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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the catches and effort in 2019 of the fishery for tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), for whose management the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) is responsible. It is based on data available to the IATTC staff in March 2020; therefore, some of the data for 2019 are incomplete, and all data for 2018 and 2019 should be considered preliminary.

All weights of catches and discards are in metric tons (t). In the tables, 0 means no effort, or a catch of less than 0.5 t; - means no data collected; \* means data missing or not available. The following acronyms are used:

|                 |  |                       |   |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Species:</b> |  | SKJ                   | Skipjack tuna ( <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> )               |
| ALB             | Albacore tuna ( <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> )                | SKX                   | Unidentified elasmobranchs                                |
| BET             | Bigeye tuna ( <i>Thunnus obesus</i> )                    | SSP                   | Shortbill spearfish ( <i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i> ) |
| BIL             | Unidentified istiophorid billfishes                      | SWO                   | Swordfish ( <i>Xiphias gladius</i> )                      |
| BKJ             | Black skipjack ( <i>Euthynnus lineatus</i> )             | TUN                   | Unidentified tunas  |
| BLM             | Black marlin ( <i>Makaira indica</i> )                   | YFT                   | Yellowfin tuna ( <i>Thunnus albacares</i> )               |
| BUM             | Blue marlin ( <i>Makaira nigricans</i> )                 | <b>Fishing gears:</b> |   |
| BZX             | Bonito ( <i>Sarda</i> spp.)                              | FPN                   | Trap  |
| CGX             | Carangids (Carangidae)                                   | GN                    | Gillnet   |
| DOX             | Dorado ( <i>Coryphaena</i> spp.)                         | HAR                   | Harpoon   |
| MLS             | Striped marlin ( <i>Kajikia audax</i> )                  | LL                    | Longline  |
| PBF             | Pacific bluefin tuna ( <i>Thunnus orientalis</i> )       | LP                    | Pole and line   |
| SFA             | Indo-Pacific sailfish ( <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i> ) | LTL                   | Troll   |

|     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| LX  | Hook and line      |
| OTR | Other <sup>1</sup> |
| UNK | Unknown            |
| PS  | Purse seine        |
| RG  | Recreational       |
| TX  | Trawl              |

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**Ocean areas:**

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| EPO  | Eastern Pacific Ocean             |
| WCPO | Western and Central Pacific Ocean |

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**Set types:**

|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| DEL | Dolphin                      |
| NOA | Unassociated school          |
| OBJ | Floating object              |
|     | LOG: Flotsam                 |
|     | FAD: Fish-aggregating device |

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**Flags:**

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**IATTC Members & Cooperating Non-Members**

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| BLZ       | Belize            |
| BOL       | Bolivia           |
| CAN       | Canada            |
| CHL       | Chile             |
| CHN       | China             |
| COL       | Colombia          |
| CRI       | Costa Rica        |
| ECU       | Ecuador           |
| EUR       | European Union    |
| EU (CYP)  | Cyprus            |
| EU (ESP)  | Spain             |
| EU (PRT)  | Portugal          |
| FRA       | France            |
| FRA (PYF) | French Polynesia  |
| GTM       | Guatemala         |
| HND       | Honduras          |
| IDN       | Indonesia         |
| JPN       | Japan             |
| KIR       | Kiribati          |
| KOR       | Republic of Korea |
| LBR       | Liberia           |
| MEX       | Mexico            |
| NIC       | Nicaragua         |
| PAN       | Panama            |
| PER       | Peru              |
| SLV       | El Salvador       |

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| TWN | Chinese Taipei           |
| USA | United States of America |
| VEN | Venezuela                |
| VUT | Vanuatu                  |

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**Other flag codes**

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| COK | Cook Islands                   |
| NZL | New Zealand                    |
| RUS | Russia                         |
| VCT | St. Vincent and the Grenadines |
| UNK | Unknown                        |

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**Stock assessment:**

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| <i>B</i> | Biomass                   |
| <i>C</i> | Catch                     |
| CPUE     | Catch per unit of effort  |
| <i>F</i> | Rate of fishing mortality |
| MSY      | Maximum sustainable yield |
| <i>S</i> | Index of spawning biomass |
| SBR      | Spawning biomass ratio    |
| SSB      | Spawning stock biomass    |

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<sup>1</sup> Used to group known gear types

## A. THE FISHERY FOR TUNAS AND BILLFISHES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

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### INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the catches and effort of the fisheries for species covered by the IATTC’s Antigua Convention (“*tunas and tuna-like species and other species of fish taken by vessels fishing for tunas and tuna-like species*”) in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) in 2019. The most important of these species are the scombrids (family Scombridae), which include tunas, bonitos, seerfishes, and some mackerels. The principal species of tunas caught are the three tropical tuna species (yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye), followed by the temperate tunas (albacore, and lesser catches of Pacific bluefin); other scombrids, such as bonitos and wahoo, are also caught.

There are important fisheries for dorado, sharks, and other species and groups that interact with the tuna fisheries in the EPO and are thus within the IATTC’s remit. This document therefore also covers other species such as billfishes (swordfish, marlins, shortbill spearfish, and sailfish), carangids (yellowtail, rainbow runner, and jack mackerel), dorado, elasmobranchs (sharks, rays, and skates), and other fishes. Additional information on these species is provided in Document SAC-11-13, *Ecosystem considerations*.

Access to the fisheries is regulated by Resolution [C-02-03](#), which allows only vessels on the IATTC [Regional Vessel Register](#) to fish for tunas in the EPO. Vessels are authorized to fish by their respective flag governments, and only duly authorized vessels are included in the Register. The Register lists, in addition to a vessel’s name and flag, its fishing gear, dimensions, carrying capacity, date of construction, ownership, home port, and other characteristics. However, this requirement has not been applied to the thousands of small artisanal vessels, called *pangas*, that are known to catch tunas, among other species, in coastal waters of the EPO, but data on their numbers, effort, and catches are incomplete or unavailable. A pilot program, focused on sharks, to collect data on these fisheries in Central America has been completed (SAC-11-14), and a long-term sampling program is scheduled to commence in 2020.

The IATTC staff has collected and compiled data on the longline fisheries since 1952, on catches of yellowfin and skipjack since 1954, bluefin since 1973, and bigeye since 1975. The data in this report, which are as accurate and complete as possible, are derived from various sources, including vessel logbooks, on-board observer data, unloading records provided by canners and other processors, export and import records, reports from governments and other entities, and the IATTC species and size composition sampling program.

### 1. CATCHES AND LANDINGS OF TUNAS, BILLFISHES, AND ASSOCIATED SPECIES

Almost all the catches in the EPO are made by the purse-seine and longline fleets; pole-and-line vessels, and various artisanal and recreational fisheries, account for a small percentage of the total catches. The IATTC staff compiles catch data for all fishing gears, including trolls, harpoons, and gillnets.

Detailed catch data are available for the purse-seine fishery, which takes over 90% of the total reported catches; the data for the other fisheries are incomplete. Purse-seine data for 2018 and 2019, and 2017-2019 data for longlines and other gears, are preliminary.

Since 1993 all Class-6<sup>2</sup> purse-seine vessels carry observers, who collect detailed data on catches, including those discarded at sea. Estimates of the “retained” catch (the portion of the total catch that is landed) are based principally on data collected during vessel unloadings.

Longline vessels, particularly the larger ones, fish primarily for bigeye, yellowfin, albacore, and swordfish. Data on the retained catches of most of the larger longline vessels are obtained from the vessels’ flag governments; data for smaller longliners, artisanal vessels, and other vessels that fish for species covered by the Antigua Convention are incomplete or unavailable, but some are obtained from vessel logbooks, or from governments or governmental reports.

Data for the western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) are taken from the [Tuna Fishery Yearbook for 2018](#), published by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

This report summarizes data from all the above sources. The estimated total catches of tropical tunas (yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye) in the entire Pacific Ocean are shown in [Table A-1](#) and are discussed further in the sections below.

Estimates of the annual retained and discarded catches of tunas and other species taken by tuna-fishing vessels in the EPO during 1990-2019 are shown in [Tables A-2a-c](#).

The catches of tropical tunas during 1990-2019, by flag, are shown in [Tables A-3a-e](#), and the purse-seine catches and landings of tunas during 2018-2019 are summarized by flag in [Tables A-4a-b](#).

## **2. CATCHES BY SPECIES**

### **2.1. Yellowfin tuna**

The total annual catches of yellowfin in the Pacific Ocean during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-1](#). The 2019 EPO catch of 228 thousand t is 8% less than the average of 248 thousand t for the previous 5-year period (2014-2018). In the WCPO, the catches of yellowfin reached a record high of 692 thousand t in 2017.

The annual retained catches of yellowfin in the EPO, by gear, during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-2a](#). Over the most recent 15-year period (2004-2018), the annual retained purse-seine and pole-and-line catches have fluctuated around an average of 224 thousand t (range: 167 to 274 thousand t). The preliminary estimate of the retained catch in 2019, 228 thousand t, is 5% less than that of 2018, but 2% greater than the 2004-2018 average. On average, about 0.5% (range: 0.1 to 1.1%) of the total purse-seine catch of yellowfin was discarded at sea during 2004-2018 ([Table A-2a](#)).

