges pose a great impact on Palau's economy. Realistic resource pricing and recognition of the value of fishery commodities along with conservation policies are some of the good practices that would help promote and stabilize Palau's economy.

## VI. DISPOSAL OF CATCH

From the total recorded catch caught in Palau EEZ in 2021, about 34 metric tons of fish were landed in Malakal Port. The landings are done only by domestically based longline vessel. Of this landed catch, about 32 MT were locally sold and the rest were donated. Palau's Fishery Port is incapable of accommodating unloading operations of purse seine vessels so there are no purse seine unloading operations done in Palau port. Table 8 presents the breakdown of the catches by species.

**Table 8. Landed Catches (MT) by Species**

Species	Local Sales	Donations	TOTAL
BET	14.77	1.07	15.84
YFT	13.36	1.16	14.53
SWO	1.39	0.03	1.42
BLM	2.07	0.00	2.07
OTH	0.49	0.00	0.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32.08</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>34.34</b>

## VII. ONSHORE DEVELOPMENT

Local companies with aspirations of entering into tuna fishery ventures continue to have difficulties in investments of resources, like vessels, facilities, infrastructures, and the market. Even with these challenges, there are a few who persistently seeks opportunities to be involved in fishery.

## **VIII. FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE FISHERY**

In October 2015 Palau National Marine Sanctuary Act (PNMSA) was passed by the Republic's Congress to preserve eighty percent (80%) of Palau's Exclusive Economic Zone as Palau National Marine Sanctuary. This area is a no-take area and is protected from all exploitation. Palau in 2021 worked to commence its pole and line fishery.

## **IX. STATUS OF TUNA FISHERY DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

Palau is currently implementing all latest versions of SPC's regional data forms. SPC TUFMAN 2 Database System is fully utilized to streamline and collate all data. The Locally Based Foreign Companies are required to submit their fishing reports on monthly basis. The Foreign Based Japanese Longline and Purse Companies are submitting their Logsheets through Email, Facsimile, and Postal Service. The data are altogether reconciled and then entered into the TUFMAN 2 Database. The collected data are scanned with the Slops 3 software on Fujitsu Scanner and are sent to SPC via Hightail Dropbox.

### **(a.) Logsheets/Unloading/Port Sampling data collection and verification**

Dedicated fisheries port samplers and compliance officers are presented at all times during offloading of longline vessels at respected port to collect data and information. With ensuring reported data, the presented officers checks and make sure that the forms used are properly filled and completed correctly.

### **(b.) Observer program**

There were no observer placements in 2021.

### **(c.) Transshipment**

There were no transshipment activities in 2021.

## **X. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES COVERING TARGET AND NON-TARGET SPECIES**

There were no research activities covering target and non-target performed in 2021. The Division of Oceanic Fishery Management Office continues to represent and protect Palau's interest in international and regional bodies in the development of conservation and management measures of the highly migratory fish stocks.



## ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT PART 1

15 February 2021<sup>1</sup>

### SECTION A: SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN ANNUAL REPORT PART 1 AS REQUIRED BY CMMS AND OTHER DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

