

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
ELEVENTH SESSION (JWG11)**

8 – 11 July 2026
Nagasaki, Japan (Hybrid)

REPORT ON CMM 2024-01 (PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA) AND CMM 2024-02 (MCS FOR PBF)

IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-DP05

FIJI



**Western and
Central Pacific
Fisheries
Commission**

NORTHERN COMMITTEE
TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR SESSION
13 – 14 July 2026
Nagasaki, Japan (Hybrid)

COMPILED INFORMATION ON PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
(FISHING EFFORT AND CATCH IN THE WCPO)

IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-WP01
(WCPFC-NC22-2026-WP02)

WCPFC SECRETARIAT

According to Paragraph 9 of the WCPFC CMM 2024-01, fishing efforts and the catch of Pacific bluefin tuna are compiled based on WCPFC Members' reports, which are annexed in Tables 1 and 2.

9. *CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by 15 June each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and ≥30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 years, accounting for all catches, including discards. CCMs shall report their annual catch limits and their annual catches of PBF, with adequate computation details, to present their implementation for paragraph 5 and 6, if the measures and arrangements in the said paragraphs and relevant footnotes applied. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.*

The information in the Tables below will be modified subject to any further updates from Members.

Individual Country Report is available at the *Delegation Proposals and Papers* folder at [Eleventh Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management | WCPFC Meetings](#)

Fiji

Fishery		2025	
		<30 kg	≥30 kg
Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	0		
Other fisheries	0		
	0		
	0		
	0		
Recreational fishery			
Total	0		
Catch limit¹			

There are currently **no aquaculture activities for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) in Fiji**. Fiji does not farm, culture, ranch, or undertake any grow-out operations for PBF within its waters or under its national fisheries programmes.

Any occurrence of PBF in Fiji's fisheries would be considered **incidental and non-target catch**, rather than a directed fishery. Fiji's offshore tuna fishery is primarily structured around the **domestic longline fleet**, which targets **South Pacific albacore** as the main commercial species, with **yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna** also forming important components of the catch.

Fiji has a domestic fleet of 47 vessels targeting the above species and licensed and monitored through the Offshore Fisheries Management Act of 2012 (OFMA 2012) and its regulations (OFMR 2014). Fiji is also a party to the PSMA, with provision embedded in OFMA 2012 and OFMR 2014.

¹ Catch limit is as follows.

- 2022 small fish: 4,007 tons – 429.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- large fish: 5,614 tons + 617.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 527.0 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2023 small fish: 4,007 tons – 542.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 629.8 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- large fish: 5,614 tons + 730.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 501.7 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2024 small fish: 4,007 tons – 931.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- large fish: 5,614 tons + 1,368.5.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 451.2 tons (carry over from the previous management year)

**Compiled Information on Pacific Bluefin Tuna
(Fishing Effort and Catch)**

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 ²	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2024-01)				Fishing effort (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2023	2024	2025
Canada								
Not applicable		0	0	0	0	0	0	
China								
		0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cook Islands								
Longline		Unknown	Unknown	0		0	0	
Fiji								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan								
Purse Seine	No. of vessels	69	60	59	63	42	45	
Longline Dist. & Off.	No. of vessels	654	632	613	633	378	366	
Longline Coastal	No. of vessels	399	422	386	402	298	300	
Artisanal fisheries	No. of vessels	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		16,878	16,863	
Set Net	No. of licenses	1,876	1,956	1,956	1,929	1,688	1,688	
Korea								
large-scale purse seiners	No. of vessels	32	29	29	30	19	19	
Philippines								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Chinese Taipei								
Longline	No. of vessels	684	659	632	658	486	486	
U.S.A.								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Vanuatu								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Australia								
	Not applicable							
New Zealand								
	Not applicable							

² e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels

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 3, CMM 2024-01)								All catches (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2023		2024		2025	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
Australia³														
Longline	-	6	0	12	-	10	-	9	-	27	-	27		
Canada														
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
China														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0.15</u>
Cook Islands														
Longline	0	1,789	0	2,94	0	1,35	0	2	0	0	0	0		
Fiji														
Longline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0.93</u>
Japan⁴														
Purse Seine	5,174	3,730	4,995	774	3,466	4,792	4,545	3,099	757	3,779	558	4,050		
Longline Dist.&Off.	0	52	0	97	0	240	0	130	0	745	1	730		
Longline Coastal	0	794	0	1,152	0	1,616	0	1,187	98	749	81	780		
Artisanal fisheries	2,607	0	2,060	0	2,445	0	2,371	0	969	186	1,146	245		
Set Net	1,008	92	648	191	660	235	772	173	1,338	547	1,071	579		
Others	521	210	249	241	214	432	328	294	268	318	236	377		
Recreational fisheries									0	46		42		
Total	9,310	4,878	7,952	2,455	6,785	7,315	8,016	4,883	3,430	6,370	3,094	6,804		