During 1990-2004, annual longline catches in the EPO averaged about 23 thousand t (range: 12 to 35 thousand t), or about 8% of the total retained catches of yellowfin. They then declined sharply, to an annual average of 10 thousand t (range: 8 to 13 thousand t), or about 4% of the total retained catches, during 2005-2018. Catches by other fisheries (recreational, gillnet, troll, artisanal, *etc.*), whether incidental or targeted, are shown in [Table A-2a](#), under “Other gears” (OTR); during 2005-2018 they averaged about 2 thousand t.

### **2.2. Skipjack tuna**

The total annual catches of skipjack in the Pacific Ocean during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-1](#). Most of the catch is taken in the WCPO. Prior to 1998, WCPO catches averaged about 900 thousand t; subsequently, they increased steadily, from 1.2 million t to an all-time high of 2 million t in 2014. In the EPO, the greatest catches occurred between 2003 and 2019, ranging from 153 to 350 thousand t, the record catch in 2019.

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<sup>2</sup> Class 6: carrying capacity greater than 363 metric tons (t)

The annual retained catches of skipjack in the EPO, by gear, during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-2a](#). During 2004-2018 the annual retained purse-seine and pole-and-line catch averaged 267 thousand t (range: 147 to 338 thousand t). The preliminary estimate of the retained catch in 2019, 347 thousand t, is 30% greater than the 15-year average for 2004-2018.

Discards of skipjack at sea decreased each year during the period, from 8% in 2004 to a low of less than 1% in 2018, averaging about 2% of the total catch of the species ([Table A-2a](#)).

Catches of skipjack in the EPO by longlines and other gears are negligible ([Table A-2a](#)).

### **2.3. Bigeye tuna**

The total annual catches of bigeye in the Pacific Ocean during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-1](#). Overall, the catches in both the EPO and WCPO have increased, but with considerable fluctuations. In the WCPO they averaged more than 77 thousand t during the late 1970s, decreased during the early 1980s, and then increased steadily to 119 thousand t in 1992; they jumped to 168 thousand t in 1998, and reached a high of 180 thousand t in 2004, since when they have fluctuated between 123 and 156 thousand t. In the EPO, the average catch during 1990-2019 was 105 thousand t, with a low of 83 thousand t in 1993 and a high of 149 thousand t in 2000.

The annual retained catches of bigeye in the EPO by purse-seine and pole-and-line vessels during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-2a](#). The introduction of fish-aggregating devices (FADs), placed in the water by fishers to attract tunas, in 1993 led to a sudden and dramatic increase in the purse-seine catches. Prior to 1993, the annual retained purse-seine catch of bigeye in the EPO was about 5 thousand t ([Table A-2a](#)); by 1994 it was 35 thousand t, and in 1996 was over 60 thousand t. During 1997-2018 it has fluctuated between 44 and 95 thousand t; the preliminary estimate for 2019 is 71 thousand t.

During 2000-2019 the percentage of the purse-seine catch of bigeye discarded at sea has steadily decreased, from 5% in 2000 to less than 1% in 2014, averaging about 1.7%.

Before the expansion of the FAD fishery, longliners caught almost all the bigeye in the EPO, averaging 88 thousand t annually during 1985-1992. Since 1993, the annual average catch has declined by 50%, to 44 thousand t, and the preliminary estimate for 2019 is less than 25 thousand t ([Table A-2a](#)).

Small amounts of bigeye are caught in the EPO by other gears ([Table A-2a](#)).

### **2.4. Pacific bluefin tuna**

The catches of Pacific bluefin in the entire Pacific Ocean, by flag and gear, as reported by the vessels' flag governments to the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), are shown in [Table A-5a](#).

The catches of Pacific bluefin in the EPO during 1990-2019, by gear, are shown in [Table A-2a](#). In recent years, purse-seine vessels accounted for over 90% of the annual catch. The 1990-2018 average EPO retained catch is 3.6 thousand t (range: 400 t to 9.9 thousand t); the preliminary estimate for 2019 is 2.5 thousand t ([Table A-2a](#)).

Catches of Pacific bluefin by recreational gear in the EPO are reported in numbers of individual fish caught, whereas all other gears report catches in weight; the data are therefore converted to weights for inclusion in the EPO catch totals. The original catch data for 1990-2019, in numbers of fish, are presented in [Table A-5b](#).

### **2.5. Albacore tuna**

Data provided by the relevant CPCs on catches of albacore in the EPO, by gear and area (north and south of the equator), are shown in [Table A-6](#), and for the entire EPO in [Table A-2a](#). A portion of the albacore

catch is taken by troll vessels (LTL), included under “Other gears” (OTR) in [Table A-2a](#).

## 2.6. Other tunas and tuna-like species

While yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas comprise the great majority of the retained purse-seine catches in the EPO, other tunas and tuna-like species, such as black skipjack, bonito, frigate and bullet tunas, contribute to the overall harvest. The estimated annual retained and discarded catches of these species during 1990-2019 are shown in [Table A-2a](#). The catches reported in the “unidentified tunas” (TUN) category in [Table A-2a](#) contain some catches reported by species (frigate and bullet tunas) along with the unidentified tunas. The total retained catch of these other species by the purse-seine fishery in 2019 was 12.2 thousand t, more than the 2004-2018 average of 8.0 thousand t (range: 1 to 19 thousand t).

Black skipjack are also caught by other gears in the EPO, mostly by coastal artisanal fisheries. Bonitos are also caught by artisanal fisheries, and have been reported as catch by longline vessels in some years.

## 2.7. Billfishes

Catch data for billfishes (swordfish, blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin, shortbill spearfish, and sailfish) are shown in [Table A-2b](#).

**Swordfish** are caught in the EPO with large-scale and artisanal longlines, gillnets, harpoons, and occasionally with recreational gear. During 1999-2013 the longline catch averaged 15 thousand t, but during 2014-2016 this increased by about 50%, to over 23 thousand t, possibly due to increased abundance of swordfish, increased effort directed toward the species, increased reporting, or a combination of all of these.

**Other billfishes** are caught with large-scale and artisanal longlines and recreational gear. The average annual longline catches of blue marlin and striped marlin during 2004-2018 were about 3.3 thousand and 1.8 thousand t, respectively. Smaller amounts of other billfishes are taken by longline.

Little information is available on the recreational catches of billfishes, but, the retained catches are believed to be substantially less than the commercial catches for all species, due to catch-and-release practices.

Billfishes are caught incidentally in the purse-seine fisheries, which during 2003-2017 accounted for about 1% of the total catch of billfishes in the EPO. Prior to 2011, they were all classified as discarded dead; however, the growing rate of retention of such bycatches made it important to reflect this in the data, and since 2011 retained catch and discards are reported separately in [Table A-2b](#).

## 2.8. Other species

Data on catches of carangids (yellowtail, rainbow runner, jack mackerel), dorado, elasmobranchs (sharks, rays, and skates), and other fishes caught in the EPO tuna fisheries, are shown in [Table A-2c](#). The purse-seine data are from three different sources: estimates of retained and discarded catches by Class-6 vessels recorded by on-board observers, who cover all trips by such vessels; reported retained and discarded catch for Class-5 vessels, but only for the very small proportion of their trips covered by observers; and catches recorded in the logbooks of Class 1-5 vessels, which include only retained catches, not discards. The data for Class 1-5 vessels have not been raised to the total effort of the fleet, so they are considered minimum estimates only. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

In previous reports, much of the catch of elasmobranchs was allocated to ‘other gears’ (OTR) in [Table A-2c](#). However, it has been determined that many of these catches from 2006 onward were in fact made with longlines, and in this report they have been transferred to the correct column (LL) in the table.

Dorado are unloaded mainly in ports in Central and South America. The reported catches of dorado have declined, from a high of 71 thousand t in 2009 to 15 thousand t in 2016.

### 3. CATCHES AND FISHING EFFORT

#### 3.1. Purse seine

Estimates of the numbers of purse-seine sets of each type (associated with dolphins (DEL), associated with floating objects (OBJ), and unassociated (NOA)) in the EPO during 2004-2019, and the retained catches from those sets, are shown in [Table A-7](#) and [Figure 1](#).<sup>3</sup> The estimates for Class 1-5<sup>4</sup> vessels were calculated from logbook data in the IATTC statistical data base, and those for Class-6 vessels from the observer data bases of the IATTC, Colombia, Ecuador, the European Union, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, the United States, and Venezuela.

Since the introduction of artificial fish-aggregating devices (FADs) in the mid-1990s, they have become predominant in the floating-object fishery, and now account for an estimated 98% of all floating-object sets by Class-6 vessels ([Table A-8](#)).

#### 3.2. Longline

The reported nominal fishing effort (in thousands of hooks) by longline vessels in the EPO, and their catches of the predominant tuna species, are shown in [Table A-9](#).

