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## <sup>1</sup>National Oceanic Resource Management Authority Pohnpei, FSM

Scientific data was provided to the		
Commission in accordance with the		
decision relating to the provision of scientific data to the commission by 30 April 2022	[YES]	
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#### I. SUMMARY

FSM Fisheries are targeting the skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*) yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*), bigeye tuna (*T. obesus*) and albacore tuna (*T. alalonga*).

In 2020, the total provisional annual catch estimates by FSM National Fleets in the Western and Central Pacific Commission Conventional Area (WCPFC-CA) is 153,259 metric tons (mt) of tuna target tuna. The total provisional catch report for targeted tuna for 2021 has decreased from 174,476 mt in 2020 to 153,259 mt in 2021.

FSM purse seiners has decreased its catch in the WCPFC-CA from 162,250 mt in 2020 to 148,945 mt in 2021. (Table 1). In similar to the PS catch trend 2021, the FSM longliners has its catch in the WCPFC-CA continued to be decreased from 13,668 mt in 2019, 12,226 mt in 2020 and to 4,314 mt in 2021 (Table 2).

Based on provisional data from logsheets, the total 2021 provisional annual catch estimates in the FSM Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ), both foreign and domestic fleet and by gears, accumulated to a total of 91,289 mt of target tuna. The 2021 catch in FSM EEZ has the lowest catch recorded in comparison the 5-year trend series, 2017-2021. The catch record in the FSM EEZ by purse seine, longline, and pole-and-line in 2021 were 89,451 mt, 1,838 mt and 1,610 mt, respectively.

#### II. BACKGROUND

The FSM EEZ is situated between 135° and 165° east longtitude and 10°N and 5°S latitude. Covering an area over one million square miles of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO). FSM is the third largest EEZ among the Pacific Island members of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA).

FSM NORMA's mandate is to be an effective guardian and manager of the living and non-living resources in the FSM EEZ for people living today and for the generations to come.

2021 continuous to be a challenging year for the FSM Observer Program. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, the FSM President has declared Public Emergency Health Declaration due to the COVID-19. Moreover, with the WCPFC suspension on 100% observer coverage on purse seine and followed by several extensions from both the FSM Emergency Declaration and WCPFC Extension, FSM Observer Program has no choice but to suspend its observer placement indefinitely. Furthermore, in another response to the FSM Emergency Declaration, MSC port monitoring has to be ceased noting an MSC certified observer need to board the vessel to conduct its required duties. This is conflict with no contact is allowed as pursuant to the FSM Emergency Declaration. However, with the domestic fleets that based in FSM are continued to be monitored without boarding the vessel but to practice social distancing as required.

#### III. FLAG STATE REPORTING

The number of FSM fishing vessels by gear in 2021 comprised of 27 purse seiners and 42 longline vessels as indicated in Table 3 and Table 4. These vessels fished actively throughout the WCPO. However, a few of the FSM longline fish for fresh yellowfin and bigeye tuna while some frozen longline vessels seasonally fish for albacore tuna in the waters of Cook Islands (Figure 4).

In 2021, the catch of FSM purse seine in the WCPFC-CA is accounted for (148,957 mt - 97%) of the total catch followed by (4,621 mt - 3%) of the longline.

Skipjack (120,353 mt) is accounted for 78% of the total catch followed by yellowfin (27,016 mt -18%), then bigeye (4,967 mt - 3%) and albacore (922 mt - 1%). In addition to the total provisional 2021 WCPO catch, black marlin, blue marlin, striped marlin, silky shark were other species that were retained and discarded.

The total provisional catches reported from logsheets retained and discarded totaled 153,578 mt and 2,008 mt, respectively. For the National purse seine, the total provisional 2021 WCPO-CA catch retained and discarded totaled 148,957 mt and 1,489 mt, respectively. As for the National longlines, the total retained and discarded from the provisional 2021 WCPO-CA catch are 1,489 mt and 519 mt, respectively.

In Figure 3, the distribution of FSM purse seine CPUE is influenced by the ENSO oscillation. For El Nino condition, FSM purse seine effort most concentrated in the west of the WCPO-CA in 2017, 2018, 2020 and 2021 excluding 2019 whereas FSM purse seine fishing effort is concentrated in the east in the WCPO-CA.

The FSM longline distribution is high in the east and upper region of the WCPFC-CA, particularly Marshall EEZ and Cook Island EEZ, in recent years for fresh yellowfin and bigeye catch operation in Marshall and

Table 1. Annual catch (mt) in the WCPF Convention Area by species for the FSM Purse Seine fleet, 2017-2021.

