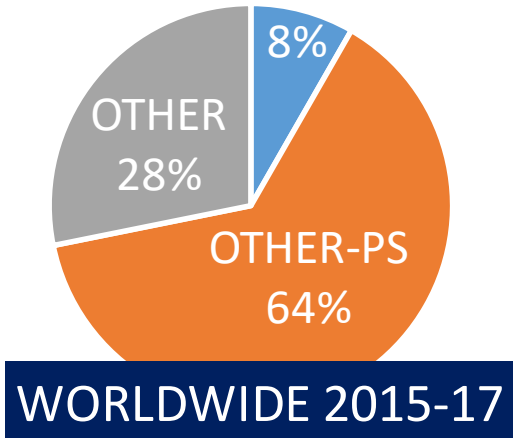
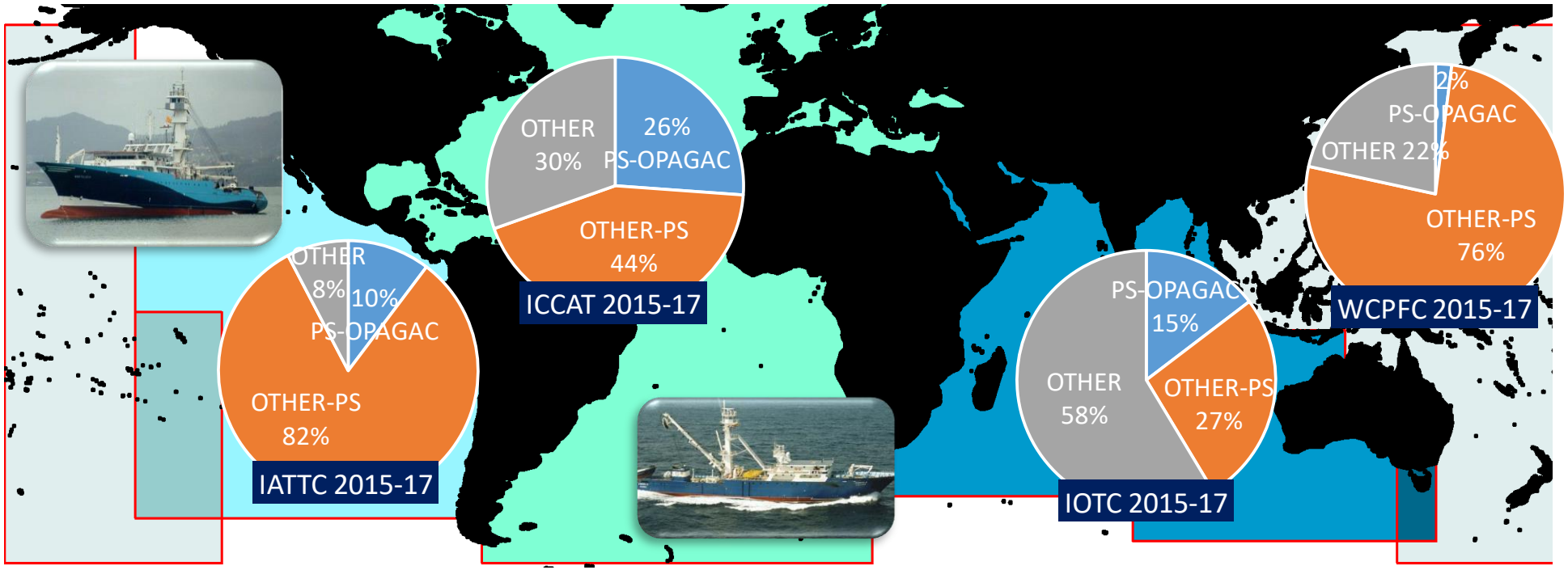
OPAGAC ACTIONS TO REDUCE FAD IMPACTS

2ND SESSION OF THE JOINT-RFMO FAD MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA US, 8-10 MAY 2019

ABOUT OPAGAC

- OPAGAC: 9 Fishing Groups (some integrated), 48 Seiners
- ≈380,000 t Tropical Tunas (8% del total) in the three oceans





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A NOVEL INDEX OF ABUNDANCE OF JUVENILE YELLOWFIN TUNA IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN DERIVED FROM ECHOSOUNDER BUOYS

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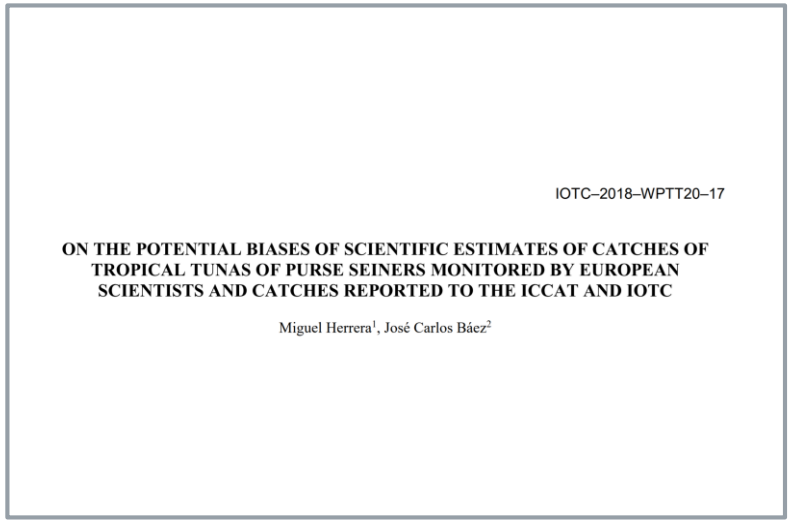

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ON THE POTENTIAL BIASES OF SCIENTIFIC ESTIMATES OF CATCHES OF TROPICAL TUNAS OF PURSE SEINERS MONITORED BY EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS AND CATCHES REPORTED TO THE ICCAT AND IOTC

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USING EFFORT CONTROL MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT CATCH CAPACITY LIMITS IN ICCAT PS FISHERIES

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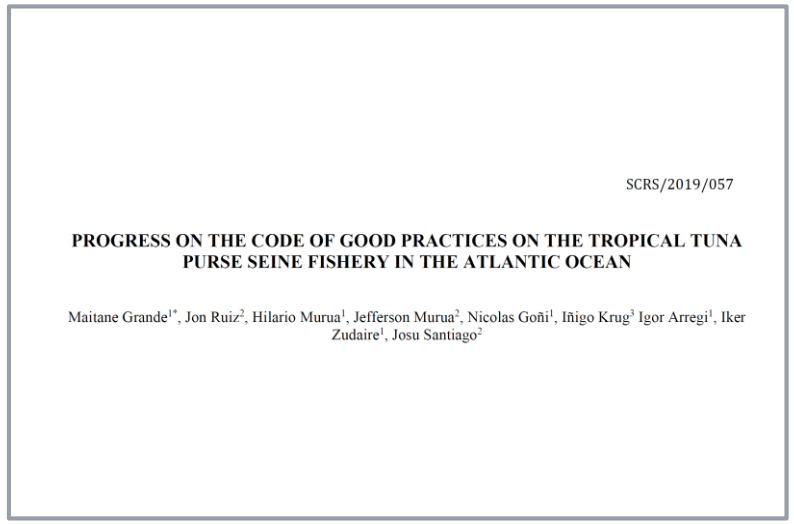
FAD MANAGEMENT AND IMPACTS OF FAD OVER TARGET SPECIES

- Evaluate / Reduce the impact over target species
  - Participate to MSE and adoption of HCR processes at RFMO
  - Participation to initiatives to harmonize data reporting standards on FADs
  - Evaluation of quality of catch estimates purse seine and other gears
  - Provision of FAD data for the elaboration of indices of abundance
  - Participation/support to capacity building activities (observer training ICCAT)
  - Contribution to research to mitigate the impact on juveniles of tropical tunas
  - Compliance with limits on FADs and support vessels
  - Promote better MCS (e-reporting & e-observers)
  - Evaluation of alternative management: Seasonal Fishery Closures



