



## MarinTrust Standard V2

### By-product Fishery Assessment

### Report: Yellowfin Tuna FAO 34,41,47

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**Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome**

Fishery Under Assessment	Species:	Yellowfin tuna, <i>Thunnus albacares</i>
	Geographical area:	FAO Areas 34-41-47 Atlantic Eastern Central, Southwest, Southeast
	Country of origin of the product:	Ivory Coast, El Salvador, Ecuador, Spain, USA, Phillipines, Panama
	Stock:	Atlantic yellowfin tuna
Date	7 April 2021	
Report Code	BP42	
Assessor	Geraldine Criquet	
Country of origin of the product - PASS	Ivory Coast, El Salvador, Ecuador, Spain, USA, Phillipines, Panama	
Country of origin of the product - FAIL	NA	

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome			
Name: Marine Biotechnology Products			
Address:			
Country: Ivory Coast, El Salvador		Zip:	
Tel. No.:		Fax. No.:	
Email address:		Applicant Code:	
Key Contact:		Title:	
Certification Body Details			
Name of Certification Body:		Global Trust Certification	
Assessor	Peer Reviewer	Assessment Days	Initial/Surveillance/ Re-approval
Geraldine Criquet	Sam Dignan	0.5	Surveillance 1
Assessment Period	April 2021		

Scope Details	
Main Species	Yellowfin tuna, <i>Thunnus albacares</i>
Stock	Atlantic yellowfin tuna
Fishery Location	FAO Areas 34-41-47 Atlantic Eastern Central, Southwest, Southeast
Management Authority (Country/ State)	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)/Ivory Coast, El Salvador, Ecuador, Spain, USA, Phillipines, Panama
Gear Type(s)	Longline, baitboat and purse seine
Outcome of Assessment	
Peer Review Evaluation	Agree with assessment outcome based on evidence provided
Recommendation	APPROVED



## Table 2. Assessment Determination

Assessment Determination
<p>If any species is categorised as Endangered or Critically Endangered on IUCN’s Red List, or if it appears in the CITES appendices, it cannot be approved for use as MARINTRUST raw material. Yellowfin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>) is not listed as Endangered or Critically Endangered on IUCN’s Red List, nor it is listed in CITES appendices; therefore, Atlantic yellowfin tuna is eligible for approval for use as MARIN TRUST by-product raw material.</p> <p>There is a single yellowfin tuna stock in the Atlantic. This stock is managed at the international level by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). ICCAT conducts stock assessments; reference points are defined for the Atlantic yellowfin tuna stock The stock is classified as Category C.</p> <p>Fishery removals of the stock are considered in the various stock assessment processes so the stock <b>PASSES</b> Clause C1.1.</p> <p>In the most recent stock assessment, the stock is considered to have a biomass above the limit reference point, the stocks <b>PASSES</b> Clause C1.2.</p> <p>In order to be approved, the stock under assessment must pass both Clauses C1.1 and C1.2.</p> <p>Atlantic yellowfin tuna passes both Clauses C1.1 and C1.2, and therefore is APPROVED by the assessor for the production of fishmeal and fish oil under the current Marin Trust v.2.0 by-product Standard.</p>
Fishery Assessment Peer Review Comments
<p>Agree with assessment outcome based on evidence provided</p>
Notes for On-site Auditor

## Species Categorisation

**NB:** If any species is categorised as Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List, or if it appears in CITES Appendix 1, it **cannot** be approved for use as an MARINTRUST raw material.

### IUCN Red list Category

By-product material from a species listed by IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) under the Red List for the following categories shall immediately fail the assessment;

- EXTINCT (E) AND EXTINCT IN THE WILD (EW)
- CRITICALLY ENDANGERED (CR) facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.
- ENDANGERED (EN) facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

By-product material may be used from the following categories provided that all clauses in the MarinTrust standard are passed.

- VULNERABLE (VU) facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.
- NEAR THREATENED (NT) does not qualify for above now, but is close or is likely to qualify for, a threatened category in the near future.
- LEAST CONCERN (LC) Widespread and abundant.
- DATA DEFICIENT (DD) and NOT EVALUATED (NE)

## Table 3 Species Categorisation Table

Common name	Latin name	Stock	Management	Category	IUCN Red List Category <sup>1</sup>	CITES Appendix 1 <sup>2</sup>
Yellowfin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Atlantic yellowfin tuna	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)/Ivory Coast, El Salvador, Ecuador, Spain, USA, Phillipines, Panama	C	NT	No

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iucnredlist.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>