Gear		PURSE SEINE				
Fleet		FM				
Source			Annual Catch	Estimates		
					202	1
Species	2017	2018	2019	2020	Retain	Discard
ALBACORE	-	1	-	-		-
BIGEYE	1,916	3,516	3,869	3,919	3,361	27
PACIFIC BLUEFIN	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPJACK	67,024	89,390	130,389	134,001	120,297	1,143
YELLOWFIN	12,128	16,773	23,690	24,330	25,287	205
BLACK MARLIN	-	2	3	3	3	5
BLUE MARLIN	4	12	13	14	8	24
STRIPED MARLIN	1	-	1	-	1	1
SWORDFISH	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLUE SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
SILKY SHARK	2	-	-	-	-	70
HAMMERHEAD SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAKO SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCEANIC WHITETIP	-	-	-	-	-	-
PORBEAGLE SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHALE SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	15
THRESHER SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	81,074	109,694	157,964	162,268	148,957	1,489

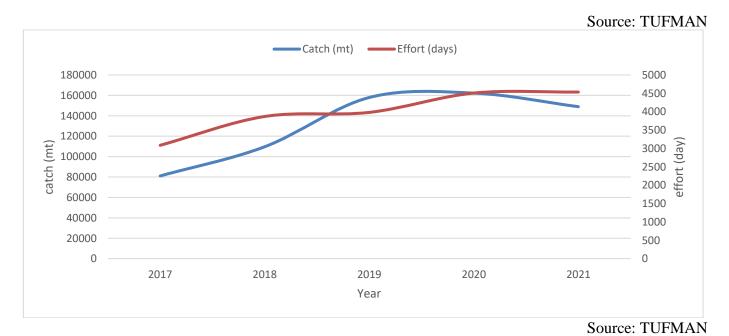


Figure 1. Annual catch and effort for the FSM Purse Seine in the WCPFC-CA, 2017-2021.

Table 2. Annual catch (mt) in the WCPFC Convention Area by species for the FSM Longline fleet, 2017-2021.

Gear	LONGLINE
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Fleet	FM					
Source			Annual C	atch Estimates		
					20	021
Species	2017	2018	2019	2020	Retain	Discard
ALBACORE	517	2,066	3,841	3,262	922	-
BIGEYE	2,131	3,048	4,548	4,193	1,606	-
PACIFIC BLUEFIN	-	2	-	-	0	-
SKIPJACK	16	84	301	233	57	3
YELLOWFIN	1,412	2,372	4,978	4,538	1,729	-
BLACK MARLIN	4	12	1	1	0	-
BLUE MARLIN	375	298	615	538	272	-
STRIPED MARLIN	1	-	3	3	0	-
SWORDFISH	34	51	128	110	34	16
BLUE SHARK	1	-	2	2	0	234
SILKY SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	171
HAMMERHEAD SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAKO SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	7
OCEANIC WHITETIP	-	-	-	-	-	86
PORBEAGLE SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHALE SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	-
THRESHER SHARK	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	4,492	7,934	14,418	12,880	4,621	519

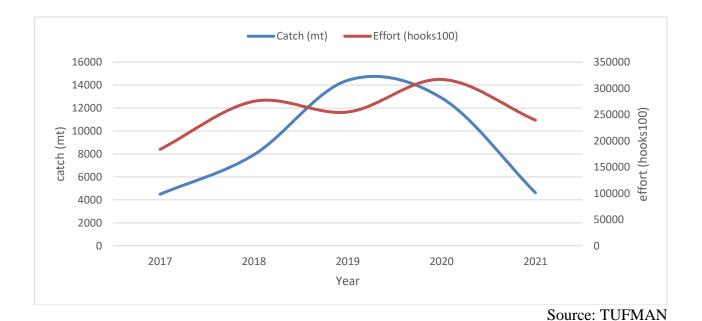


Figure 2. Annual catch and effort for the FSM Longlines in the WCPFC-CA, 2017-2021.

Table 3. Number of purse seine vessels by size category, active in the WCPFC convention area, 2017-2021.

Gear	PS
Fleet	FM
Source	Number of Active Vessels (WCPFC Yearbook)

Year	00-500 GRT	501-1000 GRT	1001-1500 GRT	1500+ GRT	Unknown GRT	Total Vessels
2017	0	3	3	13	0	19
2018	0	3	6	13	0	22
2019	0	4	7	12	0	23
2020	0	4	9	14	0	27
2021	0	3	9	16	0	28

Table 4: Number of longline vessels by size category, active in the WCPFC convention area, 2017-2021.

Gear		LL				
Fleet		FM				
Source		Numb	er of Active Vessels	(WCPFC Yearbo	ok)	
Year	00-50 GRT					Total Vessels
2017	0	23	7	0	0	30
2018	0	28	16	0	0	44
2019	0	23	14	0	0	37
2020	1	29	12	0	0	42
2021	0	32	19	0	0	51

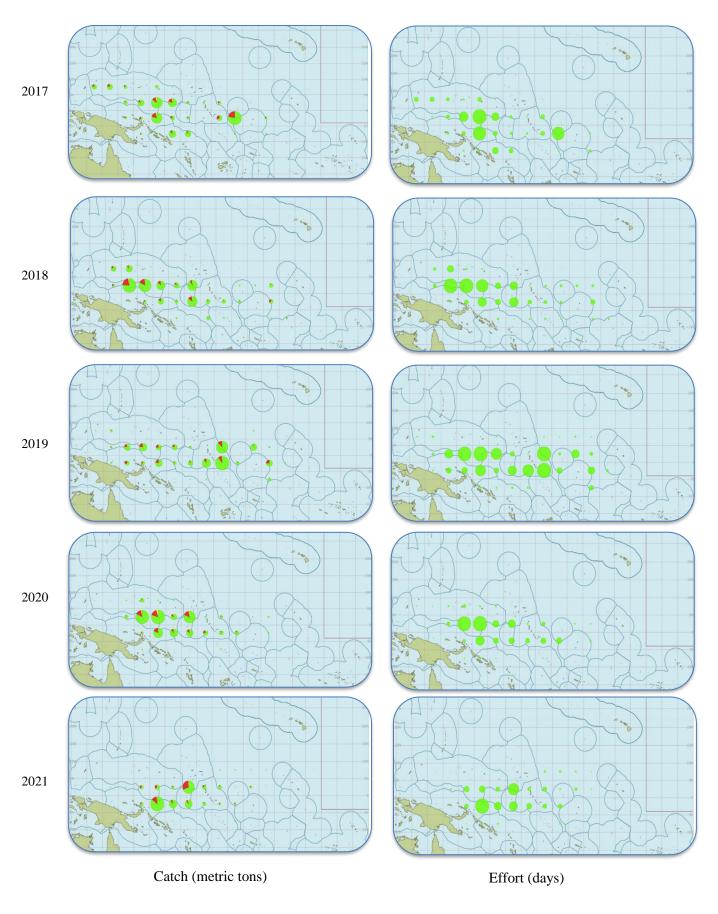


Figure 3: Annual distribution of FSM purse seiners in the WCPFC-CA, 2017-2021.

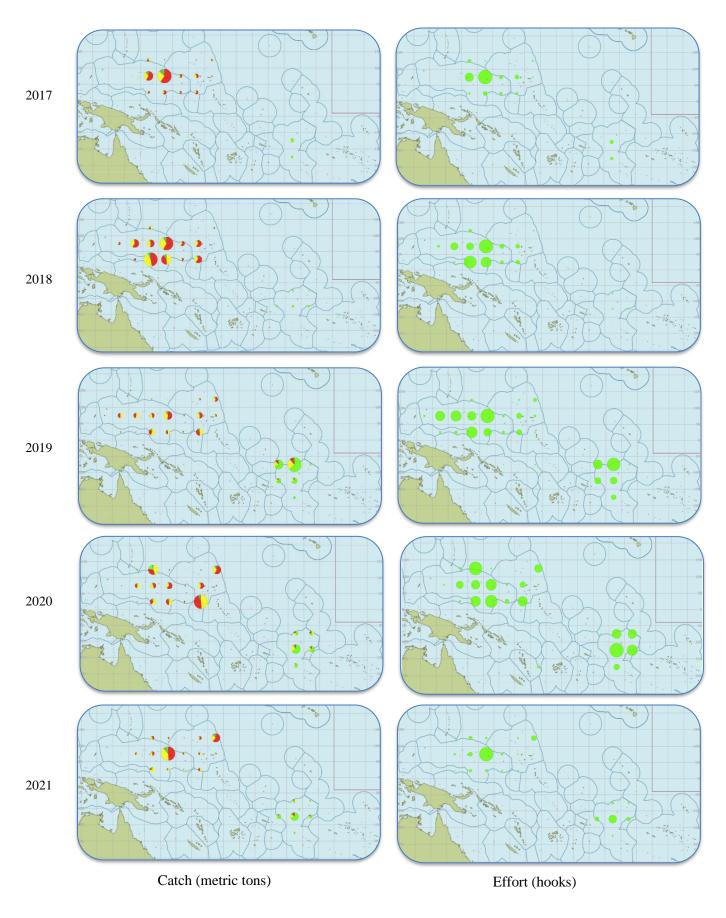


Figure 4: Annual distribution of FSM longliners in the WCPFC-CA, 2017-2021.

Table 5. Observed species of special interest (seabirds, turtles and marine mammals on FSM purse seine vessels and longlines vessels in the WCPFC Convention Area, 2021.

There are no species of special interest observed on FSM Fleet in the WCPFC Conventional Area in 2021.

Source: TUFMAN

#### IV. COASTAL STATE REPORTING

A total of 190 foreign vessels were licensed to fish in FSM EEZ in 2021. By gear, 56 longliners, 21 pole-and-lines, and 113 purse seiners.

