

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
SEVENTH SESSION (JWG-07)**

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Report on CMM 2021-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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Australia

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Subject: AU report for CMM 2020-02 (Pacific bluefin measure) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Feleti

With apologies for the delay and acknowledging that this is late, please see below information from Australia pertaining to Pacific bluefin reporting requirements.

In accordance with reporting requirements for CMM 2020-02:

- Australia reports nil effort north of 20°N.
- Australia has not increased its catch of Pacific bluefin tuna above its 2002-2004 baseline.
- Australia reports a fishing effort for 2021 of 76337 hooks, nil catch of Pacific bluefin tuna of less than 30kg, 5254kg of Pacific bluefin tuna that was equal to or greater than 30kg and 22 discard for 2021.
- Australia does not catch juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna.
- Australia's Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF) operates on a calendar year basis.
- Australia believes its fishing activities are consistent with the intentions of this CMM and do not undermine its effectiveness.
- Australia has strengthened its monitoring of catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by making e-monitoring systems compulsory on all tuna longliners fishing in the area of the WCPFC.
- Given Australia's longline fishery is a domestic fishery operating primarily inside Australia's EEZ situated in the western parts of the Convention Area, Australia generally does not engage in IATTC or with IATTC contracting parties bilaterally. Australia would of course be willing to engage with IATTC members to enhance the effectiveness of this CMM in the future if appropriate opportunities arose.

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