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Australia, China, Canada, Cook Islands, European Union, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Chinese Taipei, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu
Average Annual Tuna Catch by Species in the Convention Area, 2007-2016

- Skipjack: 67%
- Yellowfin: 22%
- Bigeye: 6%
- Albacore: 5%
- Pacific Bluefin: 0.5%
Annual average catch (mt) of albacore, bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin tuna in the WCPO by flag state, 2012-2016. Other flag states include Marshall Islands, Federated States Of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Ecuador, Fiji, El Salvador, Tuvalu, French Polynesia, Australia, Cook Islands, New Caledonia, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Eastern Pacific US Purse Seine Fleet, and Belize.
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SUMMARY REPORT
WCPFC Harvest Strategy and Reference Points

Harvest Strategy CMM - 2014-06

WCPFC11 agreed to Conservation and Management Measures to develop and implement a harvest strategy approach for key fisheries and stocks in the WCPO (326.23 KB). The objective of CMM 2014-06 is “To agree that the Commission shall develop and implement a harvest strategy approach for each of the key fisheries or stocks under the purview of the Commission according to the process set out in CMM 2014-06.”

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of CMM 2014-06, WCPFC12 agreed a workplan for adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06. Workplan for the adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 (505.06 KB). An updated workplan was agreed at WCPFC13 and records as an annex the Harvest Strategy-related outcomes from WCPFC13. Updated workplan on Harvest Strategies 2016 - 2019 and record of outcomes from WCPFC13 (248.6 KB).

Limit reference points (LRPs)

WCPFC8 approved a number of SC7 recommendations related to limit reference points

1. The agreed working definition for LRPs is to be based on the following principles:
   - they define a state of the fishery that is considered to be undesirable and which management action should avoid;
   - the probability of breaching an LRP should be very low;
   - management actions should be taken before the fishery falls below or is at risk of falling below an LRP.
Conservation Measures Adopted at WCPFC14

CMM 2017-01: Conservation and Management Measure for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
CMM 2017-02: Conservation and Management Measure on minimum standards for Port State Measures
CMM 2017-03: Conservation and Management Measure for the protection of WCPFC Regional Observer Programme Observers
CMM 2017-05: WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorisation to Fish
CMM 2017-06: Conservation and Management Measure to mitigate the impact of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds
CMM 2017-07: Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme
CMM 2017-08: Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna