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**MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**
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**REPORT ON CMM 2020-02 (PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA)**

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**PHILIPPINES**

**From Philippine Annual Report Part 1:**

**Conservation and Management Measure 2019-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)**

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 2020, there are two (2) reported catches of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in Philippine EEZ- 300 kilograms in Aurora Province and 220 kilograms in Infanta, Quezon. 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 |
| **Philippines** | | | | | | | | |
| 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 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 |
| **Philippines** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries | | | | | | 0 | | | 0 | 2 pcs (~250 kgs + ~215 kgs) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 pcs (~300 kgs + ~220 kgs) |

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[1] e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels