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### RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR DATA AND ANALYSES

This document contains the staff's responses to requests for data and analyses made in preparation for the discussions at the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IATTC. Also included are follow-ups to requests and recommendations for action made during the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee in May 2018 (SAC-09).

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#### 1. REQUESTS BY CPCS

##### 1.1. Colombia

1. **COL-01:** Include data for 2018 to date in the response to the European Union's request for information on the evolution of sets during 2008-2017.

**Response:** For evolution of sets during 2008-2017, see response to request [EUR-01](#). [Figure COL-01](#) shows the evolution of the number of sets, by type, from the most current data available for 2018. Data for observed trips are reported weekly by observers at sea; data for unobserved trips are collected from vessel logbooks, and added to the database typically 2-3 months after the end of the trip. Since most Class 1-5 vessels do not carry observers, this delay in receiving the data is likely the reason for an apparent decrease in sets in the most recent months.

2. **COL-02:** Present alternative spatiotemporal closures, specifically for bigeye, as at IATTC-92.

**Response:** The staff is preparing a summary of previous work on this matter. In general, to achieve meaningful reductions of catches of bigeye or yellowfin, spatial closures need to cover large areas for long periods. The staff's research into a spatially-structured stock assessment of bigeye, for example, may be informative about spatial management in the future.

##### 1.2. Ecuador

1. **ECU-01:** A scientific report on the assessment status of the bigeye and yellowfin stocks, under the same structure elaborated in previous years, excluding the new partial data for the longline fleet, referred to at SAC-09.

**Response:** Table [ECU-01](#) shows the management quantities for bigeye and yellowfin with the longline CPUE and length composition data removed cumulatively one quarter at a time. Removing the data for quarter 4 of 2016 for bigeye appears to have the greatest impact.

2. **ECU-02:** An assessment report on the tropical tunas stocks that includes new data, with possible new recommendations for conservation measures, provided that:

- a. All the data for the longline fleet operating in the EPO is included with a suitable validation of the quality of these data, as is done at IATTC with the on-board observers.

**Response:** This is currently not possible due to the low coverage and inconsistency among CPCs in reporting data from longline observer programs (see [SAC-09 INF A](#)). The staff's workplan to improve the assessment of bigeye tuna ([IATTC-93-06b](#)) includes several activities aimed at investigating and resolving potential issues related to longline data ([IATTC-93-06c](#): Projects H.1.c and H.1.d).

- b. The substantial uncertainties of the model are reduced to the minimum possible, working to incorporate a greater amount of information, in accordance with a work plan duly approved by the Commission.

**Response:** The staff has elaborated a work plan to improve the bigeye assessment ([IATTC-93-06b](#)).

- c. The effects of conservation measures approved in 2017 to reduce tuna catch levels in the EPO are assessed.

**Response:** This information is presented in the stock assessment reports via the fishing mortality ( $F$ ) multiplier and the comparison of population projections based on current  $F$  and  $F_{MSY}$ .

In response to this request, additional projections were carried out to determine the impact of the 10-day closure extension in C-17-02. Without the extension, fishing mortality by vessels subject to the closure would be 3.4% higher, and the spawning biomass would be 0.1% and 2.5% (2018) and 5.3% and 3.4% (long-term) lower for bigeye and yellowfin, respectively. The purse-seine catches of bigeye and yellowfin would increase by 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively, in 2018, and in the long term would increase slightly for bigeye and decrease slightly for yellowfin, but longline catches would decrease.

- d. A joint scientific report with WCPFC scientists on the status of bigeye tuna in the entire Pacific Ocean is developed.

**Response:** The staff's proposed work plan to improve the bigeye assessment ([IATTC-93-06b](#)) includes continued collaboration with SPC scientists on a Pacific-wide assessment of the species (Project H.7.a).

3. **ECU-04:** A detailed scientific analysis on the basis and motivation for recommending a limit on sets on unassociated schools.

**Response:** As elaborated in Document [IATTC-93-04](#), given the results of the indicator analysis of the status of bigeye and skipjack stocks, there is concern over the increased fishing mortality of these species due to increases in the number of floating object sets. Fleet capacity, fishing days, and FAD deployments are all restricted; the only unrestricted component is the numbers of sets. However, because of the difficulties of distinguishing floating-object and unassociated sets, it is not practical to limit either type of set by itself; therefore, a combined limit is recommended.

### 1.3. European Union

1. **EUR-01:** Evolution of the number of sets by set type in the last ten years: total and by CPC.

**Response:** See Tables [EUR-01a-c](#), Figure [EUR-01](#).

2. **EUR-02:** Evolution of tropical tuna catches by species, set type, and CPC in the last ten years.

**Response:** See Tables [EUR-02a-j](#).

3. **EUR-03:** Available scientific evidence on the link between the number of sets and fishing mortality, catch or any measurable deriving conservation benefit for bigeye in the IATTC fishery.

**Response:** The relationship between fishing mortality, the number of sets, and various other factors related to the operation of the fleets is still not fully understood. A research project is currently underway to address this question ([IATTC-93-06b](#): Project J.2.a). However, number of sets is the remaining uncontrolled variable potentially allowing for an increase in fishing mortality which will compromise the effects of C-17-02.

4. **EUR-04:** The probability associated with meeting the target reference points and/or breaching the limit reference points for tropical tuna stocks.

**Response:** Using the approximation based on a likelihood profile for average recruitment in the absence of fishing ( $R_0$ ), the probability of exceeding the target and limit biomass ( $SSB$ ) and fishing mortality ( $F$ ) reference points for bigeye and yellowfin is as follows:

	Target		Limit	
	$F_{MSY}$	$SSB_{MSY}$	$F_{limit}$	$SSB_{limit}$
Bigeye	0.84	0.44	0	0
Yellowfin	0.54	0.03	0	0

5. **EUR-05:** The detailed Strategic Science Plan, including comments made by the SAC, in order to provide feedback before it is presented to the Commission at the annual meeting.

**Response:** A revised draft Strategic Science Plan (SSP) was circulated on 6 July 2018. An updated version is available on the IATTC website ([IATTC-93-06a](#)), as are the staff's current research activities and work plans ([IATTC-93-06b](#)) and unfunded research proposals ([IATTC-93-06b](#)).

#### 1.4. Mexico

**MEX-01:** Mexico requested that the length-composition data for Pacific bluefin tuna, 2012-2017, provided by Mexico to the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), be provided to the IATTC.

**Response:** See Figure MEX-01.

#### 1.5. United States

**USA-01:** At SAC-09, the United States expressed concern about the apparent 'race to fish' resulting from the catch limit in C-17-01, and asked about the effect on catch; specifically, separate analyses of the first and second semesters of the year.

**Response:** The number of floating-object sets was higher in August-September, during the first closure period (29 July-8 October), indicating that more vessels chose the second closure period than in previous years (Figure [USA-01](#)).

## 2. SAC RECOMMENDATIONS

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>South Pacific albacore.</b> Recent assessments of south Pacific albacore, which are conducted by SPC, have not considered the fisheries data in all the EPO, and there are no plans to include these data in the upcoming 2018 assessment. Thus, the eastern part of the stock will remain effectively unassessed. The SAC recommends that the IATTC staff work with SPC to ensure that the entire South Pacific be included in future assessments.	A proposal for a South Pacific albacore stock assessment is included in the Strategic Science Plan ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06c</a> : Project H.7.c).
<b>3</b>	<b>Strategic Science Plan.</b> The SAC recognizes the importance and welcomes the presentation of the first draft of the Strategic Science Plan, and requests the scientific staff to send the detailed Plan to the CPCs to receive their feedback before being presented to the Commission in 2018.	A revised draft SSP was circulated to CPCs on 6 July 2018. An updated version of this draft is now available on the IATTC website, in preparation for the discussions at the upcoming Annual Meeting (document <a href="#">IATTC-93-06a</a> ). Two additional documents detail the staff's current research activities and work plans ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06b</a> ) and hitherto unfunded research proposals ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06c</a> ).
<b>4</b>	<b>Bigeye growth.</b> The SAC recommends that a joint IATTC-WCPFC workshop of experts be convened to analyze methodologies of age and growth determination of tunas, with priority to bigeye tuna.	A proposal for a workshop is included in the SSP ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06c</a> : Project E.2.b).
<b>5</b>	<b>Tagging program.</b> The SAC notes that a well-designed, large-scale tagging program is essential to both developing a fully-integrated assessment model for skipjack tuna and improving the bigeye tuna assessment model. Therefore, the SAC supports the development of such a tagging program and recommends that funding be provided for this project.	A proposal for a multi-year tuna tagging study is included in the SSP ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06c</a> : Project E.4.a). The project is described in detail in Appendix 2 of Document <a href="#">CAF-05-04</a> .
<b>7</b>	That resources be provided to extend the <b>electronic monitoring</b> (EM) pilot project to vessels of all capacity classes.	A proposal for a pilot study of EM on class-6 vessels is included in the SSP ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06c</a> : Project D.2.c).
<b>11</b>	<b>Scientists-managers dialogue.</b> In order to support the establishment of harvest strategies, including an MSE process, the SAC recommends that the Commission create a dedicated working group to facilitate dialogue among scientists, managers, and other stakeholders.	A work plan for MSE is included in the SSP ( <a href="#">IATTC-93-06b</a> ; work plan C.2)

## Tables and Figures

**TABLE ECU-01.** Effect on estimated management quantities for bigeye (BET) and yellowfin (YFT) tunas of removing longline CPUE and length-composition data cumulatively, one quarter (Q) at a time. Bigeye results are based on corrected longline data for one CPC received after the base case assessment was conducted for SAC-09.

**TABLA ECU-01.** Efecto sobre las cantidades de ordenación estimadas para los atunes patudo (BET) y aleta amarilla (YFT) de eliminar los datos de CPUE palangrera y composición por tallas acumulativamente, un trimestre (Q) a la vez. Los resultados para el patudo se basan en datos de palangre corregidos de un CPC recibidos después de realizar la evaluación de caso base para SAC-09.

	Base case Caso base	Removed-Eliminado			
		Q3 2017	Q2, Q3 2017	Q1, Q2, Q3 2017	Q4 2016; Q1, Q2, Q3 2017
<b>BET</b>					
MSY-RMS (t)	92,986	94,800	94,455	93,764	91,285
$B_{MSY}-B_{RMS}$ (t)	365,669	370,317	369,583	367,108	359,247
$S_{MSY}-S_{RMS}$ (t)	92,404	93,316	93,196	92,605	90,827
$B_{MSY}/B_0-B_{RMS}/B_0$	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.25
$S_{MSY}/S_0-S_{RMS}/S_0$	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
$C_{recent}/MSY-C_{reciente}/RMS$	1.1	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.12
$B_{recent}/B_{MSY}-B_{reciente}/B_{RMS}$	0.94	0.99	0.98	0.95	0.85
$S_{recent}/S_{MSY}-S_{reciente}/S_{RMS}$	1.06	1.09	1.08	1.05	0.96
<i>F</i> multiplier					
Multiplicador de <i>F</i>	0.89	0.94	0.93	0.9	0.81
<b>YFT</b>					
MSY-RMS (t)	264,283	263,527	263,241	258,764	263,342
$B_{MSY}-B_{RMS}$ (t)	376,696	375,832	375,471	370,944	375,992
$S_{MSY}-S_{RMS}$ (t)	3,634	3,627	3,624	3,571	3,628
$B_{MSY}/B_0-B_{RMS}/B_0$	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31
$S_{MSY}/S_0-S_{RMS}/S_0$	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27
$C_{recent}/MSY-C_{reciente}/RMS$	0.85	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.86
$B_{recent}/B_{MSY}-B_{reciente}/B_{RMS}$	1.35	1.28	1.25	1.08	1.37
$S_{recent}/S_{MSY}-S_{reciente}/S_{RMS}$	1.08	1.01	0.98	1.04	1.11
<i>F</i> multiplier					
Multiplicador de <i>F</i>	0.99	0.97	0.96	1.02	1.03

**TABLE EUR-01a.** Number of sets by Class 2-5 purse-seine vessels in the EPO, by set type and vessel flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object.

**TABLA EUR-01a.** Número de lances por buques cerqueros de clases 2-5 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante.

	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008							1						1	
	2009														
	2010			3										3	
	2011														
	2012														
	2013														
	2014														
	2015														
	2016														
	2017														
NOA	2008	4	67	3349			1618		25			12		5075	
	2009	23	149	2791			653		41			31		3688	
	2010	133	125	1614			705		4					2581	
	2011		71	2031			494		32					2628	
	2012		122	2206			625			11				2964	
	2013		152	2328			552			64				3096	
	2014		212	1816			388			1				2417	
	2015		160	2535			302			99				3096	
	2016		54	1587			507							2148	
	2017		26	1512			304							1842	
OBJ	2008		139	1643			49		66	12				1909	
	2009	3	91	1853			19		40	61				2067	
	2010	14	71	2102			10		35	56				2288	
	2011	5	136	2158			21		28					2348	
	2012		81	2941			12							3034	
	2013		124	2897			56			36				3113	
	2014		178	3604			51			9				3842	
	2015		229	3113						91				3433	
	2016		305	3687										3992	
	2017		199	3802										4001	

**TABLE EUR-01b.** Number of sets by Class-6 purse-seine vessels in the EPO, by set type and vessel flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object.

**TABLA EUR-01b.** Número de lances por buques cerqueros de clase 6 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008		1011	29		122		5272	337	1350		57		1063		9241
	2009		1421			142		5778	441	1582		64		1482		10910
	2010		1201	1		71		6400	605	1505		24		1839		11646
	2011		787			150		6422	444	620		39		1142		9604
	2012		816	4		118		5840	474	548		32		1388		9220
	2013		839	55		206		6881	472	669				1614		10736
	2014		819	75		224		7729	410	705				1420		11382
	2015		855	131		145		6914	424	959				1592		11020
	2016		795	159		121		7022	649	739				1734		11219
	2017		514	89				6018	547	523			1	1164		8856
NOA	2008		340	1804	11	105	117	1622	181	1028		151		718	136	6213
	2009		287	1316	1	36	124	872	114	762		74	31	414	78	4109
	2010		211	1168	1	13	12	1599	73	465		47		222	74	3885
	2011		395	1864	1	61	52	1479	110	528		89		565	38	5182
	2012		175	1811	126	60		2123	77	411		65	10	511		5369
	2013		272	1627		4		1353	54	520		22		301		4153
	2014		102	1785	20	19		969	68	201	28	31	1	142		3366
	2015		299	2948	33	2		1862	26	376	247	2	225	168		6188
	2016		166	2053	2	9		1382	56	499	280	20	504	116		5087
	2017		106	2297				1541	96	524	253	10	113	56		4996
OBJ	2008		324	3043	161	124	120	698	100	1098	55	229		500	201	6653
	2009		251	3527	330	125	107	361	141	1052	26	294	37	541	285	7077
	2010		343	3401	116	262	61	185	242	933		309		280	267	6399
	2011		503	3702	219	231	17	175	219	898		190	56	474	237	6921
	2012		542	4975	213	104		194	185	694		248	15	391	49	7610
	2013		507	5201	126	2		219	320	856		389		327	99	8046
	2014		748	5533	150	11		206	459	945		348	17	362		8779
	2015		490	6466	135	15		360	117	1147	14	208	321	126		9399
	2016		794	6429	197	16		408	120	1051	49	264	706	325		10359
	2017		1132	5978	103			393	342	1466	51	269	984	352		11070

**TABLE EUR-01c.** Number of sets by purse-seine vessels in the EPO, all capacity classes, by set type and vessel flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object.

