



# Summary of IATTC Outcomes 2022

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GLOBAL TUNA ALLIANCE

## Harvest Control Rules Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

Withdrawn by Ecuador

#### Consequences:

- No change to the operational HCR used for tropical tunas.
- No implementation of an alternative HCR for tropical tunas that includes both hard and soft limit reference points, when they cannot be reliably estimated, which will distort the impact of management measures.
- Ecuador has decided to resubmit the proposal at the next full session of the IATTC.
- The GTA had supported this proposal.

## Observers For Longline Vessels Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

Rejected by China, Taiwan, Japan and Korea

#### Consequences:

- Observer coverage either in-person or through electronic monitoring onboard longline vessels of 20 metres or longer remains at 5%, despite attempts to negotiate a cut from the proposal's original 100% by 2026 down to 20% and then to 10%.
- Observer coverage on longline vessels will remain out of step with purse-seine.
- The GTA presented a joint declaration with PEW in support of this proposal.

## South Pacific Albacore Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

China opposed the proposal based on a lack of information information.

#### Consequences:

- The proposal sought to place a cap on the number of longline vessels over 24 metres catching South Pacific Albacore in IATTC waters to the average number reported during the 2015-2021 period and improve recording of catch data.
- Fishing control measures for South Pacific Albacore in the IATTC convention area continues to be absent. The proposal had hoped to reconcile with WCPFC which does have such controls in part of its convention area.

## Vessel Register Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

Withdrawn by the EU after failure to get enough support

#### Consequences:

- Information about true vessel ownership will continue to not be publicly available. The EU hoped that by determining the ultimate owner of a vessel and establishing a link between that vessel and its activities, that it could assist authorities in clamping down on IUU fishing.
- The GTA took no position on this proposal.

## Shark Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

Didn't have enough support from key players like China and Japan

#### Consequences:

- The continuation of an earlier resolution which sought to enforce a shark finning ban. The EU proposal suggested that loopholes existed that prevented its enforcement which it tried to close using this proposal.
- The GTA took no position on this proposal.

## Mahi-Mahi Proposal



### PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

#### Reason for failure:

Did not receive enough support from CPC's who felt the proposal was out of the scope of the commission.

#### Consequences:

- The proposal sought to begin the formal process of getting the commission to recognise its supposed responsibility in protecting and managing mahi-mahi stocks because of its commitment to tuna-like species and species taken by vessels fishing for tuna, and in the absence of any other management body.
- The proposal's rejection effectively suggests that IATTC does not recognise any responsibility to the management of mahi-mahi stocks.
- The GTA did not take a position on this proposal.

## Transshipment Proposal



**ADOPTED**

### Consequences:

- The resolution effectively strengthens existing transshipment regulations to increase monitoring and allow authorities to better track and audit data on transshipped catch.
- The intended result of the new monitoring and reporting measures will be to make it harder for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing practices to go undetected.
- The GTA supported this proposal.

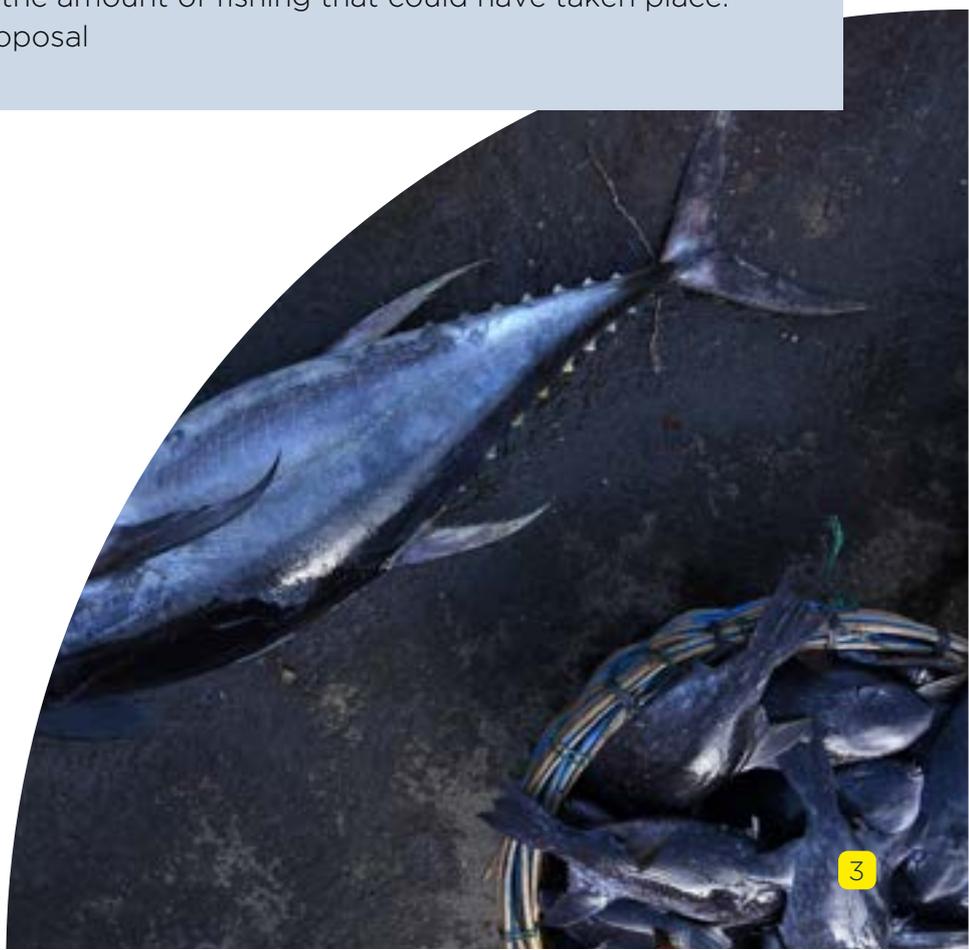
## North Pacific Albacore Harvest Strategy



**ADOPTED**

### Consequences:

- The proposal built off of the conclusion of a management strategy evaluation (MSE) for north Pacific albacore. The strategy contains:
  - The setting of quantitative management objectives
  - Reference points (limit, threshold, and target)
  - Acceptable levels of risk of not breaching the limit reference point
  - A monitoring strategy
- Delegations rejected the implementation of harvest control rules (HCR) which would have determined the amount of fishing that could have taken place.
- The GTA backed this proposal





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