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

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CHINA

NP Albacore Data for 2025:

China	N. Pacific	Longline	Y	111.842
	N. Pacific	Longline	N	166.411
Total catches for China:				278.253
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				111.842
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				40.19
Note: Historically, there are 5 longliners seasonally operating in the high seas of Northern Pacific Ocean targeting albacore, which covered the Convention Areas of WCPFC and IATTC				

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
China														
longline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.15

From 渔业局远洋渔业处

Date Fri 5/29/2026 2:55 PM

To SungKwon Soh

Cc Eidre Sharp ; Joseph Jack ; Hilary Ayrton ; liyan@cofa.net.cn

Dear SK,

According to statistics, China's swordfish catch north of the 20N in 2025 did not exceed 200 tons, therefore it does not meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 4 of the measure, the total catch of NP Swordfish is 0 kg.

In 2025, China controlled the fishing effort limit for albacore tuna north of the equator through effort control by limit fishing for vessels number (China's total fishing vessel fishing for NPA is 10), and the active number of Chinese vessels fishing for albacore tuna north of the equator were 5 vessels in 2025.

In 2025, China had no longline fishery targeting pacific bluefin tuna north of the equator, only longline fishing vessel caught 150kg PBF bycatch.

Kindly note that the data above is preliminary and may subject to change after verification by my team.

If you have any questions regarding the information, including information in the

attachment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much.

Regards,

Lu Quan

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Bureau of Fisheries,

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From 渔业局远洋渔业处

Date Sat 4/11/2026 11:16 AM

To Rhea Moss-Christian

Cc SungKwon Soh ; Eidre Sharp ; liyan@cofa.net.cn

Dear Rhea Moss-Christian,

According to CMM 2024-02, China has no vessel targeting Pacific bluefin tuna and no bycatch of the stock in the WCPFC Convention Area in 2025. For international trade, according to customs statistics, China imported 83.9 metric tons of Pacific bluefin tuna, 82.8 tons from Korea and 1.1 tons from Chinese Taipei in 2025. Kindly note that the data above is preliminary and may subject to change after verification by my team.

Best regards,

Lu Quan Director,

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