### 4. DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE CATCHES OF TROPICAL TUNAS

#### 4.1. Purse-seine catches

The average annual distributions of purse-seine catches, by set type, of tropical tunas (yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye) in the EPO during 2014-2018 are shown in [Figures A-1a](#), [A-2a](#), and [A-3a](#), respectively, and preliminary estimates for 2019 are shown in [Figures A-1b](#), [A-2b](#), and [A-3b](#).

**Yellowfin:** The majority of catches in 2019 were taken in sets associated with dolphins in three main areas: south of Mexico from 125°W to 145°W, north and east from the Galapagos Islands to the coast, and offshore west of 120°W. As in 2018, larger-than-normal catches of yellowfin were taken in dolphin sets far offshore around the equator. Lesser amounts were taken in floating-object sets throughout the EPO south of 10°N, with a singular concentration around 150°W and the equator ([Figure A-1b](#)).

**Skipjack** catches in 2019 were more evenly distributed throughout the EPO than in previous years, with most of the catch taken in floating-object sets throughout the EPO. Catches around the Galapagos Islands decreased from 2018, while catches near the coast of Peru increased, due to higher catches in unassociated sets ([Figure A-2b](#)).

**Bigeye** are not often caught north of about 7°N in the EPO, and almost all of the 2019 catches were taken in sets on FADs. More of the catch was taken far offshore than in previous years, concentrated mainly west of 120°W just north of the equator ([Figure A-3b](#)).

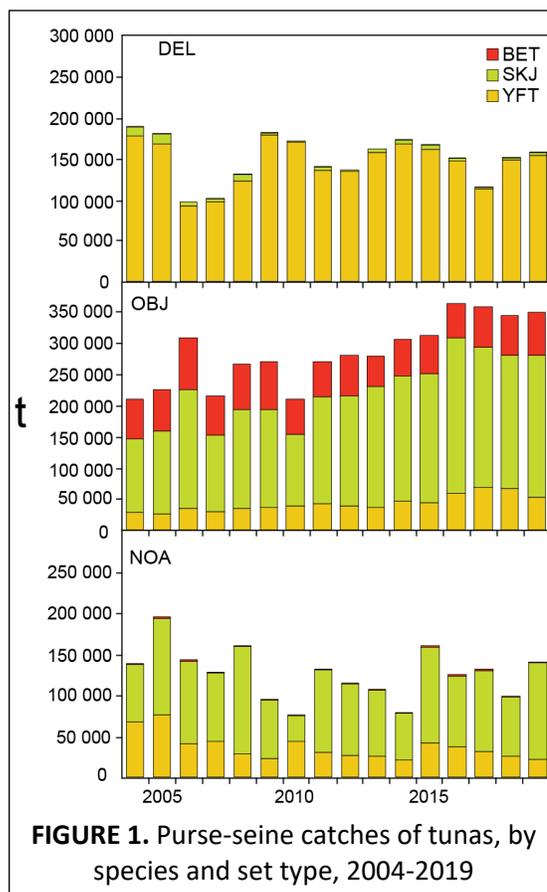


FIGURE 1. Purse-seine catches of tunas, by species and set type, 2004-2019

<sup>3</sup> The catch data for 2004-2019 incorporate previously unavailable data, and are thus different from the corresponding data presented in previous publications.

<sup>4</sup> ≤363 t carrying capacity

## 4.2. Longline catches

Since 2009, the IATTC has received tuna catch and effort data from Belize, China, France (French Polynesia), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Panama, Chinese Taipei, the United States, and Vanuatu. Albacore, bigeye and yellowfin tunas make up the majority of the catches by most of these vessels. The distributions of the catches of bigeye and yellowfin in the Pacific Ocean by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese Taipei longline vessels during 2014-2018 are shown in [Figure A-4](#).

## 5. SIZE COMPOSITIONS OF THE CATCHES OF TUNAS

### 5.1. Purse-seine, pole-and-line, and recreational fisheries

Length-frequency samples are the basic source of data used for estimating the size and age compositions of the various species of fish in the landings. This information is necessary to obtain age-structured estimates of the populations for various purposes, primarily the integrated modeling that the staff uses to assess the status of the stocks (see [Stock Assessment Reports](#)). Length-frequency samples are obtained from the catches of purse-seine vessels in the EPO by IATTC personnel at ports of landing in Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela. The methods for sampling the catches of tunas are described in the [IATTC Annual Report for 2000](#) and in IATTC [Stock Assessment Reports 2](#) and [4](#).

Historical long-term time series of size-composition data for yellowfin and bigeye are available in the [Stock Assessment Reports](#), and average length stock status indicators (SSIs) are available for yellowfin, bigeye and skipjack ([SAC-11-05](#)). In this report, data on the size composition of the catches during 2014-2019 are presented ([Figures A-6 to A-8](#)), with two sets of length-frequency histograms for each species: the first shows the data for 2019 by stratum (gear type, set type, and area), and the second the combined data for each year of the 2014-2019 period.

**Yellowfin:** nine purse-seine fisheries (four associated with floating objects (OBJ), three associated with dolphins (DEL), and two unassociated (NOA)) and one pole-and-line (LP) fishery, which includes all 13 sampling areas) are defined ([Figure A-5](#)). Of the 971 wells sampled during 2019, 728 contained yellowfin. The estimated size compositions of the fish caught are shown in [Figure A-6a](#). Most of the yellowfin catch was taken in the DEL fisheries during the first half of the year, with smaller amounts taken in the NOA-N fishery in the second quarter and in the OBJ fisheries throughout the year. The largest yellowfin (>120 cm) were caught in the DEL-N fishery throughout the year, and in the NOA-N fishery. Smaller yellowfin (<60 cm) were taken in the OBJ fishery, primarily in the second, third and fourth quarters.

The estimated size compositions of the yellowfin caught by all fisheries combined during 2014-2019 are shown in [Figure A-6b](#). The average weight of yellowfin in 2019, 8.1 kg, continued the increase from previous years, and the size distribution also showed a trend toward larger fish, with the greatest quantity around the 140 cm length interval.

**Skipjack:** seven purse-seine fisheries (four OBJ, two NOA, one DEL) and one LP fishery are defined ([Figure A-5](#)); the last two include all 13 sampling areas. Of the 971 wells sampled, 668 contained skipjack. The estimated size compositions of the fish caught during 2019 are shown in [Figure A-7a](#). Most of the skipjack catch was taken in the OBJ fisheries in the second, third and fourth quarters, and in the NOA-S fishery in the first and second quarters. Large skipjack (65-80 cm) were caught in the NOA-N fishery in the second quarter, close to 150°W between the equator and 10°N ([Figure A-2b](#)); the smallest (<40 cm) were caught primarily in the OBJ-N and OBJ-S fisheries in the second and fourth quarters.

The estimated size compositions of the skipjack caught by all fisheries combined during 2014-2019 are shown in [Figure A-7b](#). The average weight of skipjack in 2019 (2.0 kg) was consistent with previous years (1.8-2.2 kg).

**Bigeye:** six purse-seine fisheries (four OBJ, one NOA, one DEL) and one LP fishery are defined ([Figure A-](#)

5); all except the OBJ fisheries include all 13 sampling areas. Of the 971 wells sampled, 202 contained bigeye. The estimated size compositions of the fish caught during 2019 are shown in [Figure A-8a](#). Most of the 2019 catch of bigeye was taken in the OBJ-N and OBJ-S fisheries throughout the year, with lesser amounts caught in the OBJ-E fishery.

The estimated size compositions of bigeye caught by all fisheries combined during 2014-2019 are shown in [Figure A-8b](#). The average weight of bigeye in 2019 (5.0 kg) was slightly higher than the previous four years (4.7-4.9 kg), but lower than the 2014 average of 5.6 kg. As in previous years, most of the bigeye caught was in the 40-80 cm range.

**Pacific bluefin** are caught by purse-seine and recreational gears off California and Baja California, historically from about 23°N to 35°N, but only between 28°N and 32°N in recent years. Also, the purse-seine fishing season has started earlier than previously: in 2019, bluefin were first caught in February, and the fishery was closed in March, when the annual catch limit was reached. Most of the catch is transported live to grow-out pens near the coast of Mexico. Mexico's National Fisheries Institute (INAPESCA) provided length-composition data for purse-seine catches during 2014-2019 ([Figure A-9](#)); the average weight for 2019 calculated from these length data, 42.3 kg, was lower than for 2017 and 2018 (55.4 and 55.7 kg, respectively), due to a sharp reduction in fish larger than 120 cm, but higher than for 2014-2016 (25.6-33.5 kg).

## 5.2. Longline fishery

The size compositions of yellowfin and bigeye caught by the Japanese longline fleet (commercial and training vessels) in the EPO during 2014-2018 are shown in [Figures A-10](#) and [A-11](#). The average annual weight during that period ranged from 35.1 to 61.0 kg for yellowfin, and from 60.7 kg to 66.2 kg for bigeye.