The total provisional 2021 purse seine catch for skipjack, yellowfin, bigeye and albacore are estimated at 66,022 mt, 20,718 mt, 2,711 mt, and 0, respectively. The skipjack, yellowfin, bigeye and albacore are accounted for total catch at 74%, 23%, 3% and 0%, respectively (Table 7 and Table 8).

In Table 9 and Table 10, there are no catch recorded for skipjack for longlines. However, the total provisional 2019 longline catch for yellowfin (815 mt - 44%) followed by bigeye (935 mt - 51 %) then albacore (88 mt - 5%).

From 2017-2020, Japan was the only country that have its pole-and-line fleet operated in the FSM EEZ. However, Solomon Island has now joined Japan for the only pole-and-line fleet that fished in FSM EEZ in 2021 (Table 11). Japan pole-and-lines continued to have fishing efforts in the mid of the FSM EEZ, however have a not much catch and effort in 2020 compared to previous years, 2016-2019 (see figure 10). In 2021, the catch of pole-and-line in the FSM EEZ has increased from 19 mt in 2020 to 1,610 mt in 2021.

Table 6. Annual number of flag vessels and gear type licensed to fish in the FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

No	Flag	Gears	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	China	Purse Seine	10	12	9	8	10
1	Cillia	Longline	10	57	70	58	37
		Purse Seine	5	27	28	29	29
2	Japan	Longline	7	23	21	29	19
		Pole-and-line	21	15	24	21	21
3	South Korea	Purse Seine	8	27	31	26	22
4	Chinese	Purse Seine	24	27	32	29	30
4	Taipei	Longline	=	6	6	20	0
5	Philippine	Purse Seine	9	23	27	23	22

Source: NORMA

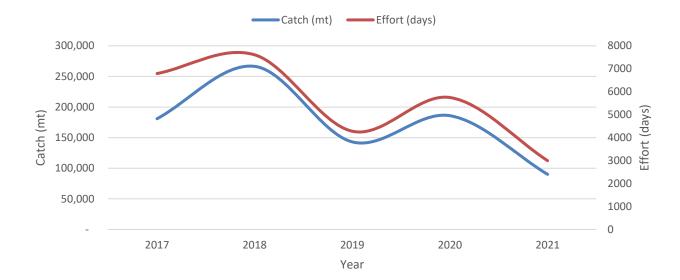


Figure 5. All purse seine catch and effort in FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

Table 7: Annual catch records for purse seiners within FSM EEZ, by distant flags and tuna species 2017-2021.

		Catch	in Metric Tone	s
FLAG	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
China	2017	-	-	-
	2018	863	465	23
	2019	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-
Chinese Taipei	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
	2017	22,439	2797	219
	2018	28,838	3,185	252
	2019	23,043	6,933	194
	2020	26,009	5,411	878
	2021	14,512	4,851	692
Japan	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
	2017	46,445	12,729	1,123
	2018	72,042	13,815	1,907
	2019	38,259	14,062	690
	2020	32,882	11,493	1,028
	2021	5,700	3,202	64
Korea	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
	2017	13,215	3,660	195
	2018	26,243	2,994	463
	2019	6,472	2,313	31
	2020	23,001	5,574	427
	2021	9,028	1,681	219
USA	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
	2017	23,994	1,748	281
	2018	23,653	1,551	102
	2019	8,391	543	22
	2020	1,850	532	54
	2021	-	-	-
Philippines	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET
	2017	-	-	-
	2018	420	180	-
	2019	-	5	-
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-

Table 8: Annual catch records for purse seiners within FSM EEZ by the PNA & FFA 2017-2021.

		Catch in Metric Tones				
FLAG	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
FSM	2017	24,661	4,183	834		
	2018	40,517	6,063	1,109		
	2019	19,239	4,923	565		
	2020	50,965	7,831	1,986		
	2021	18,788	5,962	1,102		
Kiribati	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
	2017	1,649	150	13		
	2018	2,890	263	57		
	2019	332	68	55		
	2020	983	226	47		
	2021	700	475	65		
Marshall	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
	2017	1,006	81	15		
	2018	1,519	190	35		
	2019	25	5	-		
	2020	1,930	393	51		
	2021	2,574	457	118		
Nauru	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
	2017	-	-	-		
	2018	-	-	-		
	2019	295	145	-		
	2020	2,784	351	87		
	2021	7,277	3,201	364		
PNG	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
	2017	15,198	2,822	237		
	2018	28,680	5,927	303		
	2019	9,941	3,053	72		
	2020	3,077	724	1		
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Solomon Is	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
	2017	810	280	-		
	2018 2019	1,629 1,668	266 340	5 2		
	2019	1,000	447	55		
	2021	2,749	285	11		
Tuvalu	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
Tavaia	2017	83	6	1		
	2018	-	-	_		
	2019	_	_	_		
	2020	_	_	_		
	2021	_	-	-		
Vanuatu	YEAR	SKJ	YFT	BET		
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	2017	-	-	-		
	2019	805	503	23		
	2019	2,904	430	23 16		
	2020	2,904 1,264	430 191	8		
	2021	1,404	191	8		

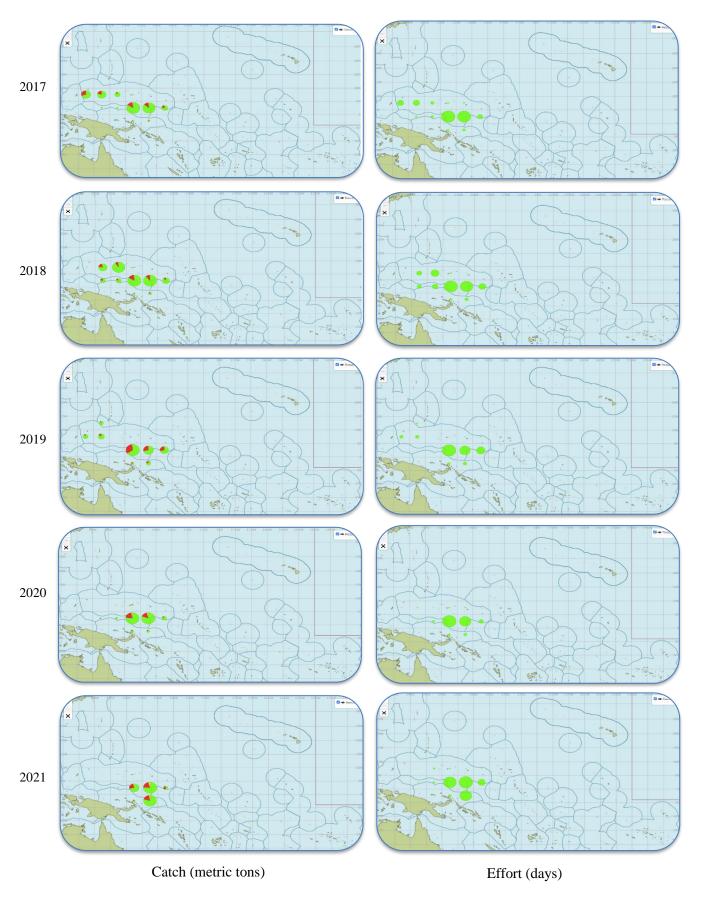


Figure 6: Annual distribution of purse seines catch and effort in the FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

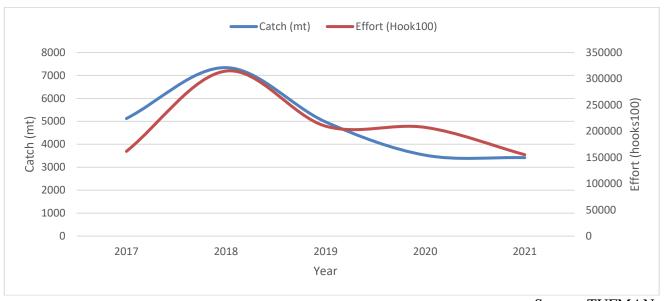


Figure 7: All longline catch and effort in FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

Table 9. Annual catch records for longlines within FSM EEZ, by distant flags and tuna species 2017-2021.

		Catch in Metric Tones				
FLAG	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT		
Australia	2017	-	-	-		
	2018	-	-	-		
	2019	-	-	-		
	2020	-	92	8		
	2021	-	-	-		
FLAG	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT		
China	2017	16	178	120		
	2018	27	658	416		
	2019	16	229	298		
	2020	1	11	6		
	2021	2	25	23		
Chinese Taipei	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT		
	2017	-	-	-		
	2018	-	55	37		
	2019	-	-	-		
	2020	-	3	3		
	2021	-	-	-		
Japan	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT		
	2017	12	1,146	451		
	2018	15	1,178	361		
	2019	8	832	490		
	2020	19	643	381		
	2021	43	453	395		

Table 10. Annual catch records for longlines within FSM EEZ, by PNA and FFA flags and tuna species 2017-2021.

		Catch i	n Metric Tor	ies
FLAG	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
FSM	2017	102	1,565	823
	2018	121	2,116	1,564
	2019	81	1,070	1,240
	2020	102	908	928
	2021	144	877	1,082
Cook Is	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
	2017	13	113	91
	2018	11	102	85
	2019	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-
Marshall	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
	2017	-	-	-
	2018	-	-	-
	2019	-	49	14
	2020	1	39	37
	2021	-	4	2
Palau	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
	2017	-	-	-
	2018	-	1	1
	2019	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-
Solomon	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
	2017	-	-	-
	2018	2	33	20
	2019	4	64	99
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-
Vanuatu	YEAR	ALB	BET	YFT
	2017	-	-	-
	2018	0	5	2
	2019	1	30	26
	2019			
	2020 2021	-	21	15