## CATEGORY C SPECIES

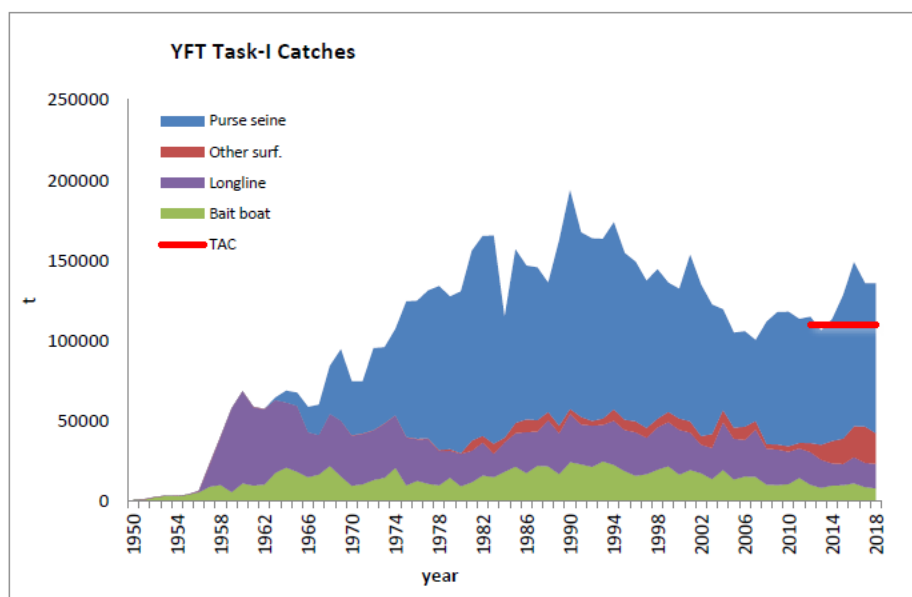
In a whole fish assessment, Category C species are those which make up less than 5% of landings, but which are subject to a species-specific management regime. In most cases this will be because they are a commercial target in a fishery other than the one under assessment.

Clause C1 should be completed for **each** Category C species. If there are no Category C species in the fishery under assessment, this section can be deleted. Where a species fails this Clause, it should be assessed as a Category D species instead.

Species Name		
<b>C1</b>	<b>Category C Stock Status - Minimum Requirements</b>	
	<b>C1.1</b> Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	<b>PASS</b>
	<b>C1.2</b> The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>Clause outcome:</b>		<b>PASS</b>

**C1.1 Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.**

A full stock assessment was conducted in 2019 applying two production models and one age-structured model to the available catch data through 2018. Total catches from the 1950-2018 period are shown in Figure 1. Therefore, the stock **PASSES** Clause C1.1.



**Figure 1.** Yellowfin tuna total catch 1950 – 2018 by main fishing gear group.

**C1.2 The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.**

A full stock assessment was conducted in 2019 applying two production models and one age-structured model to the available catch data through 2018. All models show that estimated biomass continuously declines through time. The combined results show that the median estimate of  $B_{2018}/B_{MSY}$  is 1.17 (Table 4) and that the stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring (Table 4, Figure 2).

Therefore, the assessor determines that, the stock is considered to have a biomass above the limit reference point, it **PASSES** Clause C1.2.

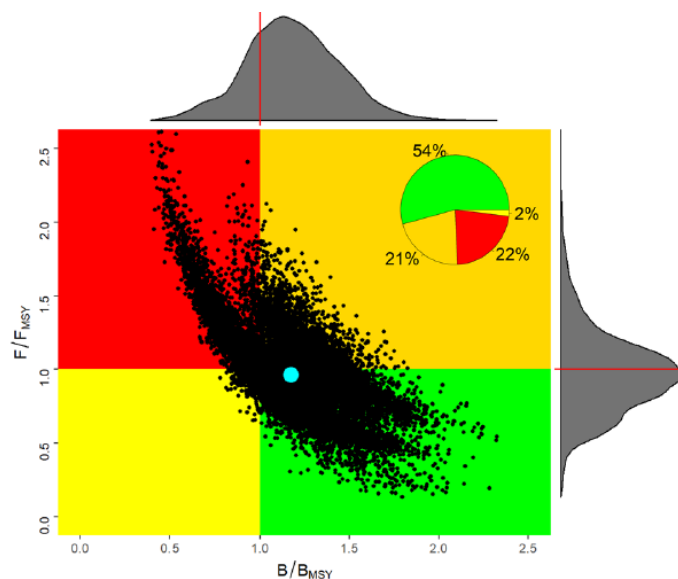
**Table 4.** Atlantic yellowfin tuna stock status summary.

ATLANTIC YELLOWFIN TUNA SUMMARY	
Estimates	Mean (90% confidence intervals)
Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)	121,298 t (90,428 - 267,350 t) <sup>1</sup>
2018 Yield	135,689 t
Relative Biomass <sup>2</sup> : $B_{2018}/B_{MSY}$	1.17 (0.75 - 1.62)
Relative Fishing Mortality: $F_{2018}/F_{MSY}$	0.96 (0.56 - 1.50)
2018 Total Biomass <sup>3</sup>	729,436 t
Stock Status (2018)	Overfished: No <sup>4</sup> Overfishing: No <sup>5</sup>

[Rec. 16-01]

- No fishing with natural or artificial floating objects during January and February in the area encompassed by the African coast, 20° W, 5°N and 4°S.
- TAC of 110,000 t (since Rec. 11-01).
- Specific authorization to fish for tropical tunas for vessels 20 meters or greater
- Specific limits of number of longline and/or purse seine boats for a number of fleets
- Specific limits on FADs, non-entangling FADs required

- 1) Minimum and maximum values of 90%LCI and 90%UCI among all runs by the Stock Synthesis, JABBA, and MPB
- 2) SSB (Stock Synthesis) or exploited biomass (production models)
- 3) Mean of the central estimates of the SS, JABBA and MPB models
- 4) (24% probability of overfished status)
- 5) (43% probability of overfishing taking place)



**Figure 2.** Kobe plot estimated from the combination of Stock Synthesis, JABBA and MPB model runs chosen to develop the management advice.

**References**

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<https://www.iccat.int/en/assess.html>

**Links**

<b>MARINTRUST Standard clause</b>	1.3.2.2
<b>FAO CCRF</b>	7.5.3
<b>GSSI</b>	D.3.04, D5.01



## CATEGORY D SPECIES

Category D species are those which make up less than 5% of landings and are not subject to a species-specific management regime. In the case of mixed trawl fisheries, Category D species may make up the majority of landings. The comparative lack of scientific information on the status of the population of the species means that a risk-assessment style approach must be taken.

<b>D1</b>	<b>Species Name</b>		
	<b>Productivity Attribute</b>		<b>Value</b>
	Average age at maturity (years)		
	Average maximum age (years)		
	Fecundity (eggs/spawning)		
	Average maximum size (cm)		
	Average size at maturity (cm)		
	Reproductive strategy		
	Mean trophic level		
	<b>Average Productivity Score</b>		
	<b>Susceptibility Attribute</b>		<b>Value</b>
	Overlap of adult species range with fishery		
	Distribution		
	Habitat		
	Depth range		
	Selectivity		
	Post-capture mortality		
	<b>Average Susceptibility Score</b>		
	<b>PSA Risk Rating (From Table D3)</b>		
	<b>Compliance rating</b>		
<b>References</b>			
<i>Standard clauses 1.3.2.2</i>			

Table D2 - Productivity / Susceptibility attributes and scores.

Productivity attributes	Low productivity/ High risk	Medium productivity/ Medium risk	High productivity/ Low risk
	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1
Average age at maturity (years)	>4	2 to 4	<2
Average maximum age (years)	>30	10 to 30	<10
Fecundity (eggs/spawning)	<1 000	1 000 to 10 000	>10 000
Average maximum size (cm)	>150	60 to 150	<60
Average size at maturity (cm)	>150	30 to 150	<30
Reproductive strategy	Live bearer, mouth brooder or significant parental investment	Demersal spawner "berried"	Broadcast spawner
Mean trophic level	>3.25	2.5–3.25	<2.5

Susceptibility attributes		High susceptibility/ High risk	Medium susceptibility/ Medium risk	Low susceptibility/ Low risk
		Score 3	Score 2	Score 1
Availability	1) Overlap of adult species range with fishery	>50% of stock occurs in the area fished	Between 25% and 50% of the stock occurs in the area fished	<25% of stock occurs in the area fished
	2) Distribution	Only in the country/ fishery	Limited range in the region	Throughout region/ global distribution
Encounterability	1) Habitat	Habitat preference of species make it highly likely to encounter trawl gear (e.g. demersal, muddy/sandy bottom)	Habitat preference of species make it moderately likely to encounter trawl gear (e.g. rocky bottom/reefs)	Depth or distribution of species make it unlikely to encounter trawl gear (e.g. epi-pelagic or meso-pelagic)
	2) Depth range	High overlap with trawl fishing gear (20 to 60 m depth)	Medium overlap with trawl fishing gear (10 to 20 m depth)	Low overlap with trawl fishing gear (0 to 10 m, >70 m depth)
Selectivity		Species >2 times mesh size or up to 4 m length	Species 1 to 2 times mesh size or 4 to 5 m length	Species <mesh size or >5 m length
Post capture mortality		Most dead or retained Trawl tow >3 hours	Alive after net hauled Trawl tow 0.5 to 3 hours	Released alive Trawl tow <0.5 hours

**Note:** Availability 2 is only used when there is no information for Availability 1; the most conservative score between Encounterability 1 and 2 is used.

D3		Average Susceptibility Score		
		1 - 1.75	1.76 - 2.24	2.25 - 3
Average Productivity Score	1 - 1.75	PASS	PASS	PASS
	1.76 - 2.24	PASS	PASS	TABLE D4
	2.25 - 3	PASS	TABLE D4	TABLE D4

D4 Species Name			
<b>Impacts On Species Categorised as Vulnerable by D1-D3 - Minimum Requirements</b>			
D4.1	The potential impacts of the fishery on this species are considered during the management process, and reasonable measures are taken to minimise these impacts.		
D4.2	There is no substantial evidence that the fishery has a significant negative impact on the species.		
<b>Outcome:</b>			
<b>Evidence</b>			
D4.1: The potential impacts of the fishery on this species are considered during the management process, and reasonable measures are taken to minimise these impacts.			
D4.2 There is no substantial evidence that the fishery has a significant negative impact on the species.			
<b>References</b>			
<b>Links</b>			
MARINTRUST Standard clause		1.3.2.2, 4.1.4	
FAO CCRF		7.5.1	
GSSI		D.5.01	