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MEXICO STATEMENT ON PBF CATCHES AND REGULATIONS

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MEXICO

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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 2025 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.

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-24-02 "Measures for the conservation and management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean for 2025 and 2026 allowed Mexico for a biennial catch limit of 10763 tons with a one year limit of 6296 tons. In 2025 the commercial catch was of 6108 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). Starting in 2023, the Mexican government allowed the participation of small vessels in this fishery (artisanal fleet). The catch of those vessels in 2025 was 18 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.

PBF Effort

In 2025, 6 purse seine vessels with observer on board and 8 artisanal vessels participated in the commercial fishery of PBF.

In addition to commercial PBF catches, there is a small Sport Fishery not directed to PBF that caught 4 tons in 2025.

PBF exports

Total PBF exports (tons) from Mexico in 2025

Brazil				17.2
Colombia				7.4
Hong Kong				4.5
Japan				1442.3
Korea				10.3
Thailand				51.4

Uruguay, Chile, Dominican Republic, Spain, Netherlands, England, UAE				6
USA				4538.5
total				6077.6