**TABLA EUR-01c.** Número de lances por buques cerqueros en el OPO, todas clases de capacidad, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008		1011	29		122		5273	337	1350		57		1063		9242
	2009		1421			142		5778	441	1582		64		1482		10910
	2010		1201	4		71		6400	605	1505		24		1839		11649
	2011		787			150		6422	444	620		39		1142		9604
	2012		816	4		118		5840	474	548		32		1388		9220
	2013		839	55		206		6881	472	669				1614		10736
	2014		819	75		224		7729	410	705				1420		11382
	2015		855	131		145		6914	424	959				1592		11020
	2016		795	159		121		7022	649	739				1734		11219
	2017		514	89				6018	547	523			1	1164		8856
NOA	2008	4	407	5153	11	105	117	3240	181	1053		151	12	718	136	11288
	2009	23	436	4107	1	36	124	1525	114	803		74	62	414	78	7797
	2010	133	336	2782	1	13	12	2304	73	469		47		222	74	6466
	2011		466	3895	1	61	52	1973	110	560		89		565	38	7810
	2012		297	4017	126	60		2748	77	411	11	65	10	511		8333
	2013		424	3955		4		1905	54	520	64	22		301		7249
	2014		314	3601	20	19		1357	68	201	29	31	1	142		5783
	2015		459	5483	33	2		2164	26	376	346	2	225	168		9284
	2016		220	3640	2	9		1889	56	499	280	20	504	116		7235
	2017		132	3809				1845	96	524	253	10	113	56		6838
OBJ	2008		463	4686	161	124	120	747	100	1164	67	229		500	201	8562
	2009	3	342	5380	330	125	107	380	141	1092	87	294	37	541	285	9144
	2010	14	414	5503	116	262	61	195	242	968	56	309		280	267	8687
	2011	5	639	5860	219	231	17	196	219	926		190	56	474	237	9269
	2012		623	7916	213	104		206	185	694		248	15	391	49	10644
	2013		631	8098	126	2		275	320	856	36	389		327	99	11159
	2014		926	9137	150	11		257	459	945	9	348	17	362		12621
	2015		719	9579	135	15		360	117	1147	105	208	321	126		12832
	2016		1099	10116	197	16		408	120	1051	49	264	706	325		14351
	2017		1331	9780	103			393	342	1466	51	269	984	352		15071

**TABLE EUR-02a.** Annual retained catches of bigeye tuna in the EPO by Class 2-5 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02a.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún patudo por buques cerqueros de clases 2-5 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

	Year	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008															
	2009															
	2010															
	2011															
	2012															
	2013															
	2014															
	2015															
	2016															
	2017															
NOA	2008				200											200
	2009	3	2	402												407
	2010	3	7	285												295
	2011		3	171												174
	2012			429												429
	2013		87	259												346
	2014			93												93
	2015			1388												1388
	2016		5	769												774
	2017			294												294
OBJ	2008	699	3603			27		27								4356
	2009		15	1846				9	323							2193
	2010			2463				40	386							2889
	2011	330	3709													4039
	2012	244	3319													3562
	2013	385	3639													4024
	2014	200	3858													4058
	2015	264	3221													3485
	2016	38	2367													2404
	2017	78	3748													3826

**TABLE EUR-02b.** Annual retained catches of bigeye tuna in the EPO by Class-6 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02b.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún patudo por buques cerqueros de clase 6 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008								4							4
	2009		1													1
	2010															
	2011							2								2
	2012															
	2013															
	2014		3													3
	2015		2													2
	2016			4												4
	2017							1								1
NOA	2008	230	343			2			61				161	32	829	
	2009	8	104		3	12	1	31	126				48			333
	2010	101	198						18		3		1	2		323
	2011	189	308				3		4		3		101			608
	2012	10	260		14		3		88				29			404
	2013	7	215					35	478		14		159			908
	2014	281	32	18				19	77				70			497
			338					1	10	345						694
			171					2		512	57	66	18			826
	2017	16	1489				48	53	269		71	2	4			1952
OBJ	2008	3148	36225	2010	1219	1422	573	603	8935	609	2030		2271	1405	60450	
	2009	1240	31942	3442	1566	235	1421	1000	9188	126	3915	121	3139	2264	59599	
	2010	1846	26891	1251	2835	149	18	1717	7923		2830		407	2097	47964	
	2011	1682	23542	2913	1347		153	1634	6489		2862	500	330	1629	43081	
	2012	947	36214	2864	1595		275	1102	5163		2096	88	784	438	51566	
	2013	820	31923	1615			37	2658	6091		3961		684	1147	48936	
	2014	1324	33060	2236	1		8	2743	7094		3416	89	817		50788	
	2015	1932	43236	919	199		307	855	9998		1920	2700	229		62295	
	2016	2403	34813	3261	35		529	534	8593	17	3516	3693	657		58051	
	2017	3174	35331	1919			729	1704	9085	5	2568	6027	1734		62276	

**TABLE EUR-02c.** Annual retained catches of bigeye tuna in the EPO by all purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02c.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún patudo por todos buques cerqueros en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008								4							4
	2009		1													1
	2010															
	2011							2								2
	2012															
	2013															
	2014		3													3
	2015		2													2
	2016			4												4
	2017							1								1
NOA	2008	230	543			2			61				161	32	1029	
	2009	3	10	506		3	12	1	31	126			48			740
	2010	3	108	483						18		3		1	2	618
	2011		192	479				3		4		3		101		782
	2012		10	689		14		3		88				29		833
	2013		94	474					35	478		14		159		1254
	2014		281	125	18				19	77				70		590
	2015			1726				1	10	345						2082
	2016		5	940				2		512	57	66	18			1600
	2017		16	1783				48	53	269		71	2	4		2246
OBJ	2008	3847	39828	2010	1219	1422	600	603	8935	636	2030		2271	1405	64806	
	2009	1255	33788	3442	1566	235	1421	1000	9197	449	3915	121	3139	2264	61792	
	2010	1846	29354	1251	2835	149	18	1717	7963	386	2830		407	2097	50853	
	2011	2012	27251	2913	1347			153	1634	6489		2862	500	330	1629	47120
	2012		1191	39533	2864	1595		275	1102	5163		2096	88	784	438	55128
	2013		1205	35562	1615			37	2658	6091		3961		684	1147	52960
	2014		1524	36918	2236	1		8	2743	7094		3416	89	817		54846
	2015		2196	46457	919	199		307	855	9998		1920	2700	229		65780
	2016		2441	37180	3261	35		529	534	8593	17	3516	3693	657		60455
	2017		3252	39079	1919			729	1704	9085	5	2568	6027	1734		66102

