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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
EIGHTH SESSION (JWG-08)**

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**Report on CMM 2021-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)**

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**Philippines**

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Dear Dr. SK,

Respectfully submitting the Catch and Effort data for NP SWO, NP ALB and PBFT for 2022. Please let us know if we missed anything in the template.

Thank you.

Regards,

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Philippines does not have a fishery that targets BFT. PH catch for this species is merely incidental/occasional from artisanal handline/hook-and-line fishery. PH do not catch juvenile PBFT. PH has improved and strengthened its monitoring and data gathering initiatives to monitor landings of this species.

For 2022, PH has 2.392MT record of PBFT catches approximately 9 pieces at 250kg each as reported during the 14th WPEA-NSAP tuna catch estimate review workshop.

**Table 1. Fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of 20° N in the Convention Area**

Fishery	Unit of fishing effort <sup>1</sup>	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2021-02)				Fishing effort (Para 8, CMM 2021-02)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2020	2021	<a href="#">2022</a>
Philippines								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area (include all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)**

Fishery	All catches (Para 5, CMM 2021-02)								All catches (Para 5, CMM 2021-02)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2020		2021		<a href="#">2022</a>	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<a href="#">&lt;30kg</a>	<a href="#">≥30kg</a>
Philippines														
Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries									0	2 pcs (~300 kgs + ~220 kgs)	0	2 pcs (~220 kgs + ~270 kgs)	0	2.392 (9 pcs at approx. 250kgs each)

<sup>1</sup> e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels