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Report on CMM 2019-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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PHILIPPINES

From Philippine annual report Part 1:

The Philippines does not conduct fishing activities targeting Pacific bluefin tunas in the area north of 20° N. However, in some years, there are by-catches of Pacific Bluefin tunas in areas south of 20° N. These fishing vessels utilize handline/hook-and-line fishing gears. For 2019, there is no reported catch of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in Philippine EEZ. Philippines has improved its catch documentation mechanisms to monitor all tuna landings throughout the country.

**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 ¹	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2019-02)				Fishing effort (Para 5, CMM 2019-02)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2017	2018	2019
Canada								
Not applicable								
China								
						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	37	
LonglineDist.&Off.	No. of vessels	654	632	613	633	514	484	
Longline Coastal	No. of vessels	399	422	386	402	325	335	
Pole & Line	No. of vessels	146	140	137	141	89	81	
Artisanal fisheries	No. of vessels	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		22,557	18,147	
Set Net	No. of licenses	1,876	1,956	1,956	1,929	1,816	1,816 (P)	
Others	No. of vessels	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		Unknown		
Korea								
large-scale purse seiners	No. of vessels	32	29	29	30	24	23	23
Philippines								
Not applicable								
Chinese Taipei								
Longline	No. of vessels	684	659	632	658	559	480	491
U.S.A.								
Not applicable								
Vanuatu								
Longline ²	No. of vessels			30	30	21	27	22
Australia								
Eastern tuna and billfish fishery	No. of hooks							

¹ 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 5, CMM 2019-02)								All catches (Para 5, CMM 2019-02)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2017		2018		2019	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
Canada														
N/A														
China														
									0	0	0	0		
Cook Islands														
Longline	0	1.789	0	2.94	0	1.35	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji														
Longline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.271	0	0.695	0.191	0.360
Japan²														
Purse Seine	5,174	3,730	4,995	774	3,466	4,792	4,545	3,099	1,266	3,274	1,010	3,040		
Longline Dist.&Off.	0	52	0	97	0	240	0	130	0	27	3	18		
Longline Coastal	0	794	0	1,152	0	1,616	0	1,187	264	616	96	583		
Pole & Line	99	0	44	0	132	0	92	0	86	0	8	0		
Artisanal fisheries	2,607	0	2,060	0	2,445	0	2,371	0	569	34	308	63		
Set Net	1,008	92	648	191	660	235	772	173	1,717	538	260	385		
Others	422	210	205	241	82	432	236	294	290	375	173	258		

²Catch limit for purse seine fishery is managed on a calendar year basis, while that for coastal fisheries is managed on a fishing year basis (1 July – 30 June). Catches on a fishing year basis is as follows.

- 1st management period (January 2015 – December 2015 for purse seine fishery, January 2015 – June 2016 for coastal fisheries)
 <30kg: 3,096t;
 ≥30kg: 3,871t
- 2nd management period (January 2016 – December 2016 for purse seine fishery, July 2016 – June 2017 for coastal fisheries)
 <30kg: 4,341t;
 ≥30kg: 4,368t
- 3rd management period (January 2017 – December 2017 for purse seine fishery, July 2017 – June 2018 for coastal fisheries)
 <30kg: 3,405t
 ≥30kg: 4,940t
- 4th management period (January 2018 – December 2018 for purse seine fishery, July 2018 – March 2019 for coastal fisheries)
 <30kg: 2,277 t
 ≥30kg: 3,810 t

Fishery	All catches (Para 5, CMM 2019-02)								All catches (Para 5, CMM 2019-02)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2017		2018		2019	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
Total	<u>9,310</u>	<u>4,878</u>	<u>7,952</u>	<u>2,455</u>	<u>6,785</u>	<u>7,315</u>	<u>8,016</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>4,191</u>	<u>4,863</u>	<u>1,859</u>	<u>4,347</u>		
Korea														
Purse seiner	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	661.0	72.86	498.9	24.5	525.0	16.5
Set net									3.39	0.06	1.9	0	34.4	0.4
Others									5.81		4.6		3.3	
Reserved											5.1		1.0	
Total	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	<u>670.2</u>	<u>72.92</u>	<u>510.5</u>	<u>24.5</u>	<u>563.7</u>	<u>16.9</u>
Philippines														
Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries						0			0	2 pcs (~350 kgs, + ~215 kgs)	0	<u>2 pcs (~250kg and ~215kg)</u>	0	0
Chinese Taipei														
Longline	0	1,523	0	1,863	0	1,714	0	1700	0	415	0	381	0	492
Other coastal fisheries	0	4	0	21	0	3	0	9	0	+	0	+	0	+
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>1527</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1884</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1717</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,709</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>492</u>
U.S.A.³														
American Samoa LL	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
USA LL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Vanuatu														
Longline ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.105	0.183	0	0	0	0
Australia														
Eastern tuna and billfish fishery														

³ Pacific bluefin tuna catches are reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.

⁴ These small catches are bycatch only. Vanuatu does not target PBF at all.