**TABLE EUR-02d.** Annual retained catches of yellowfin tuna in the EPO by Class-2-5 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02d.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún aleta amarilla por buques cerqueros de clases 2-5 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008														
	2009														
	2010														
	2011														
	2012														
	2013														
	2014														
	2015														
	2016														
	2017														
NOA	2008	1	89	2635			5050		110						7885
	2009	1	437	3239			1139		127						4943
	2010	349	685	4112			1489		107						6742
	2011		531	2239			1100		213						4084
	2012		579	2759			863								4201
	2013		654	2108			1839		359						4960
	2014		922	1798			636		3						3359
	2015		554	7478			1132		36						9201
	2016		113	4936			1619								6668
	2017		116	4035			839								4990
OBJ	2008	554	2980				526		469	67					4596
	2009		947	3676			313		177	432					5545
	2010	95	281	5402			246		252	461					6737
	2011	25	320	4983			363		285						5976
	2012		190	6969			23								7183
	2013		436	4972			251		69						5728
	2014		413	10542			255		2						11213
	2015		523	9400					384						10307
	2016		350	10506											10856
	2017		609	11218											11827

**TABLE EUR-02e.** Annual retained catches of yellowfin tuna in the EPO by Class-6 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02e.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún aleta amarilla por buques cerqueros de clase 6 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total	
DEL	2008		18489	185		1601		62537	5589	20878		1759		17074		128112
	2009		27568			2392		92213	7751	25478		1561		26712		183675
	2010		17946			725		82476	8321	20797		649		24810		155724
	2011		15013			2175		83136	6631	12255		1007		16334		136551
	2012		18867	41		2010		76121	7032	12076		919		20854		137920
	2013		14443	735		3706		97217	6945	13347				22762		159155
	2014		14502	2741		2509		110405	6390	14912				21455		172914
	2015		14342	3338		1802		87996	6006	21170				27014		161668
	2016		15600	4987		1856		75184	9373	15292				21094		143386
	2017		9698	1821				66000	7710	9632			30	14726		109617
NOA	2008		1410	1389		125	238	9725	575	4145		1333		2868	101	21909
	2009		1679	1486	14	301	33	5068	438	7155		93	95	1679	9	18050
	2010		2234	4107		132	221	14823	1110	6631		15		3318	170	32761
	2011		2375	2902	26	135	350	14578	909	2629		733		1376	10	26023
	2012		602	1757		533		16422	593	1873		225	8	1317		23330
	2013		330	1894				13949	797	1482		408		2127		20987
	2014		748	2871	74	124		9788	593	1735	532	97		935		17497
	2015		1342	5925	13	70		17053	444	2690	273		2207	3069		33086
	2016		334	6960		93		16262	995	2848	525	48	240	946		29251
	2017		197	8158				12131	677	3116	1041	135	360	199		26014
OBJ	2008		794	13879	1095	231	554	4211	375	4812	217	1877		2745	985	31775
	2009		482	14740	1655	1752	462	1858	398	4216	166	1833	535	2689	907	31693
	2010		1223	12429	630	2126	192	1767	1204	4684		1865		1031	778	27929
	2011		1199	18657	1274	1528	267	1483	1023	5459		1817	295	2156	1559	36717
	2012		1157	17637	1255	928		1589	399	4082		2086	73	2286	32	31524
	2013		1385	16707	594	10		2486	757	4431		1654		1444	421	29889
	2014		2159	20681	827	66		2301	1329	4146	2742	228	2026			36505
	2015		1100	21360	471	12		2353	315	3745	49	2465	1156	683		33709
	2016		2964	26948	1613	54		1960	886	4531	209	2306	3446	1839		46756
	2017		4775	27685	466			2390	1247	7370	528	2991	4156	1751		53360

**TABLE EUR-02f.** Annual retained catches of yellowfin tuna in the EPO by all purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02f.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún patudo por todos buques cerqueros en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total	
DEL	2008		18489	185		1601		62537	5589	20878		1759		17074		128112
	2009		27568			2392		92213	7751	25478		1561		26712		183675
	2010		17946			725		82476	8321	20797		649		24810		155724
	2011		15013			2175		83136	6631	12255		1007		16334		136551
	2012		18867	41		2010		76121	7032	12076		919		20854		137920
	2013		14443	735		3706		97217	6945	13347				22762		159155
	2014		14502	2741		2509		110405	6390	14912				21455		172914
	2015		14342	3338		1802		87996	6006	21170				27014		161668
	2016		15600	4987		1856		75184	9373	15292				21094		143386
	2017		9698	1821				66000	7710	9632			30	14726		109617
NOA	2008	1	1499	4024		125	238	14775	575	4255		1333		2868	101	29794
	2009	1	2116	4725	14	301	33	6207	438	7282		93	95	1679	9	22993
	2010	349	2919	8219		132	221	16312	1110	6738		15		3318	170	39503
	2011		2906	5141	26	135	350	15678	909	2842		733		1376	10	30107
	2012		1181	4516		533		17285	593	1873		225	8	1317		27531
	2013		984	4002				15788	797	1482	359	408		2127		25947
	2014		1670	4669	74	124		10424	593	1735	535	97		935		20856
	2015		1896	13403	13	70		18185	444	2690	309		2207	3069		42287
	2016		447	11896		93		17881	995	2848	525	48	240	946		35919
	2017		313	12193				12970	677	3116	1041	135	360	199		31004
OBJ	2008		1348	16859	1095	231	554	4737	375	5281	284	1877		2745	985	36371
	2009		1429	18416	1655	1752	462	2171	398	4393	598	1833	535	2689	907	37238
	2010	95	1504	17831	630	2126	192	2013	1204	4936	461	1865		1031	778	34666
	2011	25	1519	23640	1274	1528	267	1846	1023	5744		1817	295	2156	1559	42693
	2012		1347	24606	1255	928		1612	399	4082		2086	73	2286	32	38707
	2013		1821	21679	594	10		2737	757	4431	69	1654		1444	421	35617
	2014		2572	31223	827	66		2556	1329	4146	2	2742	228	2026		47718
	2015		1623	30760	471	12		2353	315	3745	433	2465	1156	683		44015
	2016		3314	37454	1613	54		1960	886	4531	209	2306	3446	1839		57612
	2017		5384	38904	466			2390	1247	7370	528	2991	4156	1751		65187

**TABLE EUR-02g.** Annual retained catches of skipjack tuna in the EPO by Class-2-5 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

**TABLA EUR-02g.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún barrilete por buques cerqueros de clases 2-5 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008															
	2009															
	2010															
	2011															
	2012															
	2013															
	2014															
	2015															
	2016															
	2017															
NOA	2008		733	33753				1730		519						36735
	2009	221	998	25517				744		635						28116
	2010	319	485	9970				718		123						11615
	2011		608	22302				927		547						24383
	2012		640	19476				1208								21324
	2013		1319	23709				1237			339					26604
	2014		801	15217				487								16505
	2015		1108	20275				41		1523						22946
	2016		137	13293				25								13454
	2017		153	14779				981								15912
OBJ	2008		3080	15906				595		1261	99					20941
	2009	5	634	17413				53		937	256					19297
	2010	4	488	15777				128		448	534					17379
	2011	275	1821	28079				22		590						30787
	2012		839	24343				70								25252
	2013		1538	29684				378			656					32256
	2014		2639	30461				374			75					33549
	2015		1719	19789							369					21877
	2016		2464	22114												24578
	2017		1716	27340												29056

**TABLE EUR-02h.** Annual retained catches of skipjack tuna in the EPO by Class-6 purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

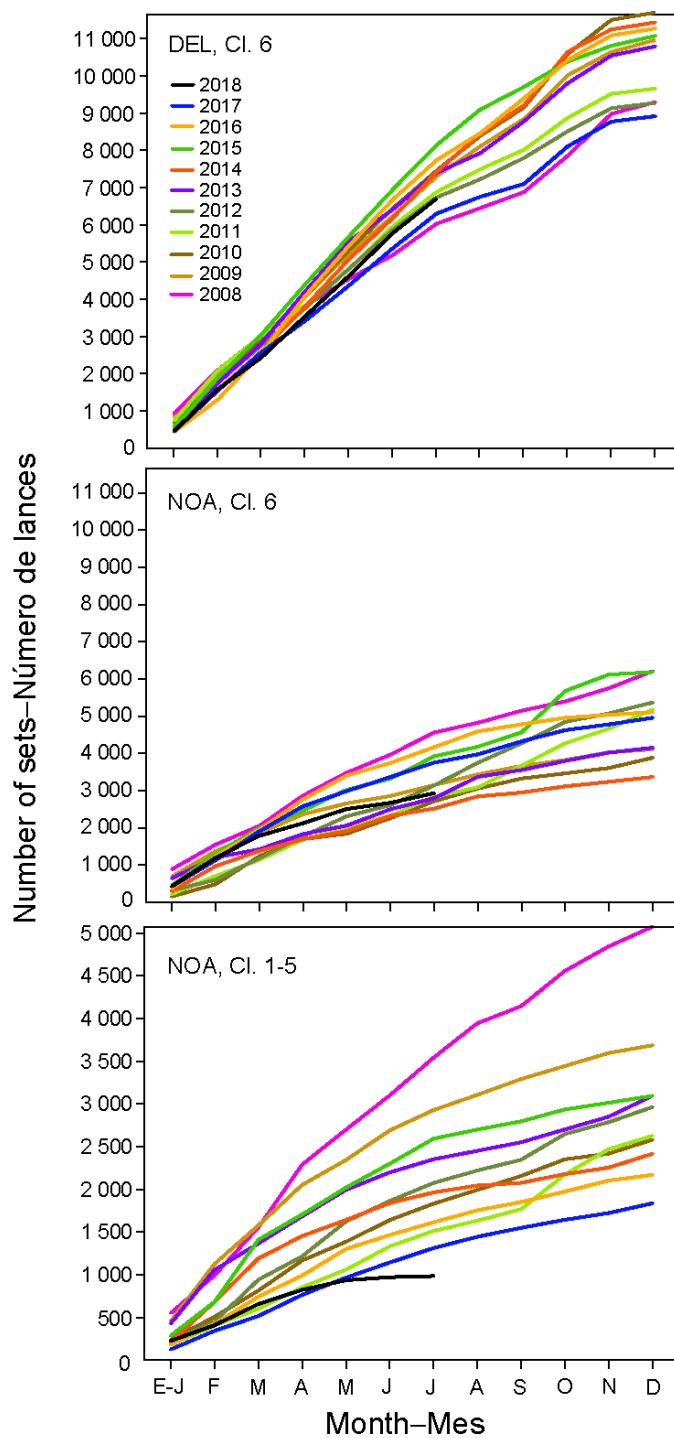
**TABLA EUR-02h.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún barrilete por buques cerqueros de clase 6 en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

	BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total	
DEL	2008		316	2		3	5273	155	672		765		1313		8499	
	2009		794			71	1320	70	454		13		119		2841	
	2010		114				1157	126	36		17		203		1653	
	2011		49				3944	124	149		68		139		4473	
	2012		39				1822	74	47		14		198		2194	
	2013		288	26			3752	5	89				62		4222	
	2014		228	104		5	3646	169	239				56		4447	
	2015		59	24			5097	15	282				40		5517	
	2016		50	21			3020	11	64				7		3173	
	2017		38	22			1389	36	70				71		1626	
NOA	2008		8888	35514	187	2486	2117	4839	3533	18395		3477		13387	2658	95481
	2009		4981	18455	1	561	1588	803	1492	8605		1970	635	6841	953	46885
	2010		2727	12165		123	29	1519	167	3911		1389		3316	783	26129
	2011		9401	34005	1	1781	661	3046	997	11490		2285		13379	985	78031
	2012		2282	25391	6468	95		11164	1178	9556		2736	484	9812		69166
	2013		4622	25860		115		5898	524	9931		63		5368		52381
	2014		1588	30439	1328	325		1233	842	3665	90	390		1716		41616
	2015		4902	55915	1231	66		12522	181	7436	3264		6661	2624		94802
	2016		1686	38680	2	21		4102	185	8763	3159	1941	14636	2019		75194
	2017		1700	48952				13104	1070	12232	1996	747	2307	696		82804
OBJ	2008		9419	57909	5522	1702	1425	12366	2495	22225	358	6309		12745	5599	138074
	2009		6519	71117	10962	3130	1688	5224	2848	17953	97	9355	976	12677	4457	147003
	2010		8509	60866	2953	4177	1405	2665	3955	16593		10261		5126	4965	121475
	2011		11467	70601	5985	6641	252	2855	2822	17763		6509	1230	12367	5263	143755
	2012		11462	93091	10081	2171		3058	2633	16481		7697	507	9945	1184	158310
	2013		13735	95940	2823	19		4039	3576	20180		8133		11281	1286	161012
	2014		16632	102627	4573	236		1497	5173	17738		8483	476	10882		168317
	2015		8394	115685	10278	100		4706	1360	22710	134	8579	8959	2042		182947
	2016		16638	121220	9136	256		6097	1880	24178	264	11470	26683	6962		224784
	2017		15910	101350	3144			5089	5918	26370	644	7385	23309	6390		195509

**TABLE EUR-02i.** Annual retained catches of skipjack tuna in the EPO by all purse-seine vessels, by set type and flag, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object. Catches are not adjusted for species composition sampling that corrects the observer species identification bias.

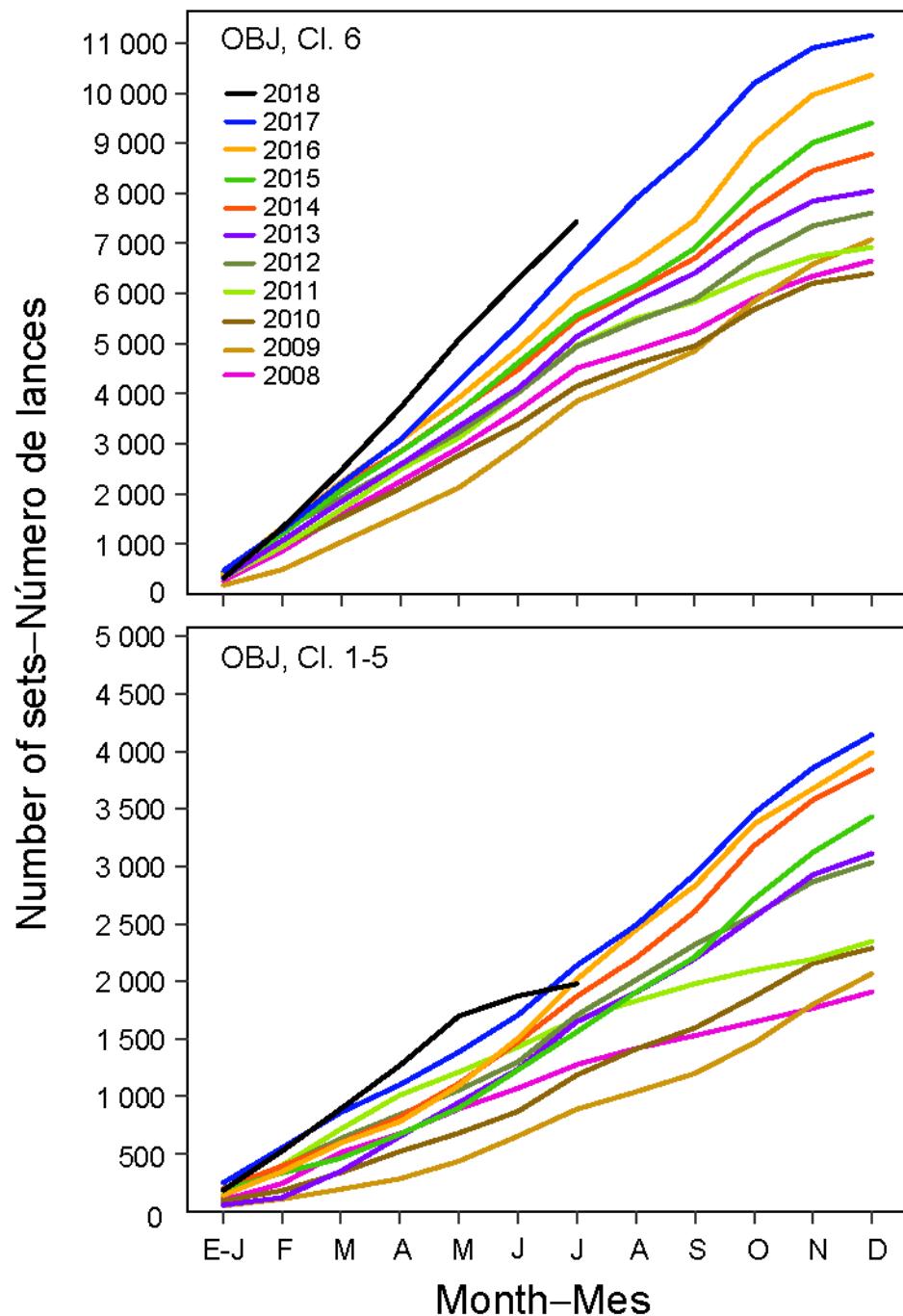
**TABLA EUR-02i.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún barrilete por todos buques cerqueros en el OPO, por tipo de lance y pabellón del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante. No se ajustan las capturas por muestreo de composición por especies que corrige el sesgo de identificación de especies del observador.

		BOL	COL	ECU	ESP	GTM	HND	MEX	NIC	PAN	PER	SLV	USA	VEN	VUT	Total
DEL	2008		316	2		3		5273	155	672		765		1313		8499
	2009		794			71		1320	70	454		13		119		2841
	2010		114					1157	126	36		17		203		1653
	2011		49					3944	124	149		68		139		4473
	2012		39					1822	74	47		14		198		2194
	2013		288	26				3752	5	89				62		4222
	2014		228	104		5		3646	169	239				56		4447
	2015		59	24				5097	15	282				40		5517
	2016		50	21				3020	11	64				7		3173
	2017		38	22				1389	36	70				71		1626
NOA	2008		9621	69267	187	2486	2117	6569	3533	18914		3477		13387	2658	132216
	2009	221	5979	43972	1	561	1588	1547	1492	9240		1970	635	6841	953	75001
	2010	319	3212	22135		123	29	2237	167	4034		1389		3316	783	37744
	2011		10009	56307	1	1781	661	3973	997	12037		2285		13379	985	102414
	2012		2922	44867	6468	95		12372	1178	9556		2736	484	9812		90490
	2013		5941	49569		115		7135	524	9931	339	63		5368		78985
	2014		2389	45656	1328	325		1720	842	3665	90	390		1716		58121
	2015		6010	76190	1231	66		12563	181	7436	4787		6661	2624		117748
	2016		1823	51973	2	21		4127	185	8763	3159	1941	14636	2019		88648
	2017		1853	63730				14085	1070	12232	1996	747	2307	696		98716
OBJ	2008		12499	73815	5522	1702	1425	12961	2495	23486	457	6309		12745	5599	159015
	2009	5	7153	88530	10962	3130	1688	5277	2848	18890	353	9355	976	12677	4457	166300
	2010	4	8997	76643	2953	4177	1405	2793	3955	17041	534	10261		5126	4965	138854
	2011	275	13288	98680	5985	6641	252	2877	2822	18353		6509	1230	12367	5263	174542
	2012		12301	117434	10081	2171		3128	2633	16481		7697	507	9945	1184	183562
	2013		15273	125624	2823	19		4417	3576	20180	656	8133		11281	1286	193268
	2014		19271	133088	4573	236		1871	5173	17738	75	8483	476	10882		201866
	2015		10113	135474	10278	100		4706	1360	22710	503	8579	8959	2042		204824
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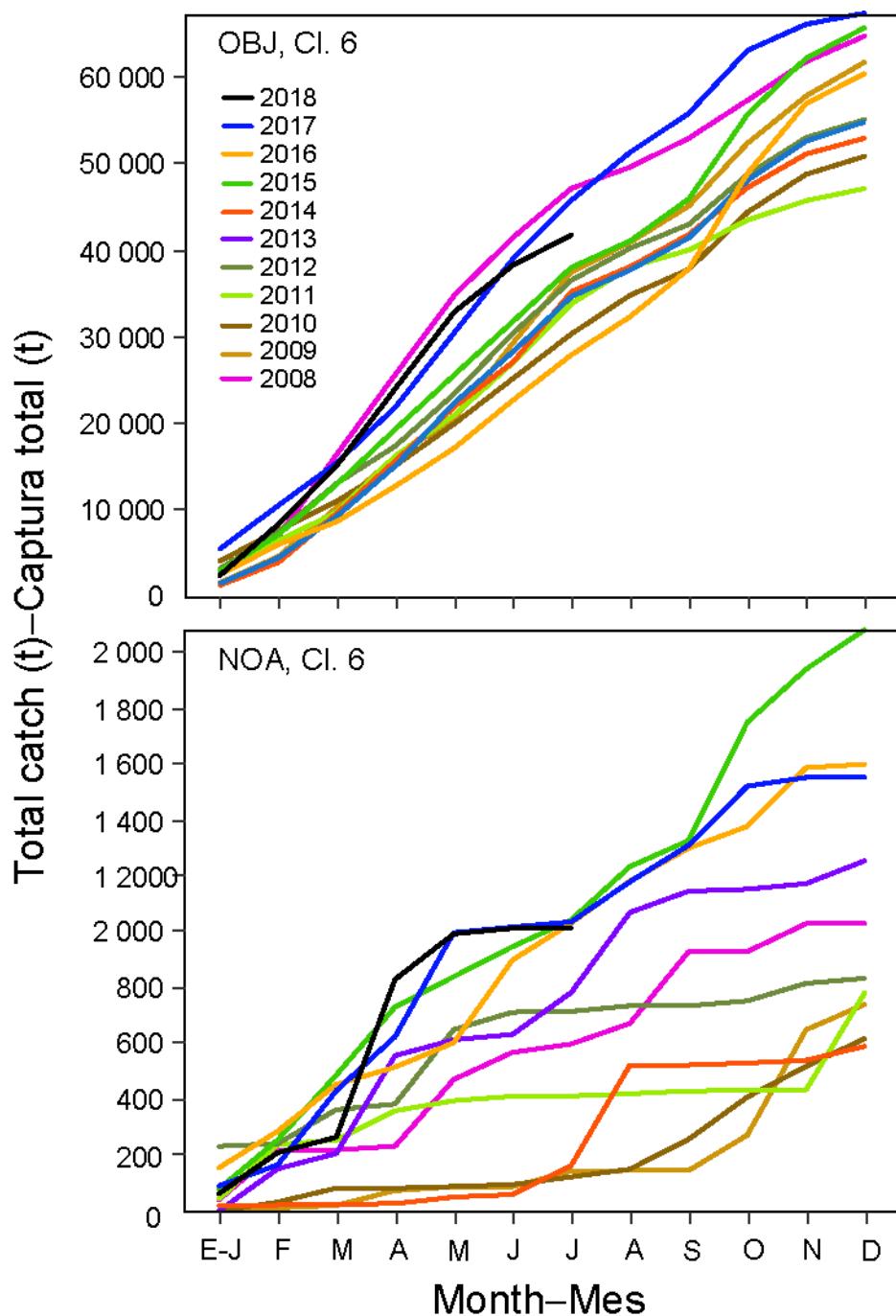
**FIGURE COL-01.** Cumulative number of sets, by month, 2008-2018: dolphin (DEL) sets, Class-6 vessels (top); unassociated (NOA) sets, Class-6 vessels (center); unassociated (NOA) sets, Class-1-5 vessels (bottom).

**FIGURA COL-01.** Número acumulativo de lances, por mes, 2008-2018: lances sobre delfines (DEL), buques de clase 6 (arriba); lances no asociados (NOA), buques de clase 6 (centro); lances no asociados (NOA), buques de clases 1-5 (abajo).



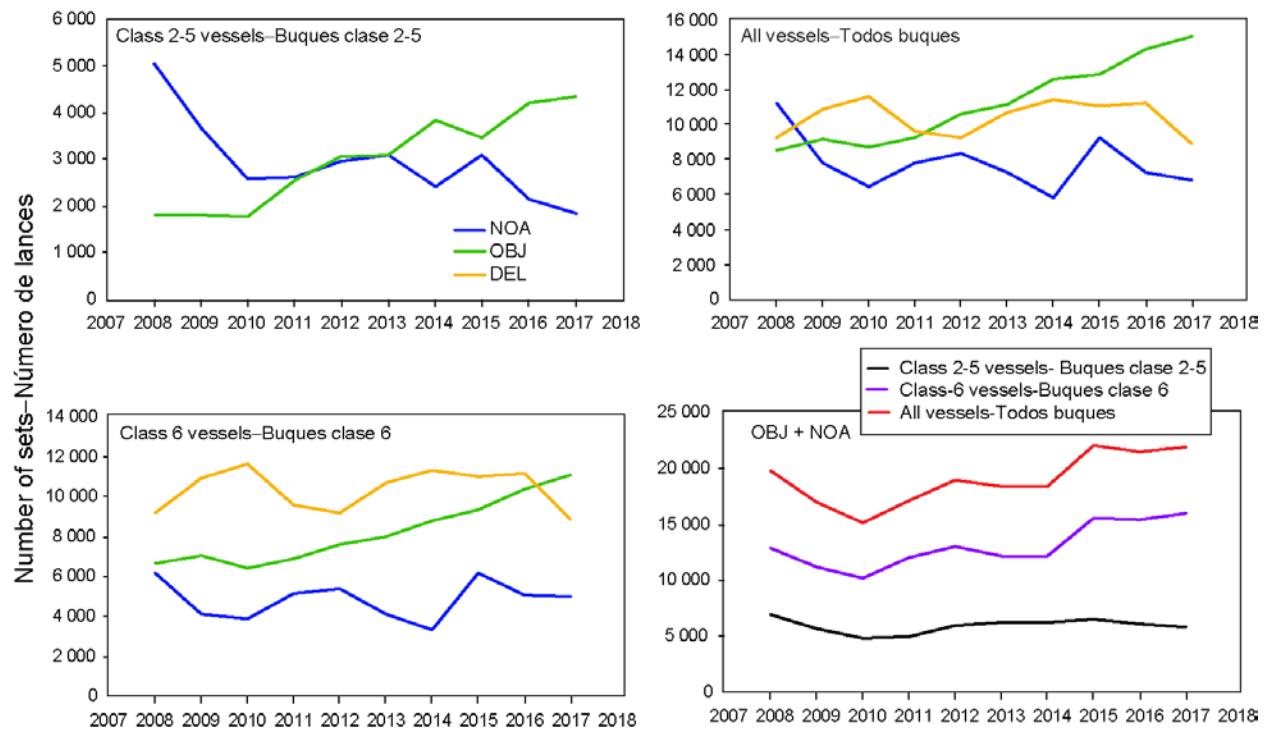
**FIGURE COL-01 (cont.).** Cumulative number of floating-object (OBJ) sets, by month, 2008-2018: Class-6 vessels (top); Class-1-5 vessels (bottom).

**FIGURA COL-01 (continuación).** Número acumulativo de lances sobre objetos flotantes (OBJ), por mes, 2008-2018: buques de clase 6 (arriba); buques de clases 1-5 (abajo).



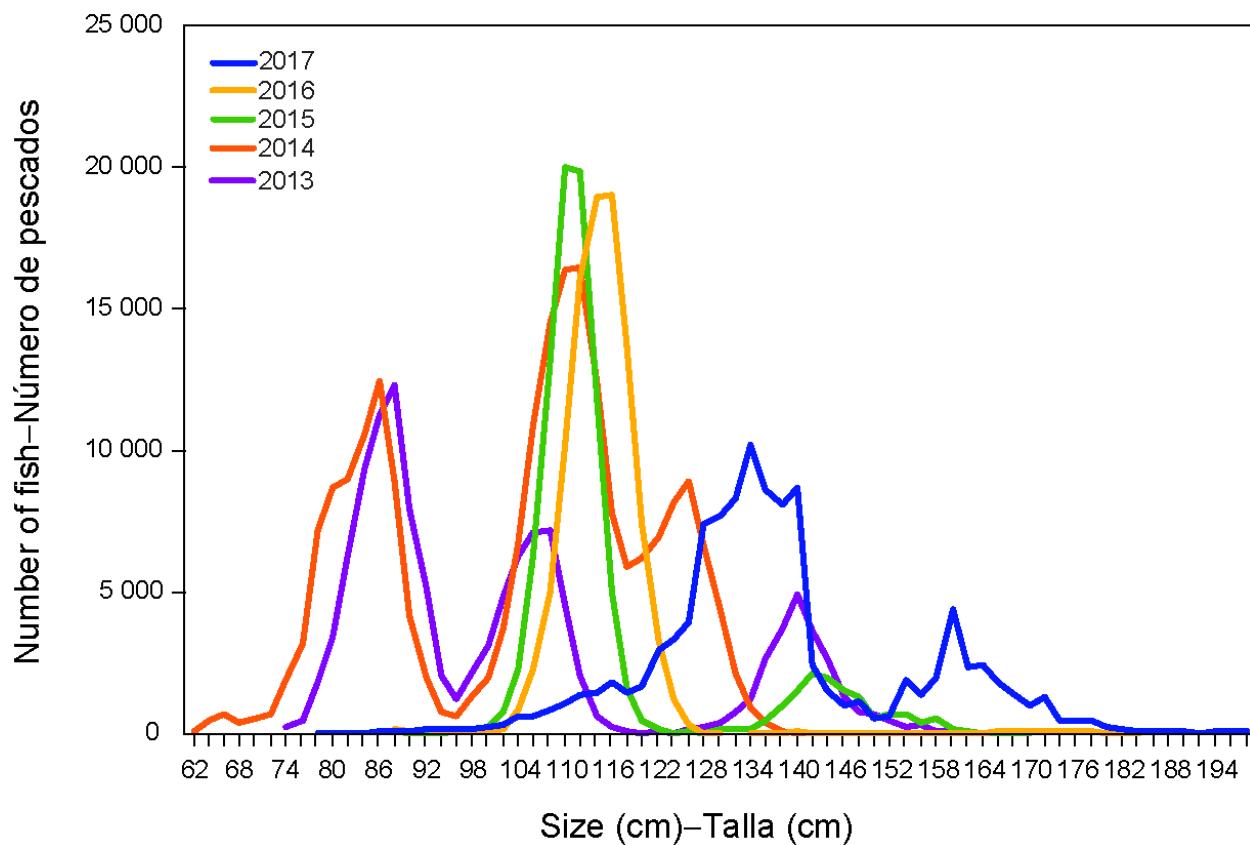
**FIGURE COL-01 (cont.).** Cumulative catch of bigeye tuna in the floating-object (OBJ; top) and unassociated (NOA; bottom) purse-seine fisheries, by month, 2008-2018.

**FIGURA COL-01 (continuación).** Captura acumulativa de atún patudo en las pesquerías cerqueras sobre objetos flotantes (OBJ; arriba) y no asociados (NOA; abajo), por mes, 2008-2018.



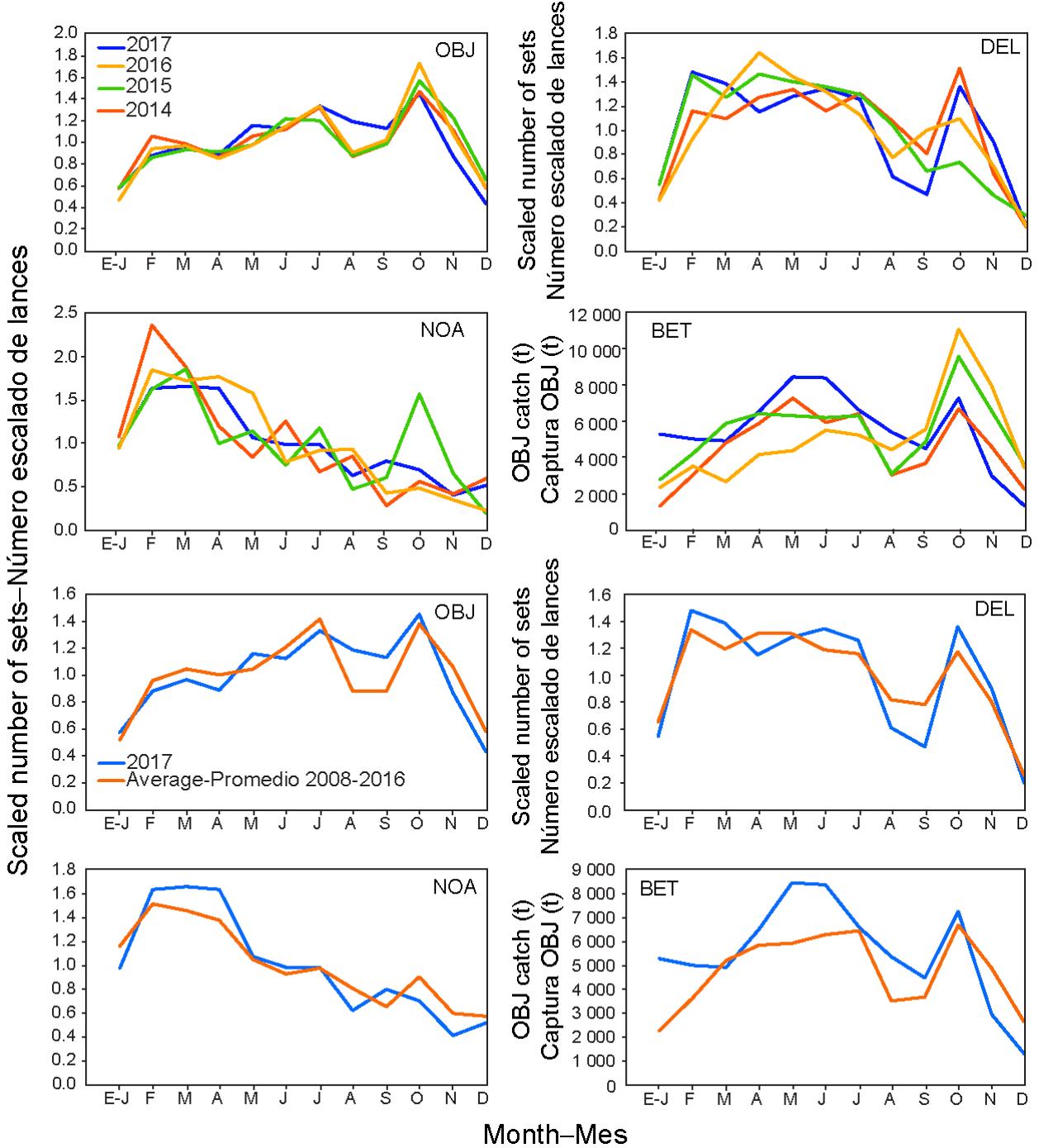
**FIGURE EUR-01.** Number of sets by purse-seine vessels in the EPO, by set type and vessel capacity class, 2008-2017. Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object.

**FIGURA EUR-01.** Número de lances por buques cerqueros en el OPO, por tipo de lance y clase de capacidad del buque, 2008-2017. Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante.



**FIGURE MEX-01:** Raised length compositions of Pacific bluefin tuna caught in the Mexican purse-seine fishery, 2013-2017.

**FIGURA MEX-01:** Composiciones por talla extendidas del atún aleta azul del Pacífico capturado por la flota cerquera mexicana, 2013-2017.



**FIGURE USA-01:** Comparison of monthly number of sets, by type, and catch of bigeye in floating-object sets, between 2017 and 2014, 2015, and 2016 (top) and 2008-2016 average (bottom). Set types: DEL: dolphin; NOA: unassociated; OBJ: floating object.

**FIGURA USA-01:** Comparación del número mensual de lances, por tipo, y la captura de patudo en lances sobre objetos flotantes, entre 2017 y 2014, 2015, y 2016 (arriba) y el promedio de 2008-2016 (abajo). Tipos de lance: DEL: delfín; NOA: no asociado; OBJ: objeto flotante.