³ Australia catches 2002-04 are based on logbooks, and 2021-24 are based on landings data

⁴ Catches (mt) in a calendar year basis, 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)

(Japan continued)

Catches (mt) in management year⁵ basis, including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna *in the Convention Area* (including all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)

Fishery		2023		2024		2025	
		<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg
Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	757	3,779	558	4,050			
	0	745	1	730			
Other fisheries	93	719	80	852			
	1,043	205	1,052	300			
	1,157	481	1,189	563			
	278	335	229	402			
Recreational fishery		0	46		44		
<u>Total</u>		<u>3,328</u>	<u>6,311</u>	<u>3,110</u>	<u>6,939</u>		
<u>Catch limit⁶</u>		4,095	6,846	3,757	7,434		

⁵ Management year is as follows.

- 2022 management period: January 2022 - December 2022 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2022 - March 2023 for Other fisheries.
- 2023 management period: January 2023 - December 2023 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2023 - March 2024 for Other fisheries.

⁶ Catch limit is as follows.

- 2022 small fish: 4,007 tons – 429.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 617.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 527.0 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2023 small fish: 4,007 tons – 542.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 629.8 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 730.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 501.7 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2024 small fish: 4,007 tons – 931.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 1,368.5 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 451.2 tons (carry over from the previous management year)

Fiji

Fishery		2025	
		<30 kg	≥30 kg
Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	0		
Other fisheries	0		
	0		
	0		
	0		
Recreational fishery			
Total	0		
Catch limit⁷			

There are currently **no aquaculture activities for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) in Fiji**. Fiji does not farm, culture, ranch, or undertake any grow-out operations for PBF within its waters or under its national fisheries programmes.

Any occurrence of PBF in Fiji's fisheries would be considered **incidental and non-target catch**, rather than a directed fishery. Fiji's offshore tuna fishery is primarily structured around the **domestic longline fleet**, which targets **South Pacific albacore** as the main commercial species, with **yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna** also forming important components of the catch.

Fiji has a domestic fleet of 47 vessels targeting the above species and licensed and monitored through the Offshore Fisheries Management Act of 2012 (OFMA 2012) and its regulations (OFMR 2014). Fiji is also a party to the PSMA, with provision embedded in OFMA 2012 and OFMR 2014.

⁷ Catch limit is as follows.

- 2022 small fish: 4,007 tons – 429.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 617.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 527.0 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2023 small fish: 4,007 tons – 542.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 629.8 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 730.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 501.7 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2024 small fish: 4,007 tons – 931.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
large fish: 5,614 tons + 1,368.5.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 451.2 tons (carry over from the previous management year)

Fishery	All catches (Para 2, CMM 2023-02)								All catches (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2023		2024			
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg		
Korea														
Purse seiner	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	124.8	323.1	39.3	399.5		
Set net									201.3	14.0	285.3	21.5		
Others									5.2	0.0	22.5	0.0		
Total	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	331.3	337.1	347.1	421.1		
New Zealand⁸														
Longline	0	56.86	0	40.77	0	43.6	0	47.08	0	104.58	0	109.56		
Handline	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	0	7.40	0	0	0	0		
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	0.53	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	57	0	41	0	67	0	55	0	105	0	110		
Philippines														
Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries									0	4.436 (9 pcs at approx 149-455 kgs each)	0	3.517 (14 pcs at approx 141-463 kgs each)		
Chinese Taipei														
Longline	0	1,523	0	1,863	0	1,714	0	1700	0	2,117	0	2,258		
Other coastal fisheries	0	4	0	21	0	3	0	9	0	5	0	4		
Total	0	1527	0	1884	0	1717	0	1,709	0	2,122	0	2,262		
U.S.A.⁹														
American Samoa LL	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0		
USA LL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3		
Total	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3		
Vanuatu														
Longline ¹⁰	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

⁸ Refer to JWG10-DP-13 for detailed computation on annual catch limits and annual catches.

⁹ Pacific bluefin tuna catches are reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.

¹⁰ These small catches are bycatch only. Vanuatu does not target PBF at all.