## 5.3. Catches of tunas, by flag and gear

The annual retained catches of tunas in the EPO during 1990-2019, by flag and gear, are shown in [Tables A-3a-e](#). The purse-seine catches of tunas in 2018 and 2019, by flag and species, are summarized in [Table A-4a](#). Of the nearly 653 thousand t of tunas caught in 2019, 46% were caught by Ecuadorian vessels, and 20% by Mexican vessels. Other countries with significant catches included Panama (10%), Colombia (7%), Venezuela (5%), United States (5%), Nicaragua (3%) and Peru (2%). The purse-seine landings of tunas in 2018 and 2019, by species and country of landing, are summarized in [Table A-4b](#). Of the more than 622 thousand t of tunas landed in the EPO in 2019, 64% were landed in Ecuadorian ports, and 21% in Mexican ports. Other countries with landings of tunas in the EPO included Colombia (3%), Peru (4%) and the United States (2%).

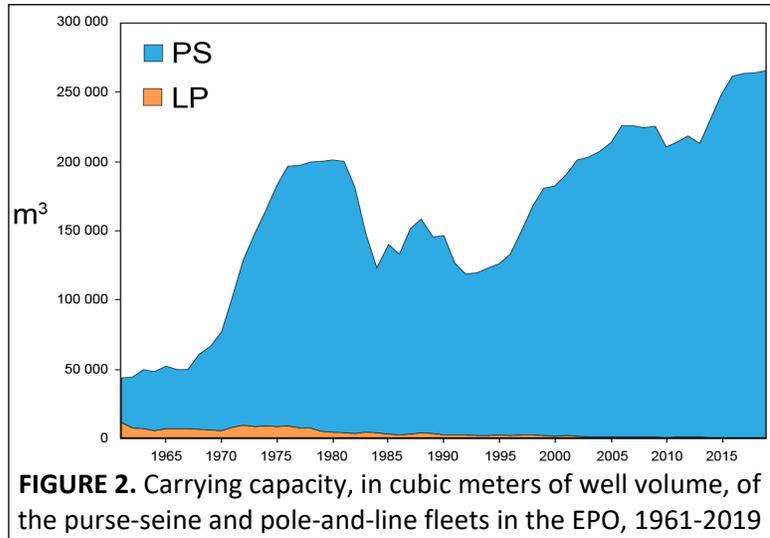
# 6. THE FLEETS

## 6.1. Purse seine

The IATTC [Regional Vessel Register](#) contains detailed records of all purse-seine vessels that are authorized to fish for tunas in the EPO. However, only vessels that fished for yellowfin, skipjack, bigeye, and/or Pacific bluefin tuna in the EPO in 2019 are included in the following description of the purse-seine fleet.

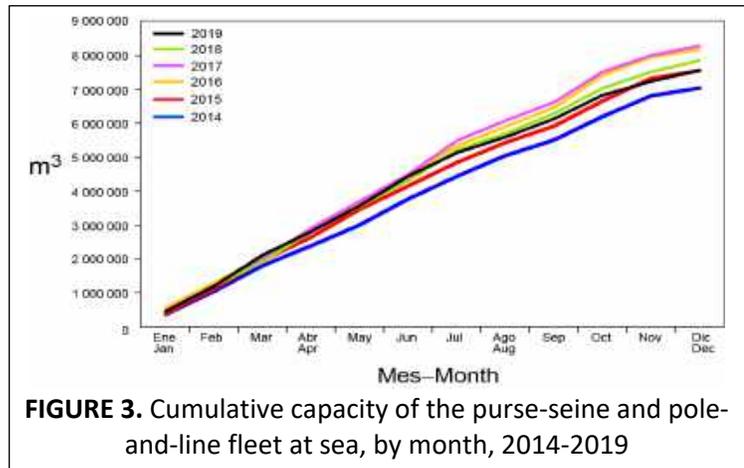
The IATTC uses well volume, in cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>), to measure the carrying capacity of purse-seine vessels. Reliable well volume data are available for almost all purse-seine vessels; the well volume of vessels lacking such data is calculated by applying a conversion factor to their capacity in tons ([Table A-10](#); [Figure 2](#)).

The 2018 and preliminary 2019 data for numbers and total well volumes of purse-seine vessels that fished for tunas in the EPO are shown in [Tables A-11a](#) and [A-11b](#). During 2019, the fleet was dominated by Ecuadorian and Mexican vessels, with about 34% and 23%, respectively, of the total well volume; they were followed by the United States (11%), Panama (9%), Venezuela (7%), Colombia (6%), Nicaragua (3%), El Salvador (2%), Peru (2%) and the European Union (Spain) (2%).<sup>5</sup>



The cumulative capacity at sea during 2019 is compared to those of the previous five years in [Figure 3](#).

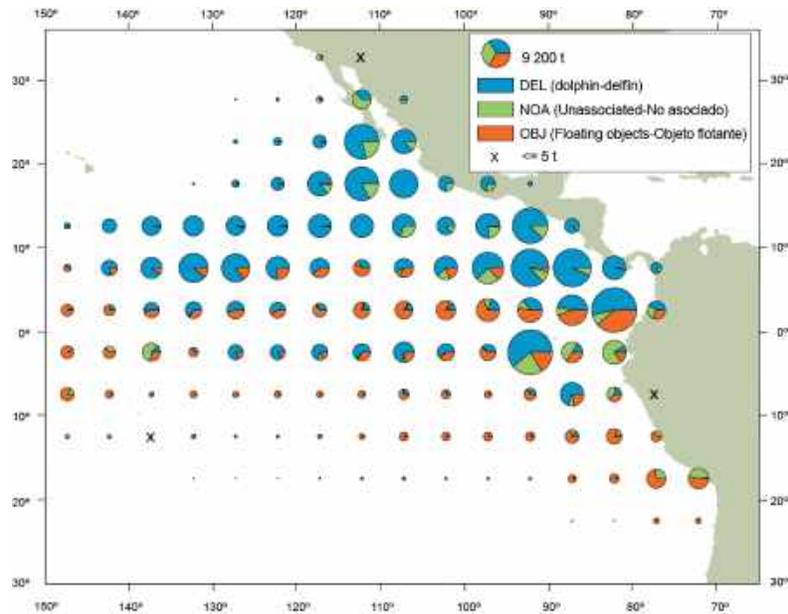
The monthly average, minimum, and maximum total well volumes at sea (VAS), in thousands of cubic meters, of purse-seine and pole-and-line vessels that fished for tunas in the EPO during 2009-2018, and the 2019 values, are shown in [Table A-12](#). The monthly values are averages of the VAS estimated at weekly intervals by the IATTC staff. The average VAS values for 2009-2018 and 2019 were slightly over 141 thousand m<sup>3</sup> (60% of total capacity) and about 146 thousand m<sup>3</sup> (55% of total capacity), respectively.



## 6.2. Other fleets of the EPO

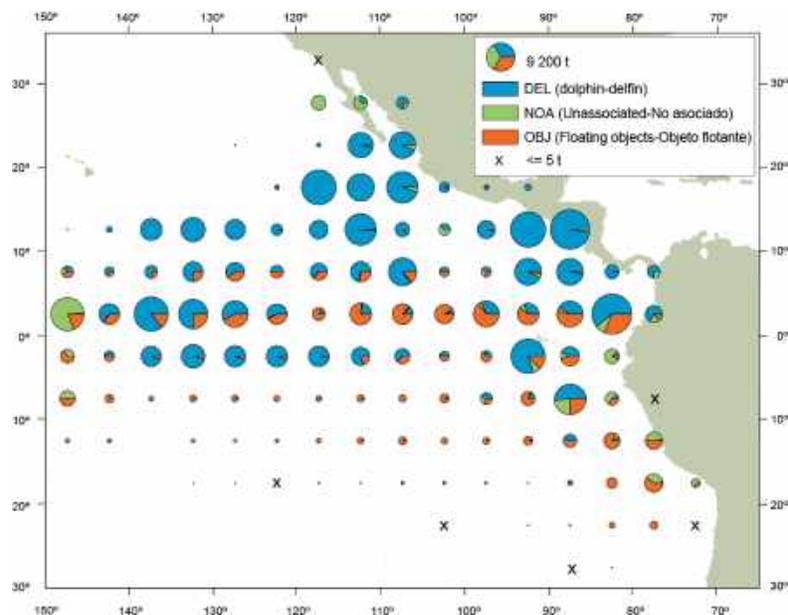
Information on other types of vessels that are authorized to fish in the EPO is available in the IATTC’s [Regional Vessel Register](#). In some cases, particularly for large longline vessels, the Register contains information for vessels authorized to fish not only in the EPO, but also in other oceans, and which may not have fished in the EPO during 2019, or ever.

