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

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**COMPILED INFORMATION ON PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**  
(FISHING EFFORT AND CATCH IN THE WCPO)

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**WCPFC-NC22-2026-WP02**  
**(IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-WP01)**  
[Due by 15 June 2026](#)

**WCPFC SECRETARIAT**

According to Paragraph 9 of the WCPFC CMM 2024-01, fishing efforts and the catch of Pacific bluefin tuna are compiled based on WCPFC Members' reports, which are annexed in Tables 1 and 2.

9. *CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by 15 June each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and ≥30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 years, accounting for all catches, including discards. CCMs shall report their annual catch limits and their annual catches of PBF, with adequate computation details, to present their implementation for paragraph 5 and 6, if the measures and arrangements in the said paragraphs and relevant footnotes applied. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.*

The information in the Tables below will be modified subject to any further updates from Members.

Individual Country Report is available at the *Delegation Proposals and Papers* folder at [Eleventh Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management | WCPFC Meetings](#)

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2024-01)				Fishing effort (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2023	2024	2025
<b>Canada</b>								
Not applicable		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>China</b>								
		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Cook Islands</b>								
Longline		<a href="#">Unknown</a>	<a href="#">Unknown</a>	0		0	0	<a href="#">0</a>
<b>Fiji</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Japan</b>								
Purse Seine	No. of vessels	69	60	59	63	42	45	
Longline Dist. & Off.	No. of vessels	654	632	613	633	378	366	
Longline Coastal	No. of vessels	399	422	386	402	298	300	
Artisanal fisheries	No. of vessels	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		16,878	16,863	
Set Net	No. of licenses	1,876	1,956	1,956	1,929	1,688	1,688	
<b>Korea</b>								
large-scale purse seiners	No. of vessels	32	29	29	30	19	19	
<b>Philippines</b>								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	684	659	632	658	486	486	
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
<b>Vanuatu</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Australia</b>								
	Not applicable							
<b>New Zealand</b>								
	Not applicable							

<sup>1</sup> 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 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
<b>Australia<sup>2</sup></b>														
Longline	-	6	0	12	-	10	-	9	-	27	-	27		
<b>Canada</b>														
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>China</b>														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Cook Islands</b>														
Longline	0	1,789	0	2,94	0	1,35	0	2	0	0	0	0	<a href="#">0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
<b>Fiji</b>														
Longline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Japan<sup>3</sup></b>														
Purse Seine	5,174	3,730	4,995	774	3,466	4,792	4,545	3,099	757	3,779	558	4,050		
Longline Dist.&Off.	0	52	0	97	0	240	0	130	0	745	1	730		
Longline Coastal	0	794	0	1,152	0	1,616	0	1,187	98	749	81	780		
Artisanal fisheries	2,607	0	2,060	0	2,445	0	2,371	0	969	186	1,146	245		
Set Net	1,008	92	648	191	660	235	772	173	1,338	547	1,071	579		
Others	521	210	249	241	214	432	328	294	268	318	236	377		
Recreational fisheries									0	46		42		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,310</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>6,370</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>6,804</b>		

<sup>2</sup> Australia catches 2002-04 are based on logbooks, and 2021-24 are based on landings data

<sup>3</sup> Catches (mt) in a calendar year basis, 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)

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Catches (mt) in management year<sup>4</sup> basis, including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna *in the Convention Area* (including all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)

Fishery		2023		2024		2025	
		<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg
Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	757	3,779	558	4,050			
	0	745	1	730			
Other fisheries	93	719	80	852			
	1,043	205	1,052	300			
	1,157	481	1,189	563			
	278	335	229	402			
Recreational fishery		0	46		44		
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>3,328</u></b>	<b><u>6,311</u></b>	<b><u>3,110</u></b>	<b><u>6,939</u></b>		
<b><u>Catch limit<sup>5</sup></u></b>		4,095	6,846	3,757	7,434		

<sup>4</sup> Management year is as follows.

- 2022 management period: January 2022 - December 2022 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2022 - March 2023 for Other fisheries.
- 2023 management period: January 2023 - December 2023 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2023 - March 2024 for Other fisheries.

<sup>5</sup> Catch limit is as follows.

- 2022 small fish: 4,007 tons – 429.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)  
large fish: 5,614 tons + 617.9 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 527.0 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2023 small fish: 4,007 tons – 542.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 629.8 tons (carry over from the previous management year)  
large fish: 5,614 tons + 730.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 501.7 tons (carry over from the previous management year)
- 2024 small fish: 4,007 tons – 931.0 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)  
large fish: 5,614 tons + 1,368.5 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 451.2 tons (carry over from the previous management year)

Fishery	All catches (Para 2, CMM 2023-02)								All catches (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2023		2024			
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg		
<b>Korea</b>														
Purse seiner	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	124.8	323.1	39.3	399.5		
Set net									201.3	14.0	285.3	21.5		
Others									5.2	0.0	22.5	0.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>932</b>		<b>2,601</b>		<b>773</b>		<b>1,435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>331.3</b>	<b>337.1</b>	<b>347.1</b>	<b>421.1</b>		
<b>New Zealand<sup>6</sup></b>														
Longline	0	56.86	0	40.77	0	43.6	0	47.08	0	104.58	0	109.56		
Handline	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	0	7.40	0	0	0	0		
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	0.53	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110</b>		
<b>Philippines</b>														
Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries									0	4.436 (9 pcs at approx 149-455 kgs each)	0	3.517 (14 pcs at approx 141-463 kgs each)		
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>														
Longline	0	1,523	0	1,863	0	1,714	0	1700	0	2,117	0	2,258		
Other coastal fisheries	0	4	0	21	0	3	0	9	0	5	0	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1527</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1717</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,262</b>		
<b>U.S.A.<sup>7</sup></b>														
American Samoa LL	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0		
USA LL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Vanuatu</b>														
Longline <sup>8</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

<sup>6</sup> Refer to JWG10-DP-13 for detailed computation on annual catch limits and annual catches.

<sup>7</sup> Pacific bluefin tuna catches are reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.

<sup>8</sup> These small catches are bycatch only. Vanuatu does not target PBF at all.