<p><b>CMM 2009-03</b> <b>[Swordfish], Para 8</b></p>	<p>CCMs shall report to the Commission the total number of vessels that fished for swordfish and the total catch of swordfish for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. vessels flying their flag anywhere in the Convention Area south of 20°S other than vessels operating under charter, lease or other similar mechanism as part of the domestic fishery of another CCM;</li> <li>b. vessels operating under charter, lease or other similar mechanism as part of their domestic fishery south of 20°S; and</li> <li>c. any other vessels fishing within their waters south of 20°S.</li> </ul> <p>This information shall be provided in Part 1 of each CCM's annual report. Initially, this information will be provided in the template provided at Annex 2 for the period 2000-2009 and then updated annually.</p> <p><i>*Note: WCPFC11 confirmed a common understanding that "total catch" in this reporting requirement refers to both targeted and bycatch catches of swordfish.</i></p> <p><b>a) Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet in 2021.</b> <b>b) There were no vessels operating under Palau charter in 2021 so there are no records of catch from the designated area</b></p>
<p><b>Observer coverage</b> <b>(WCPFC 11 decision – para 484(b))</b></p>	<p>CCMs are to compile and include in Annual Report Part 1 to be submitted from 2015 onwards, observer coverage for their longline fleet activity in the previous calendar year, noting that revisions can be provided at the annual TCC meeting.</p> <p><b>Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet in 2021. Palau did not have flagged longline vessels on the WCPFC-RFV in 2021.</b></p>
<p><b>CMM 2009-06</b> <b>[Transshipment], Para 11 (ANNEX II)</b></p>	<p>CCMs shall report on all transshipment activities covered by this Measure (including transshipment activities that occur in ports or EEZs) as part of their Annual Report in accordance with the guidelines at Annex II. In doing so, CCMs shall take all reasonable steps to validate and where possible, correct information received from vessels undertaking transshipment using all available information such as catch and effort data, position data, observer reports and port monitoring data.</p> <p>WCPFC15 Outcome document para 48: The Commission agreed to the TCC14 recommendation that the template provided in TCC14-2018-RP03 Annex 3 be used by all applicable CCMs for their future reporting in Annual Report Part 1, as per CMM 2009-06 paragraph 11 (Attachment O of WCPFC15).</p> <p><b>There were no transshipment activities approved, authorized, or conducted in Palau waters or at its Ports in 2021.</b></p>
<p><b>CMM 2011-03</b> <b>[Impact of PS fishing on cetaceans], Para 5</b></p>	<p>CCMs shall include in their Part 1 Annual Report any instances in which cetaceans have been encircled by the purse seine nets of their flagged vessels, reported under paragraph 2(b).</p> <p><b>Not Applicable. No Purse Seine Vessels operates as Palau Fleet or was chartered by Palau</b></p>

<sup>1</sup>Reporting requirements requested by CMMs and decisions of the Commission, as of WCPFC17 (Dec 2020). First issued on 15 February 2021. Changes made from Addendum for 2020, include separating the annual reporting requirements that specify needing to be included in Annual Report Part 1 (Section A) from those that may be included in Annual Report Part 1 if they are not otherwise provided to WCPFC (Section B). The entry into force of CMM 2019-04 *Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks* for most CCMs in late 2020 and the specified reporting in Section VII, has removed a few annual reporting requirements from this Addendum.

**CMM 2018-03  
[Seabirds] Para 13**

CCMs shall annually provide to the Commission, in Part 1 of their annual reports, all available information on interactions with seabirds reported or collected by observers to enable the estimation of seabird mortality in all fisheries to which the Convention applies. (see below for Part 1 reporting template guideline). These reports shall include information on:

1. the proportion of observed effort with specific mitigation measures used; and
2. observed and reported species specific seabird bycatch rates and numbers or statistically rigorous estimates of species-specific seabird interaction rates (for longline, interactions per 1,000 hooks) and total numbers.

**a) Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet and there were no vessels operating under Palau charter in 2021.**

**b) There were no seabird interactions data reported in 2021.**

**Table x:** Effort, observed and estimated seabird captures by fishing year for [CCM][South of 30°S; 25°S-30°S; North of 23°N; or 23°N 25°S<sup>1</sup>]. For each year, the table gives the total number of hooks; the number of observed hooks; observer coverage (the percentage of hooks that were observed); the number of observed captures (both dead and alive); and the capture rate (captures per thousand hooks).

Year	No. of Vessels	Fishing Effort			Observed Seabird Captures	
		Number of Hooks	Hooks Observed	% Hooks Observed	Number	Rate
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table y:** Proportion of mitigation types<sup>1</sup> used by the fleet in [year].