<sup>5</sup> The sum of the percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



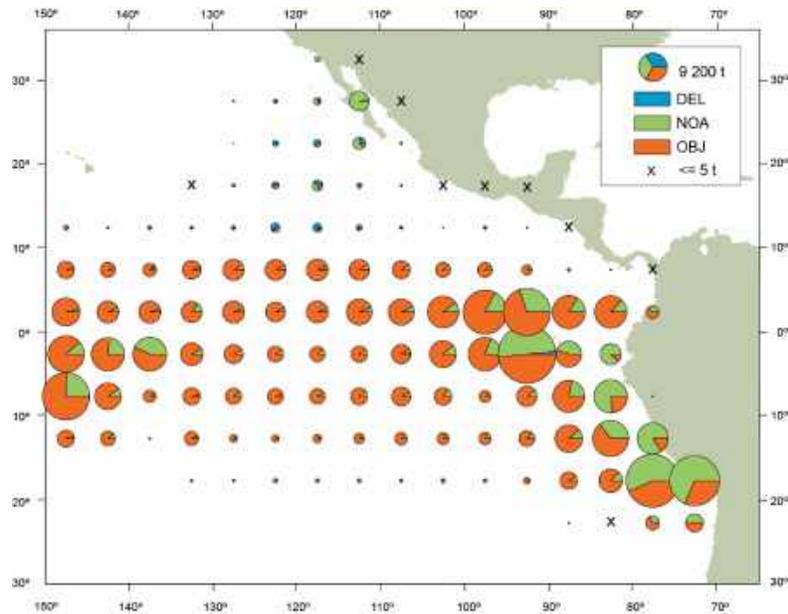
**FIGURE A-1a.** Average annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of yellowfin, by set type, 2014-2018. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of yellowfin caught in those 5° by 5° areas.

**FIGURA A-1a.** Distribución media anual de las capturas cerqueras de aleta amarilla, por tipo de lance, 2014-2018. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de aleta amarilla capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.

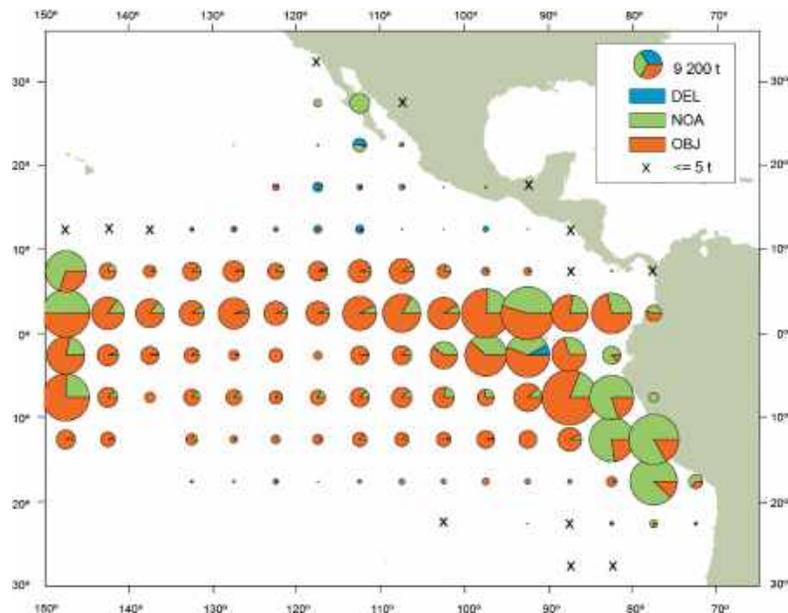


**FIGURE A-1b.** Annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of yellowfin, by set type, 2019. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of yellowfin caught in those 5° by 5° areas.

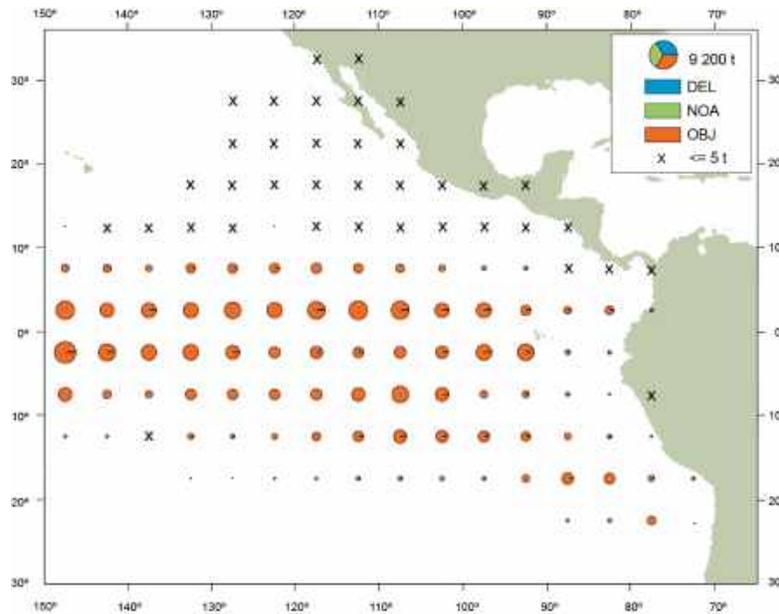
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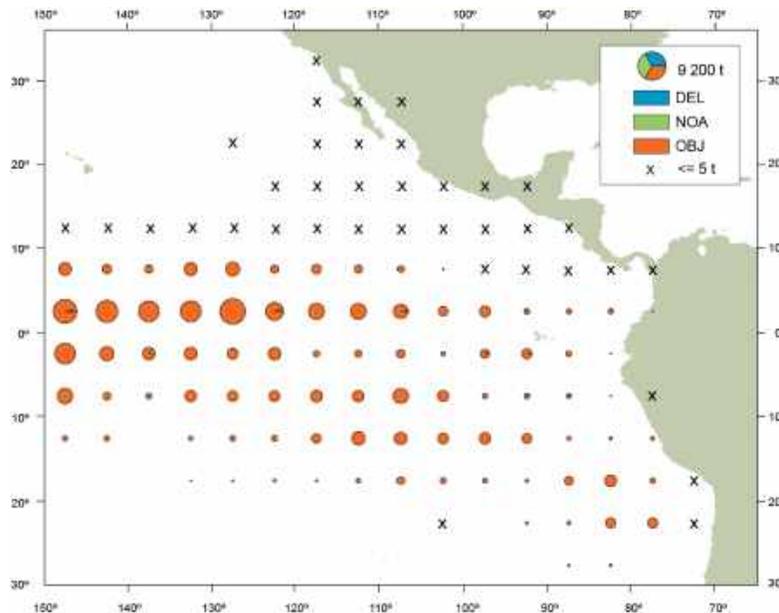
**FIGURE A-2a.** Average annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of skipjack, by set type, 2014-2018. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of skipjack caught in those 5° by 5° areas.  
**FIGURA A-2a.** Distribución media anual de las capturas cerqueras de barrilete, por tipo de lance, 2014-2018. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de barrilete capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.



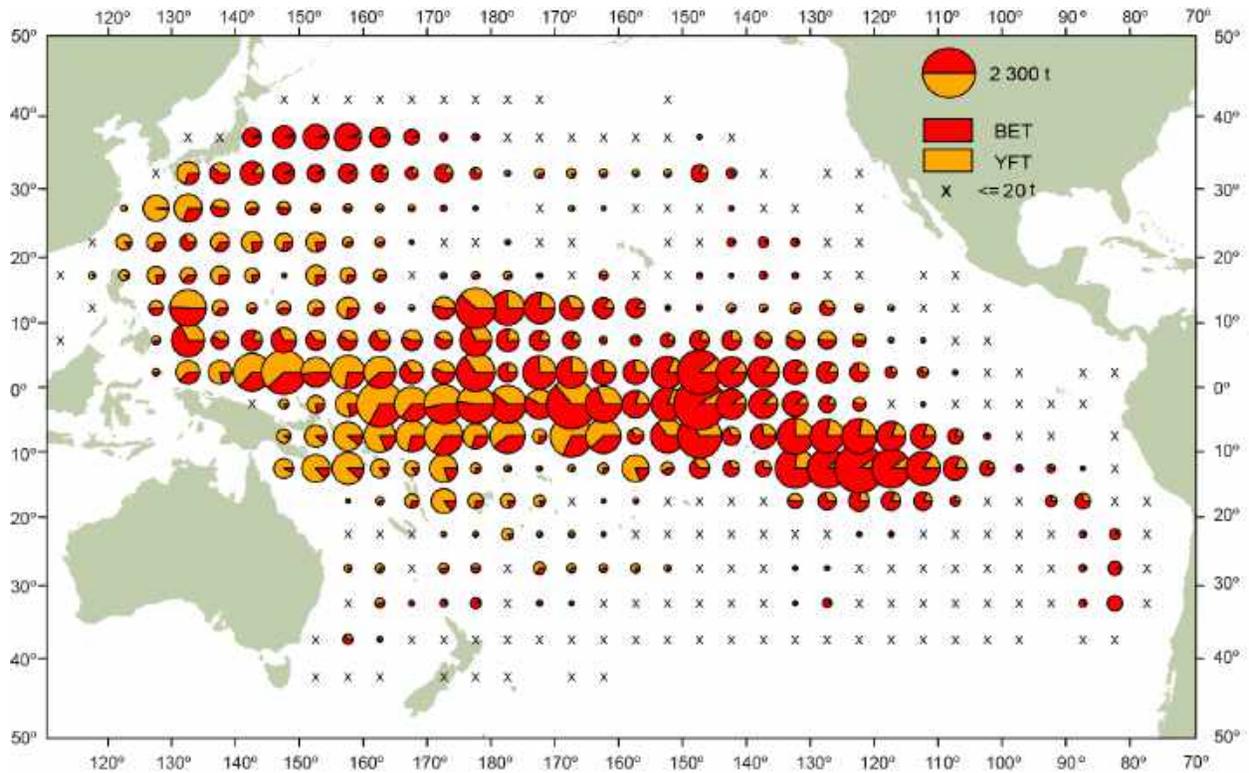
**FIGURE A-2b.** Annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of skipjack, by set type, 2019. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of skipjack caught in those 5° by 5° areas.  
**FIGURA A-2b.** Distribución anual de las capturas cerqueras de barrilete, por tipo de lance, 2019. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de barrilete capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.