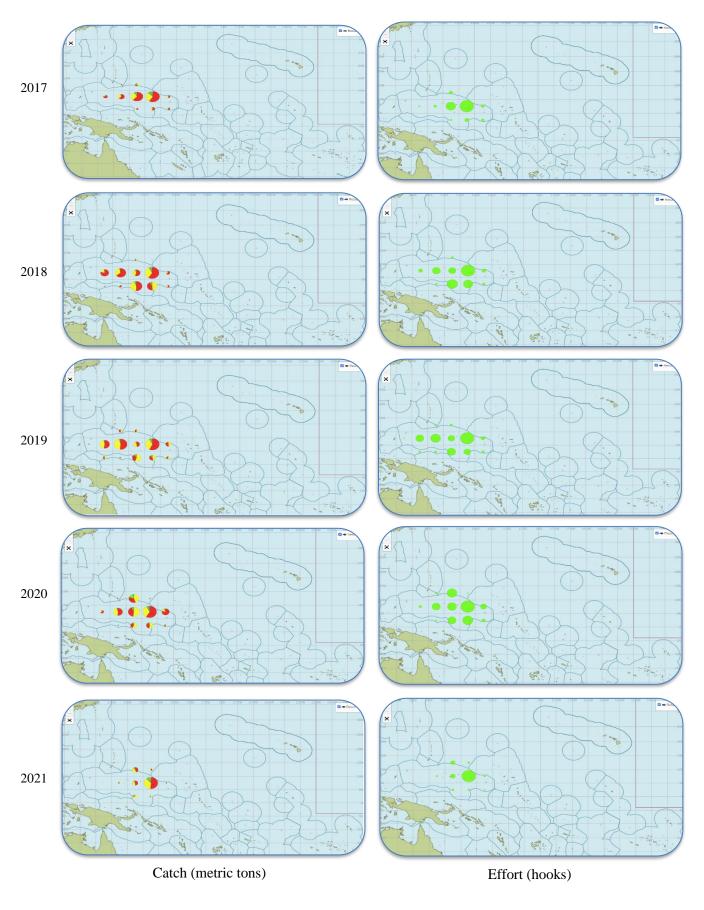


Figure 8: Annual distribution of longlines catch and effort in the FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

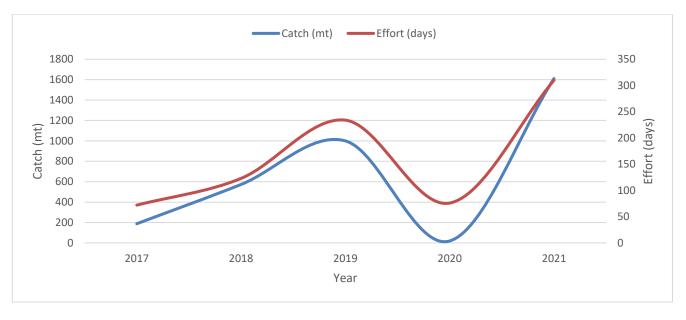


Figure 9: Pole-and-line catch and effort in FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

Table 11. Annual catch records by Japan pole-and-line within FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

		Catch (	(Metric tonnes)	
		SKJ	BET	YFT
Japan	2017	181	1	5
	2018	570	-	2
	2019	963	26	10
	2020	19	-	-
	2021	1,490	6	73
Solomon Is	2017	-	-	-
	2018	-	-	-
	2019	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-
	2021	41	-	-

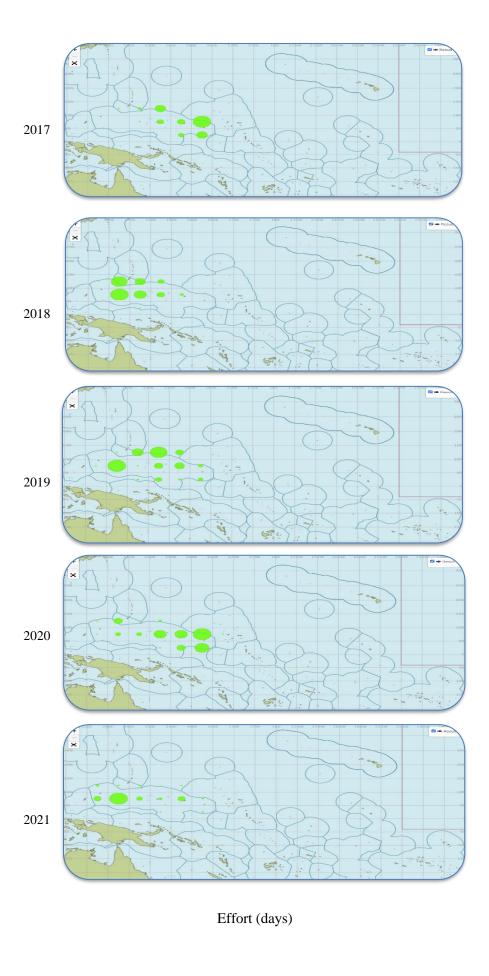


Figure 10: Annual distribution of pole-and-lines efforts in the FSM EEZ, 2017-2021.