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PROGRESS ON THE CODE OF GOOD PRACTICES ON THE TROPICAL TUNA PURSE SEINE FISHERY IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

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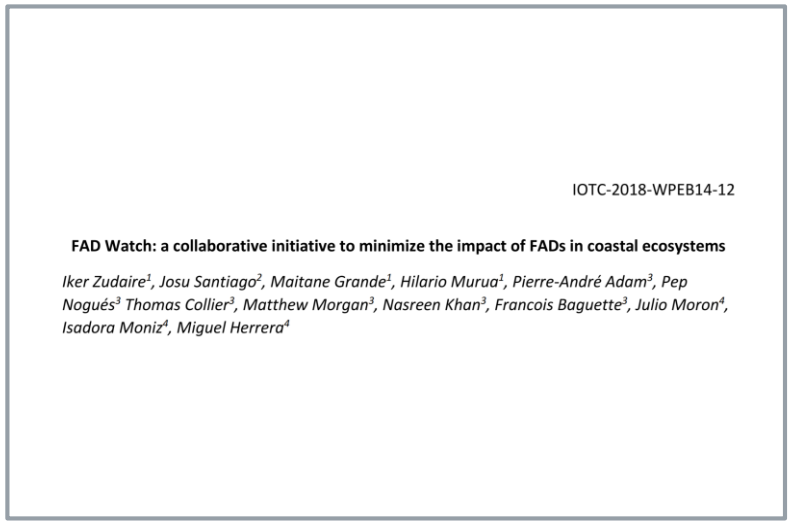

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FAD Watch: a collaborative initiative to minimize the impact of FADs in coastal ecosystems

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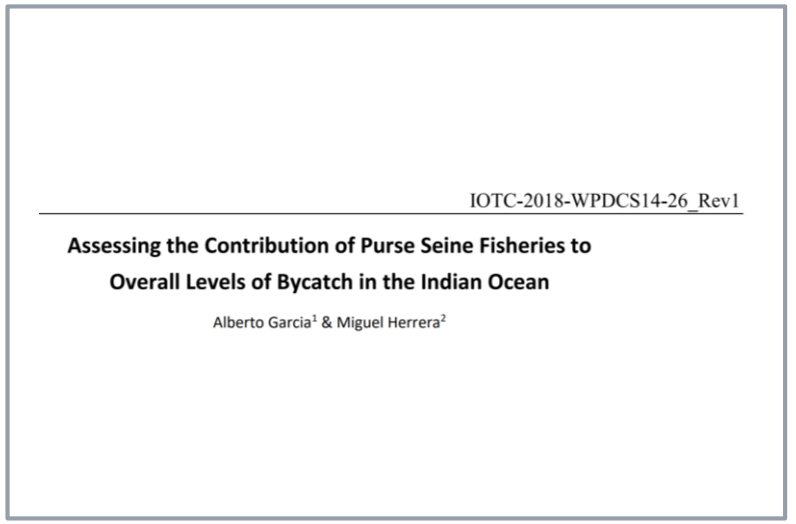

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Assessing the Contribution of Purse Seine Fisheries to Overall Levels of Bycatch in the Indian Ocean

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ECOSYSTEM IMPACTS OF FAD

- Evaluate / Reduce the ecosystem impacts of FADs
  - Evaluate contribution of PS fisheries over total bycatch of ETP species
  - Produce estimates of overall levels of bycatch for the OPAGAC fishery, for all species other than tunas (IOTC; other oceans on the way)
  - Facilitate the reporting of PS bycatch estimates to RFMOs
  - Support research and Pilot Projects to reduce FAD beaching impacts (FAD-Watch) and preparation of guidelines for FAD-Watch initiatives
  - Support and participation in BIOFAD Pilots in Indian and Pacific Oceans
  - Modify the OPAGAC Code of Good Practices on the basis of results

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