**FIGURE A-3a.** Average annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of bigeye, by set type, 2014-2018. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of bigeye caught in those 5° by 5° areas.  
**FIGURA A-3a.** Distribución media anual de las capturas cerqueras de patudo, por tipo de lance, 2014-2018. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de patudo capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.

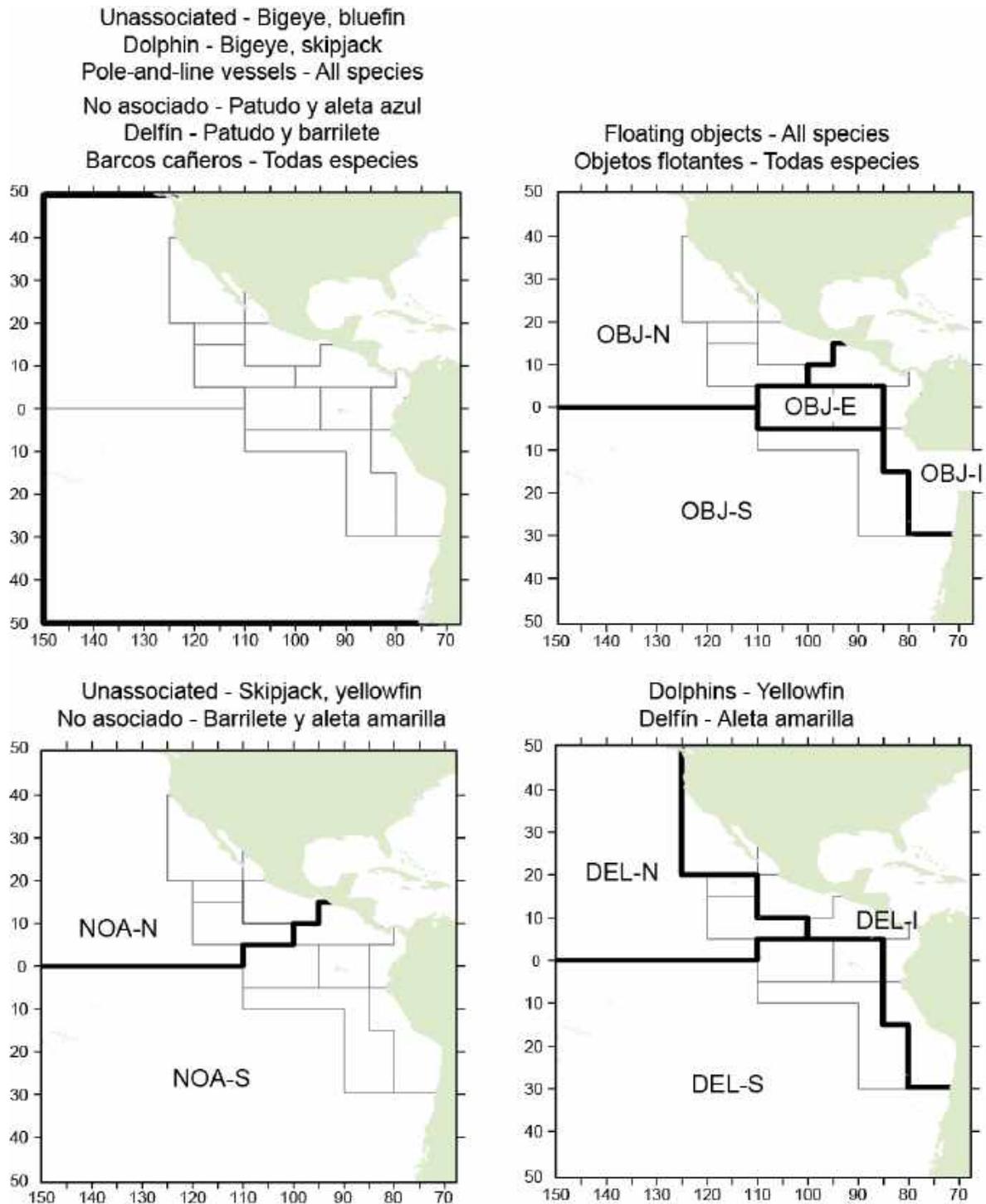


**FIGURE A-3b.** Annual distributions of the purse-seine catches of bigeye, by set type, 2019. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of bigeye caught in those 5° by 5° areas.  
**FIGURA A-3b.** Distribución anual de las capturas cerqueras de patudo, por tipo de lance, 2019. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de patudo capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.



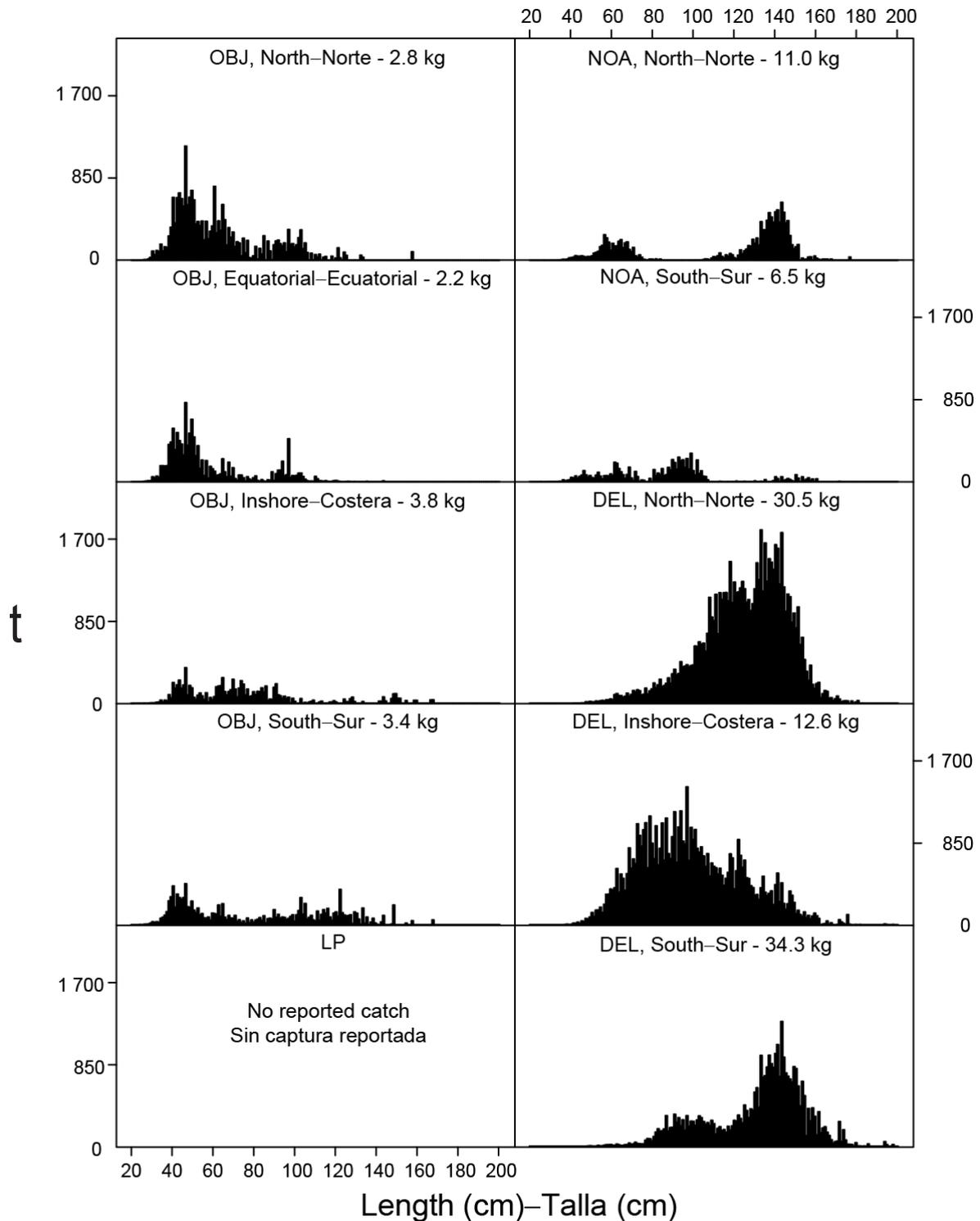
**FIGURE A-4.** Distributions of the average annual catches of bigeye and yellowfin tunas in the Pacific Ocean, in metric tons, by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese Taipei longline vessels, 2014-2018. The sizes of the circles are proportional to the amounts of bigeye and yellowfin caught in those 5° by 5° areas.