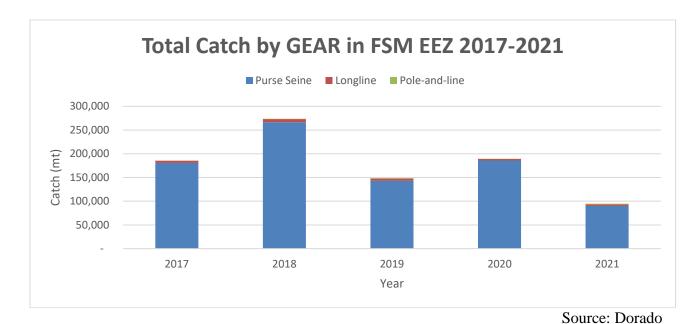


Figure 11: Total annual catch from 2017-2021 by different gear types operating in FSM EEZ.

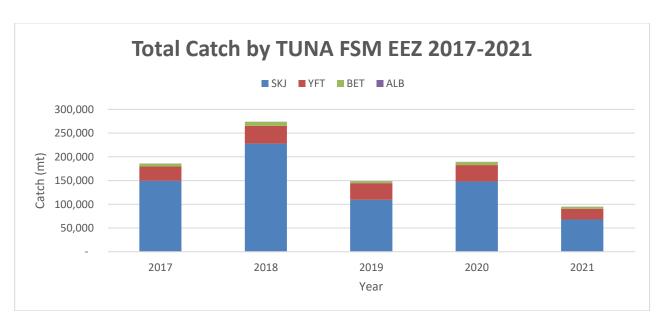


Figure 12. Total annual catch 2017-2021 by tuna species in FM EEZ

Source: Dorado

#### V. SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS ON-SHORE DEVELOPMENT

Tuna fishery continued to play a pivotal role which generated most revenue in the FSM. In other aspect to the tuna fishery, it provided another means of livelihood and nutrition in the FSM. With NORMA continues to be a custodian to the resource in the FSM EEZ, maximizing the tuna resource by providing onshore aspiration to each FSM State from the support from its bilateral access agreement, particularly the domestic fleets, is still critical.

In 2021, FSM NORMA continues to progress its consultation with the FSM States on the Fisheries Investment Policy which aims to support Economic Growth in the FSM. With the continuous impact of COVID-19 and FSM Public Health Declaration still in effect, the processing plant in Kosrae has been temporarily delayed.

#### VI. DISPOSAL OF CATCH

In 2021, FSM continues to practice its standard of procedure from its port monitoring for its domestic fleets. With the status quo of the FSM Public Health Declaration and no contact on vessel, all port monitors continued to monitor unloading in port but applied only to domestic fleet as well as a 4 feet social distance apart from the fishing vessel.

For transshipments, the status quo from 2020 continues to be in effect for 2021 in which all operation are to take place at the anchorage or a designated area, notably 3 nautical miles (nm) to 12 nm in the territorial water, there port monitoring is still not feassible. However, perhaps its worth noting that all transshipment forms continued to be electronically sent to a port sampler through vessel carrier or vessel agents.

#### VII. FUTURE PROSPECT OF FISHERY

In 2021, NORMA continues to provide capacity building to a newly hired a catch documentation scheme (CDS) officer to improve the technical support and data validation for any unloading and transshipments that occurred in the FSM ports. Moreover, the continued service of the CDS Officer includes liaising with FSM Food and Safety Inspectors from the FSM Health to ensure all documentation required by EU are met.

Electronic Monitoring (EM) is still in a trialing stage. With the continuous impact of COVID-19, EM systems have not been maintained in port as is the normal practice on the longliners equipped with EM. Despite the downside for the EM systems, technical analysis and EM technical consultation with SPC, TNC and DOS still progressing the EM technical work.

NORMA continues to receive Electronic Reporting (ER) in three (3) ways; iFIMS/FIMS, email and hard copies through mail. FSM continued to receive capacity building from PNAO MRAG for observers e-obs to ensure observers are refreshed

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Gear type	Trips
Longline	0
Purse Seine	0
Pole and Line	0
Carrier/Reefer	0

**Total** 

Table 12. Observer Trip Coverage by Gear-type, 2021.



### ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT PART 1

**15 February 2021**<sup>1</sup>

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

CMM 2009-03	• Swordfish is not a targeted species by FSM Flag vessels and in 2020 no South Pacific swordfish bycatch caught in the south of								
[Swordfish], Para 8	20°S for	20°S for FSM Flag vessels that fish in the south of 20°S.							
Observer coverage (WCPFC 11 decision – para 484(b)	• 2.2%								
CMM 2009-06 [Transshipment], Para 11 (ANNEX II)	(1) the <b>total quan</b>	tities, by weight, of high asible for reporting again b) transhipped in port, transhipped at sea in areas of national jurisdiction, and transhipped beyond areas of national jurisdiction	lly migratory fish stocks	covered by this mea	sure that were	transhipped by  f) Product Form	fishing vessels  g) Fishing gear		
	120,263 mt	In Port	Inside	Inside	SKJ	Frozen	PS		
	18,681 mt	In Port	Inside	Inside	YFT	Frozen	PS		
	3,567 mt	In Port	Inside	Inside	BET	Frozen	PS		
	12,597 mt	In Port	Inside	Inside	YFT	Fresh	LL		
	47,476 mt	In Port	Inside	Inside	BET	Fresh	LL		

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

	6,005 mt	In Port		Inside		Insid	e	SKJ	Frozen	L	L
	248,596 mt	In Port		Inside		Insid		YFT	Frozen	L	
	242,890 mt	In Port		Inside		Insid		BET	Frozen	L	
	received						-				
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	received										
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S fishing on cetaceans],	FM	3/6/2020	0328.13N	15933	3.60E	FM	WHALI	Ε		5	Released
ara 5	FM	26/05/2020	0123.940N	15340	0.620E	FM	FALSE	KILLER WHALI	3	9	Released
	FM	18/02/2020	0052.739S		6.010W	H4		ON DOLPHIN		6	
	FM	27/04/2020	0205.580S	1562	1.780E	PG	SEI WH	ALE		1	Released
CMM 2018-03 [Seabirds] Para 13		se see  Table x  Table y									
		Table z									

### CMM 2018-03: [Seabirds] Annex 2. Guidelines for reporting templates for Part 1 report

The following tables should be included in the annual Part 1 country reports, summarising the most recent five years.

Table x: Effort, observed and estimated seabird captures by fishing year for FSM [South of  $30^{\circ}$ S;  $25^{\circ}$ S- $30^{\circ}$ S; North of  $23^{\circ}$ N; or  $23^{\circ}$ N

 $-25^{0}\mathrm{S}^{1}$ ]. 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		Fishing	Observed sea	bird captures		
	Number of vessels	Number of hooks	Observed hooks	% hooks observed	Number	Rate <sup>2</sup>
2016	25	18,132,872	1,077,034	5.9%	0	0
2017	30	16,535,910	41,808	0.3%	0	0
2018	44	41,708,392	567,352	1.4%	0	0
2019	37	27,561,991	1,256,755	4.6%	0	0
2020	42	31,210,049	914,209	2.9%	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Insert 'North of 23oN', 'South of 30oS', '25oS-30oS' or '23oN - 250oS'. For CCMs fishing in all areas, provide separate tables for each area.

<sup>2</sup> Provide data as captures per one thousand hooks.

Table y: Proportion of mitigation types<sup>1</sup> used by the fleet in 2020.

	G 1: .: .:	Proportio	on of observed e	ffort using mitiga	ation mea	sures	
	Combination of Mitigation Measures	South of 30°S	25°S-30°S	25°S to 23°N	North of 23°N		
	No mitigation measures			29%			
Options required	TL + NS						
south of 25°S	TL + WB						
	NS + WB						
	TL + WB + NS						
	HS						
Other options	WB						
25°S-30°S	TL						
Other options	SS/BC/WB/DSLS			17%			
north of 23 <sup>0</sup> N	SS/BC/WB/(MOD or BDB)			50%			
Provide any other				4%			
combination of							
mitigation							
measures here							·
	Totals (must equal 100%)			100%			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>TL = tori line, NS = night setting, WB = weighted branch lines, SS = side setting, BC = bird curtain, BDB = blue dyed bait, DSLS = deep setting line shooter, MOD = management of offal discharge, HS = hook-shielding device.

Table z: Number of observed seabird captures in FSM longline fisheries, 2020, by species and area.

Species	South of 30°S	25°S-30°S	North of 23°N	23°N -25°S	Total
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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CMM 2006-04 [South West striped Marlin], Para 4	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.  • In 2020, 11 FM vessels reported fishing in the south of 15°S; however, there were no bycatch reported for South West striped marlin.
CMM 2015-02 [South Pacific Albacore] Para 4	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.  • Addressed through the regular provision of operational catch/effort logsheet data to SPC, who automatically include these data in the WCPFC databases, as per our authorization.

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.

### CMM 2019-03 [North Pacific Albacore], Para 3

#### Annex 1:

Year	Fishery	Vessel Number	Vessel Days	Catch (Number)	Catch (MT)
2016	Longline	36	3,220	2,189	46
2017	Longline	39	4,265	4,231	87
2018	Longline	57	8,017	7,888	161
2019	Longline	52	4,228	3,286	77
2020	Longline	52	4,304	1,982	37

<sup>\*</sup> Note: WCPFC10 clarified that this reporting responsibility lies with the flag State

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