**WCPO yellowfin tuna**

**Status and trends**

* SC12 noted that no stock assessment was conducted for WCPO yellowfin tuna in 2016. Therefore, the stock status description from SC10 is still current. For further information on the stock status and trends from SC10, please see <http://www.wcpfc.int/system/files/SC10%20-%20final_posted-rev.docx>
* SC12 noted that the total yellowfin catch in 2015 was 605,963 mt, a 2% increase over 2014 and a 7% increase over the average for 2010-14.
* Purse seine yellowfin catch in 2015 was 15% lower than that in 2014 and effort 21% lower. Longline catch in 2015 was 2% lower than that in 2014, and tropical longline effort (20N-10S) was 4% lower.
* SC12 also noted that the results of the updated short-term projections using actual catch and effort levels in 2013­­-2015 indicated that the median spawning biomass depletion (SB/SBF=0) of yellowfin showed an increasing trend since 2012.
* SC12 noted that the projected median spawning biomass depletion of yellowfin in 2015 was SB2015/SBF=0 = 0.49.

**Management advice and implications**

* SC12 noted that no management advice has been provided since SC10. Therefore, the advice from SC10 should be maintained, pending a new assessment or other new information. For further information on the management advice and implications from SC10, please see

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