**FIGURA A-4.** Distribución de las capturas anuales medias de atunes patudo y aleta amarilla en el Océano Pacífico, en toneladas métricas, por buques palangreros de China, Corea, Japón, y Taipei Chino, 2014-2018. El tamaño de cada círculo es proporcional a la cantidad de patudo y aleta amarilla capturado en la cuadrícula de 5° x 5° correspondiente.

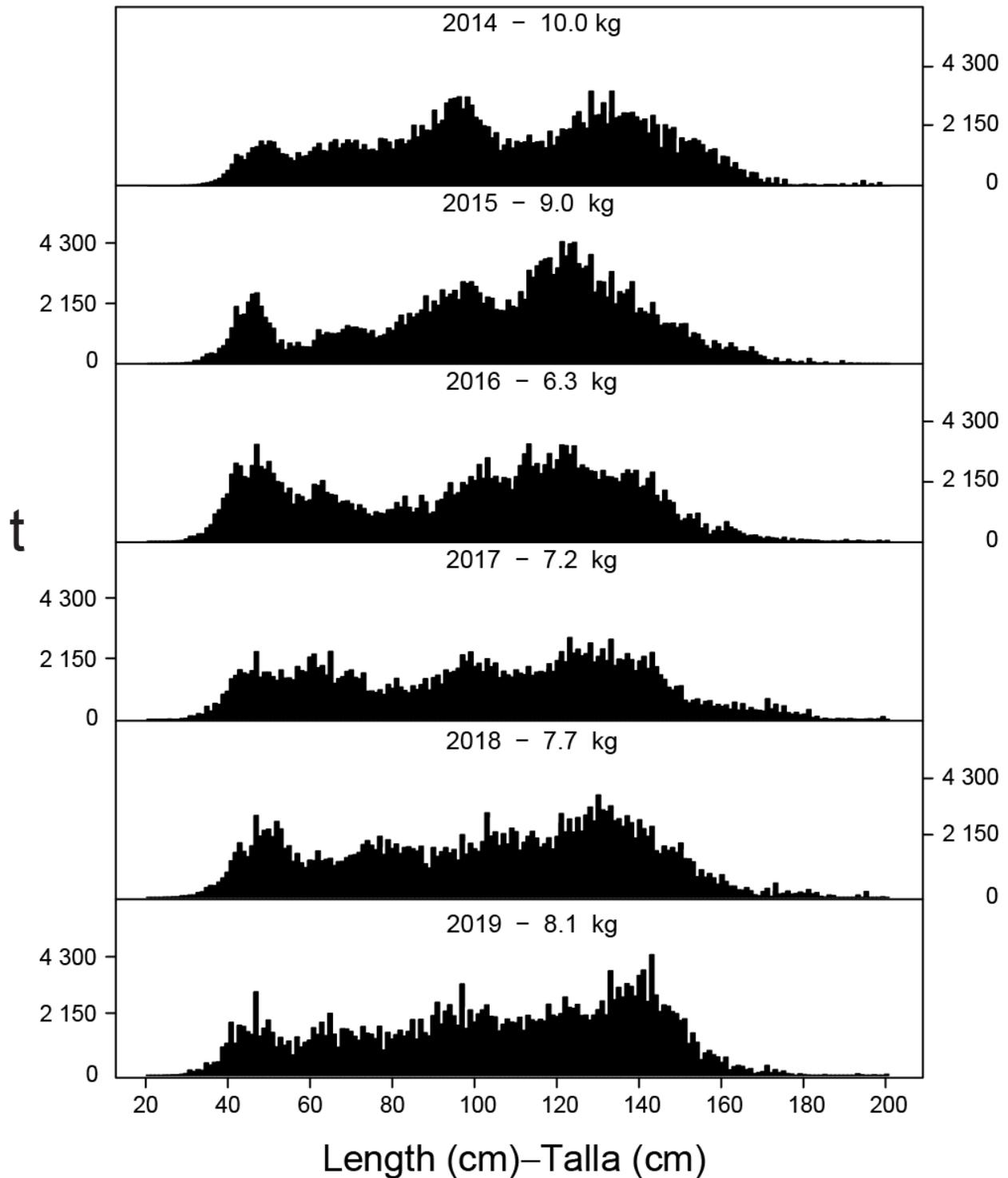


**FIGURE A-5.** The purse-seine fisheries defined by the IATTC staff for analyses of yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye in the EPO. The thin lines indicate the boundaries of the 13 length-frequency sampling areas, and the bold lines the boundaries of the fisheries.

**FIGURA A-5.** Las pesquerías cercoeras definidas por el personal de la CIAT para los análisis de los atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo en el OPO. Las líneas delgadas indican los límites de las 13 zonas de muestreo de frecuencia de tallas, y las líneas gruesas los límites de las pesquerías.

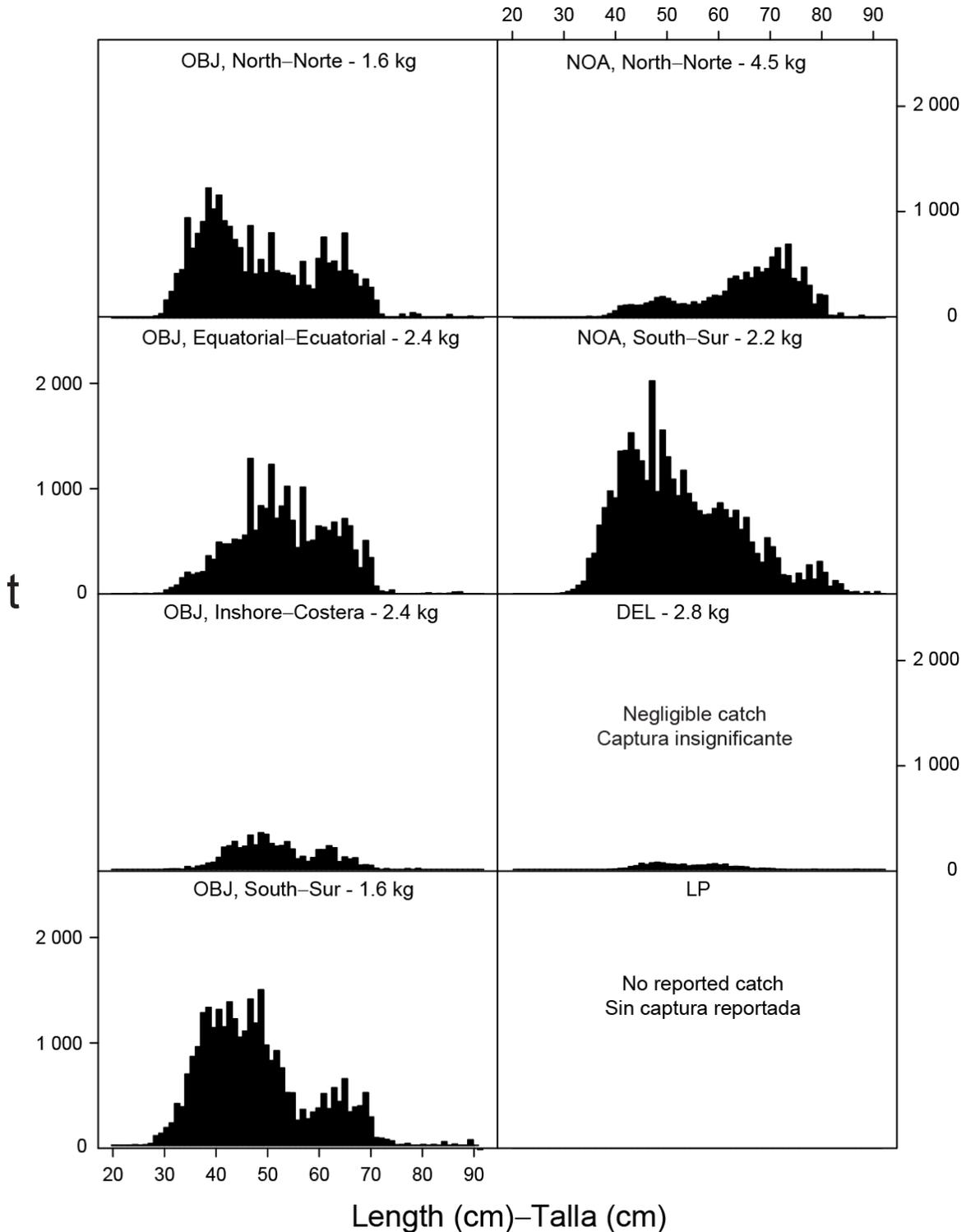


**FIGURE A-6a.** Estimated size compositions of the yellowfin caught in the EPO during 2019 for each fishery designated in Figure A-5. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight of the fish in the samples.  
**FIGURA A-6a.** Composición por tallas estimada del aleta amarilla capturado en el OPO durante 2019 en cada pesquería ilustrada en la Figura A-5. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.

