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MEXICO

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Dear SK

I attach the report of Mexico for the Joint WG in Japan

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July 2, 2025

Dear Josh Madeira and Masanori Miyahara
Co-Chairs of the Joint NC-IATTC WG for PBF

Appreciated Co-Chairs.

As you are well aware, México has annually participated in the NC-IATTC-WG and is voluntarily providing the following information in order to contribute, share and give an account-related with the 2024 fishing year catch of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) in the EPO region.

We provide this information with the main objective to have a complete view of current fishing activities related with the PBF and also in this way, to ensure the best management for that tuna stock across the Pacific Ocean.

It is also important to highlight that Mexico does not fish and has never fished for PBF in the area managed by the WCPFC. All the catch of PBF by Mexican vessels has been caught within the IATTC area and mostly within-Mexico's own Economic Exclusive Zone.

In accordance with IATTC Resolution C-21-05 "Measures for the conservation and management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean from 2021 to 2024", under the catch limits established for Mexico. In 2023 the catch was 3407 below the 4068 maximum catch allow for one year and in 2024 the catch was 3558 tons, within the biannual catch quota for 2023-2024 established for Mexico of 6973 tons. All the purse seine Mexican vessels that participated in this fishery had a scientific observer on board during the entire time of all the fishing operations as well as an inspector from CONAPESCA (the fishery regulating body). All the catch referred was caught alive and transferred to feeding pens located in the Baja California Peninsula. Starting in 2023, the Mexican government allowed the participation of small vessels in this fishery (artisanal fleet). The catch of those vessels in 2024 was 27 tons and are included in the total commercial catch of Mexico.

It is important to highlight that given the above explanations; México is in full compliance with the obligations of the IATTC.

In the following table, the amount of commercial catch as well as the number of purse seine vessels participating in the mexican fishery from 2010 to 2024 is presented. The 2024 data includes 27 tons caught by 6 artisanal vessels.

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Catch	7,631	2,736	6,653	3,154	4,934	3,084	2,904	3,643	2,840	2,250	3,285	3,027	3,194	3,407	3,558

PS Vessels	21	6	19	5	7	5	3	4	5	4	6	5	6	9	12
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And in relation to PBF exports from Mexico in 2024, 3231.7 tons where exported to USA, 886 tons to Japan, 59.7 tons to Canada, 24 tons to Thailand and 9.8 tons to other countries.

In addition to commercial PBF catches, there is a small Sport Fishery not directed to PBF that caught 4 tons in 2024.