



# **2024 IATTC Position Statement**

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**GLOBAL TUNA ALLIANCE**

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# TOP LEVEL ASKS

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## Electronic Monitoring

Adopt electronic monitoring program standards

## Tropical Tuna Measure

Support a one-year rollover of the tropical tuna measure

## Pacific Bluefin Tuna

Agree, in line with the Scientific Advisory Council's advice, to plan for the implementation of a harvest strategy in 2025 for Pacific bluefin

## South Pacific Albacore

Maintain close cooperation with the WCPFC in the adoption of harvest strategies for south Pacific albacore

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# ELECTRONIC MONITORING

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The Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) commends the work of the IATTC to date in developing an electronic monitoring program standard.

GTA Partners are committed to socially responsible seafood supply chains. Our current 5-year strategy calls for the **implementation of 100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic) in industrial tuna fisheries.**

The GTA's view is that adopting EM Program Standards is a necessary and essential step towards improved transparency and robust scientific observation within the IATTC.

The GTA is strongly urging the IATTC to bring this process to the finish line and **adopt** EM program standards at the 102nd Commission meeting.





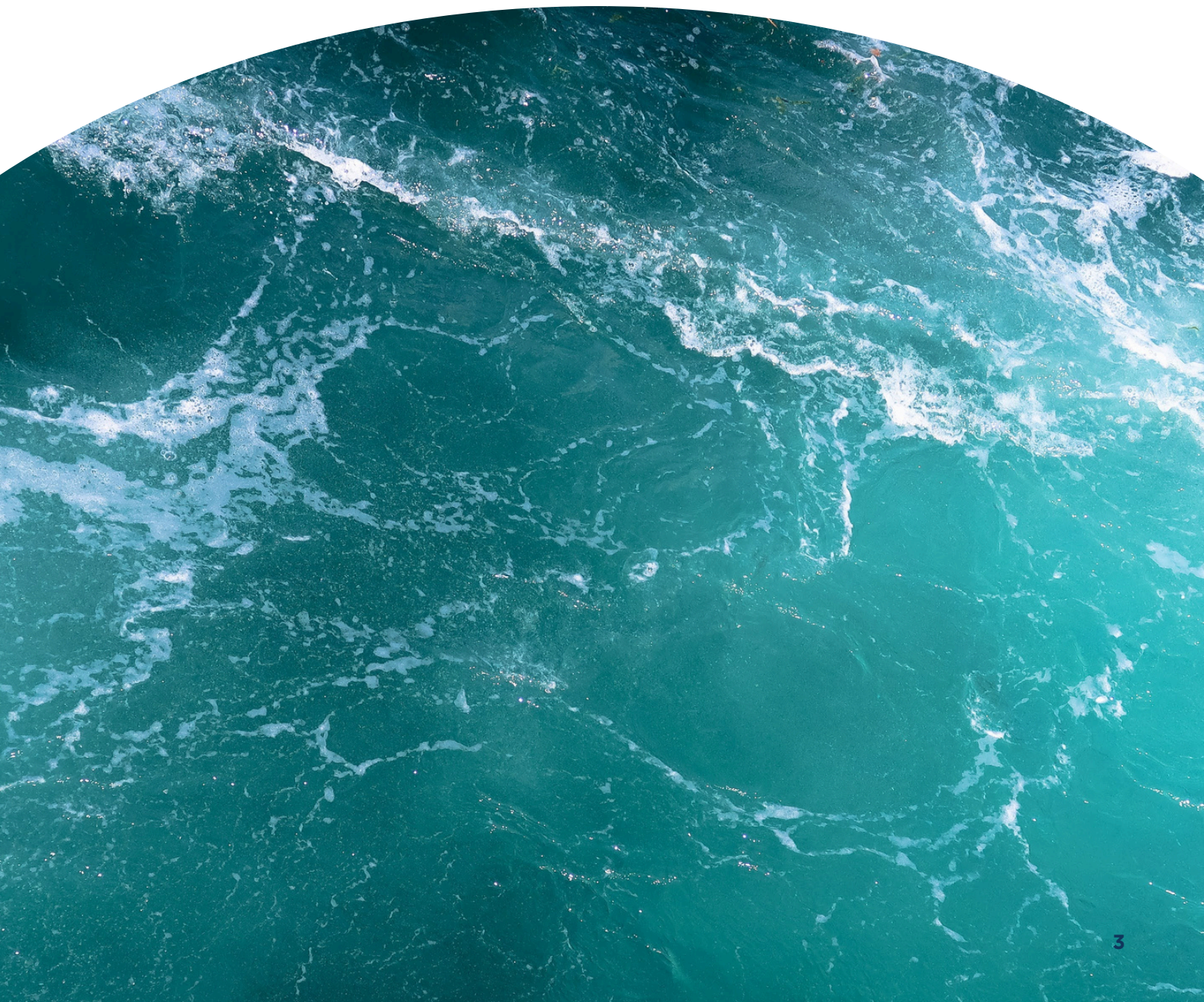
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# TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

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The GTA notes the advice of the SAC that the current conservation measures for tropical tunas be extended.

The GTA's view is that a **single-year extension is appropriate at this time**, given the need to address the issues associated with the yellowfin benchmark assessment.





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# PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

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The GTA's 5-year strategy calls for tuna RFMOs to accelerate action on comprehensive, precautionary harvest strategies. We believe that harvest strategies are the pathway to sustainable fisheries management. We welcome the progress from the recent SAC meeting on bigeye MSE.

While the GTA notes some positive improvement in the Pacific bluefin status, we remain concerned about the status of this stock overall. The GTA fully supports the SAC's advice that the Commission consider a long-term harvest strategy with reference points in 2025, when the MSE results are expected.

However, recognising that these processes take time to plan and execute, we urge the IATTC to **ensure that all the necessary steps are in place to enable the Commission to consider developing a Pacific bluefin harvest strategy by 2025.**





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# SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE

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The GTA fully recognises the need for IATTC and WCPFC to cooperate in the management of South Pacific albacore. We are encouraged by the efforts so far between the organisations.

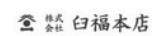
Noting our desire to see harvest strategies implemented across all tuna stocks, the GTA fully supports the SAC's advice for the IATTC to **consider interim reference points and interim limits for South Pacific albacore that are compatible with the WCPFC's harvest strategic development work**, but notes that the IATTC should make progress as and where it is able.

The GTA further fully supports the SAC's proposal for the IATTC to **coordinate with the WCPFC on a joint effort and process to develop and explore a range of harvest strategies for consideration.**





# GTA PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION STATEMENT





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