	Combination of Mitigation Measures	Proportion of observed effort using mitigation measures			
		South of 30°S	25°S-30°S	25°S to 23°N	North of 23°N
	No mitigation measures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Options required south of 25°S	TL + NS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TL + WB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	NS + WB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TL + WB + NS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	HS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other options 25°S-30°S	WB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other options north of 23°N	SS/BC/WB/DLS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	SS/BC/WB/(MOD or BDB)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Provide any other combination of mitigation measures here					
	Totals (must equal 100%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table z:** Number of observed seabird captures in [CCM] longline fisheries, 2012, by species and area.

Species	South of 30°S	25°S-	North of 23°N	23°N –	Total
N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**SECTION B: ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT PART 1, IF NOT OTHERWISE REPORTED ANNUALLY TO WCPFC**

<p><b>CMM 2006-04 [South West striped Marlin],Para 4</b></p>	<p>In accordance with paragraph 1, CCMs shall provide information to the Commission, by 1 July 2007, on the number of their vessels that have fished for striped marlin in the Convention area south of 15°S, during the period 2000 – 2004, and in doing so, nominate the maximum number of vessels that shall continue to be permitted to fish for striped marlin in the area south of 15°S. CCMs shall report annually to the Commission the catch levels of their fishing vessels that have taken striped marlin as a bycatch as well as the number and catch levels of vessels fishing for striped marlin in the Convention Area south of 15°S.</p> <p><b>a) Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet in 2021. There were no vessels operating under Palau charter in 2021 therefore there are no records of catch from the designated area.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">South West Striped Marlin</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Flag</th> <th>Year</th> <th>Vessels</th> <th>Catch (Numbers)</th> <th>Catch (MT)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PW</td> <td>2021</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	South West Striped Marlin					Flag	Year	Vessels	Catch (Numbers)	Catch (MT)	PW	2021	0	0	0
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<p><b>CMM 2015-02 [South Pacific Albacore] Para 4</b></p>	<p>CCMs shall report annually to the Commission the annual catch levels taken by each of their fishing vessels that has taken South Pacific albacore, as well as the number of vessels actively fishing for South Pacific albacore, in the Convention area south of 20°S. Catch by vessel shall be reported according to the following species groups: albacore tuna, bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, swordfish, other billfish, and sharks. Initially this information will be provided for the period 2006-2014 and then updated annually. CCMs are encouraged to provide data from periods prior to these dates.</p> <p><b>a) Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet in 2021. There were no vessels operating under Palau charter in 2021 therefore there are no records of catch from the designated area.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">South Pacific Albacore</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Flag</th> <th>Year</th> <th>Vessels</th> <th>Catch (Numbers)</th> <th>Catch (MT)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PW</td> <td>2021</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	South Pacific Albacore					Flag	Year	Vessels	Catch (Numbers)	Catch (MT)	PW	2021	0	0	0
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<p><b>CMM 2019-03 [North Pacific Albacore],Para 3</b></p>	<p>All CCMs shall report annually to the WCPFC Commission all catches of albacore north of the equator and all fishing effort north of the equator in fisheries directed at albacore. The reports for both catch and fishing effort shall be made by gear type. Catches shall be reported in terms of weight. Fishing effort shall be reported in terms of the most relevant measures for a given gear type, including at a minimum for all gear types, the number of vessel-days fished using the template provided in Annex 1.</p> <p>Annex 1:</p> <p><b>a) Not applicable. Palau had no National Fleet in 2021. There were no vessels operating under Palau charter in 2021 therefore there are no records of catch from the designated area.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">North Pacific Albacore</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Flag</th> <th>Year</th> <th>Vessels</th> <th>Catch (Numbers)</th> <th>Catch (MT)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PW</td> <td>2021</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Note: WCPFC10 clarified that this reporting responsibility lies with the flag State</p>	North Pacific Albacore					Flag	Year	Vessels	Catch (Numbers)	Catch (MT)	PW	2021	0	0	0
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