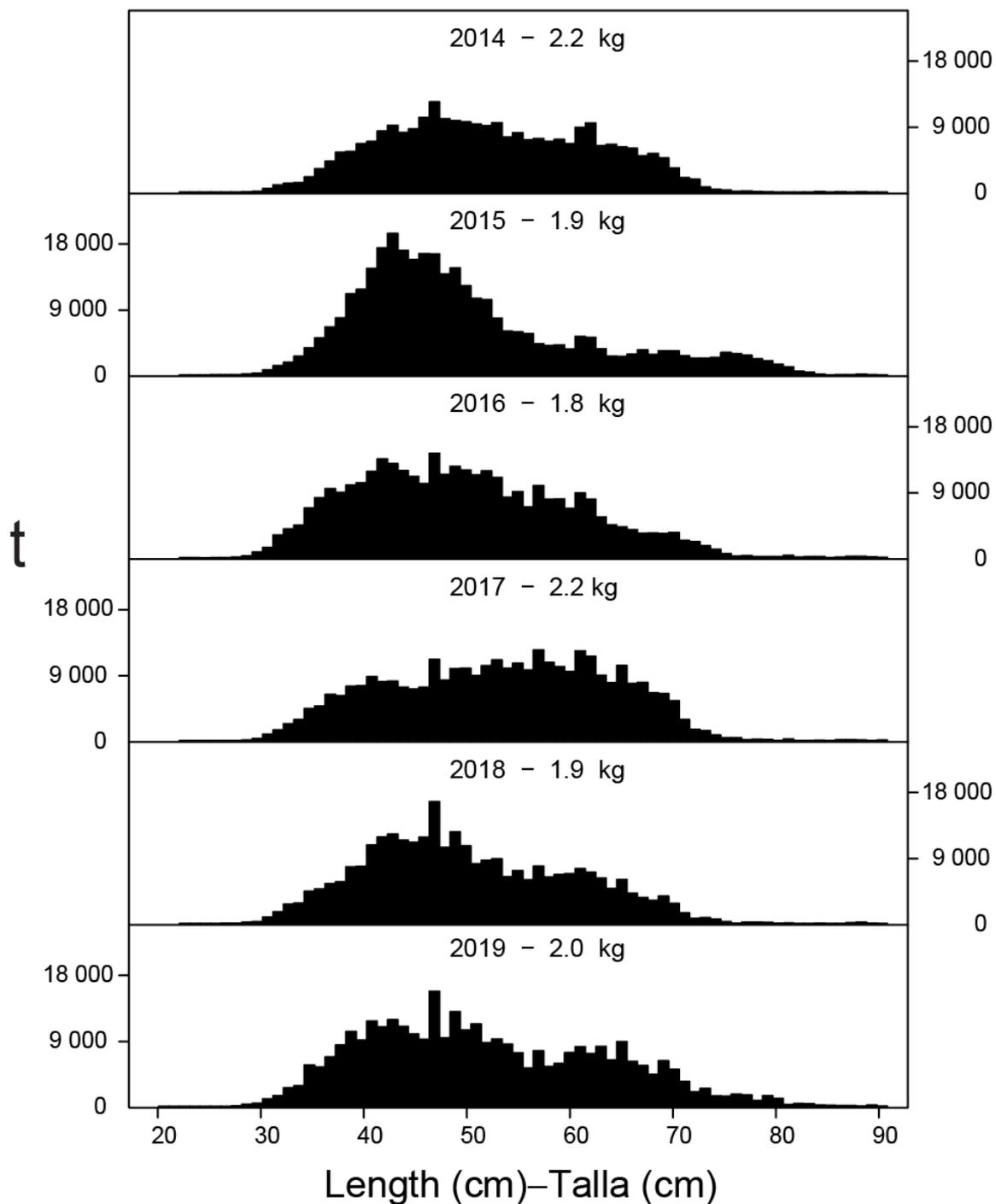


**FIGURE A-6b.** Estimated size compositions of the yellowfin caught by purse-seine and pole-and-line vessels in the EPO during 2014-2019. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight of the fish in the samples.

**FIGURA A-6b.** Composición por tallas estimada del aleta amarilla capturado por buques cerqueros y cañeros en el OPO durante 2014-2019. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.

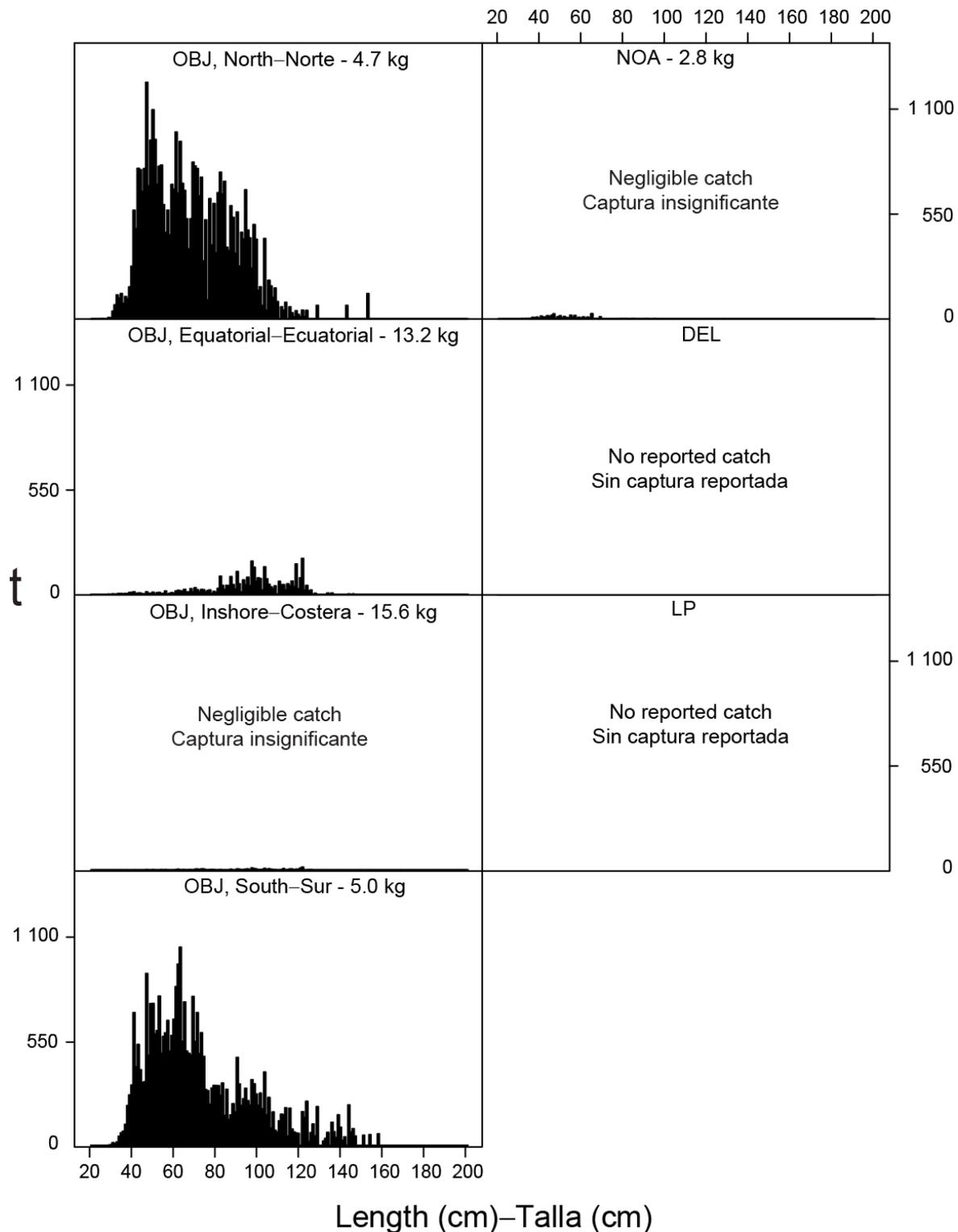


**FIGURE A-7a.** Estimated size compositions of the skipjack caught in the EPO during 2019 for each fishery designated in Figure A-5. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight of the fish in the samples.  
**FIGURA A-7a.** Composición por tallas estimada del barrilete capturado en el OPO durante 2019 en cada pesquería ilustrada en la Figura A-5. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.



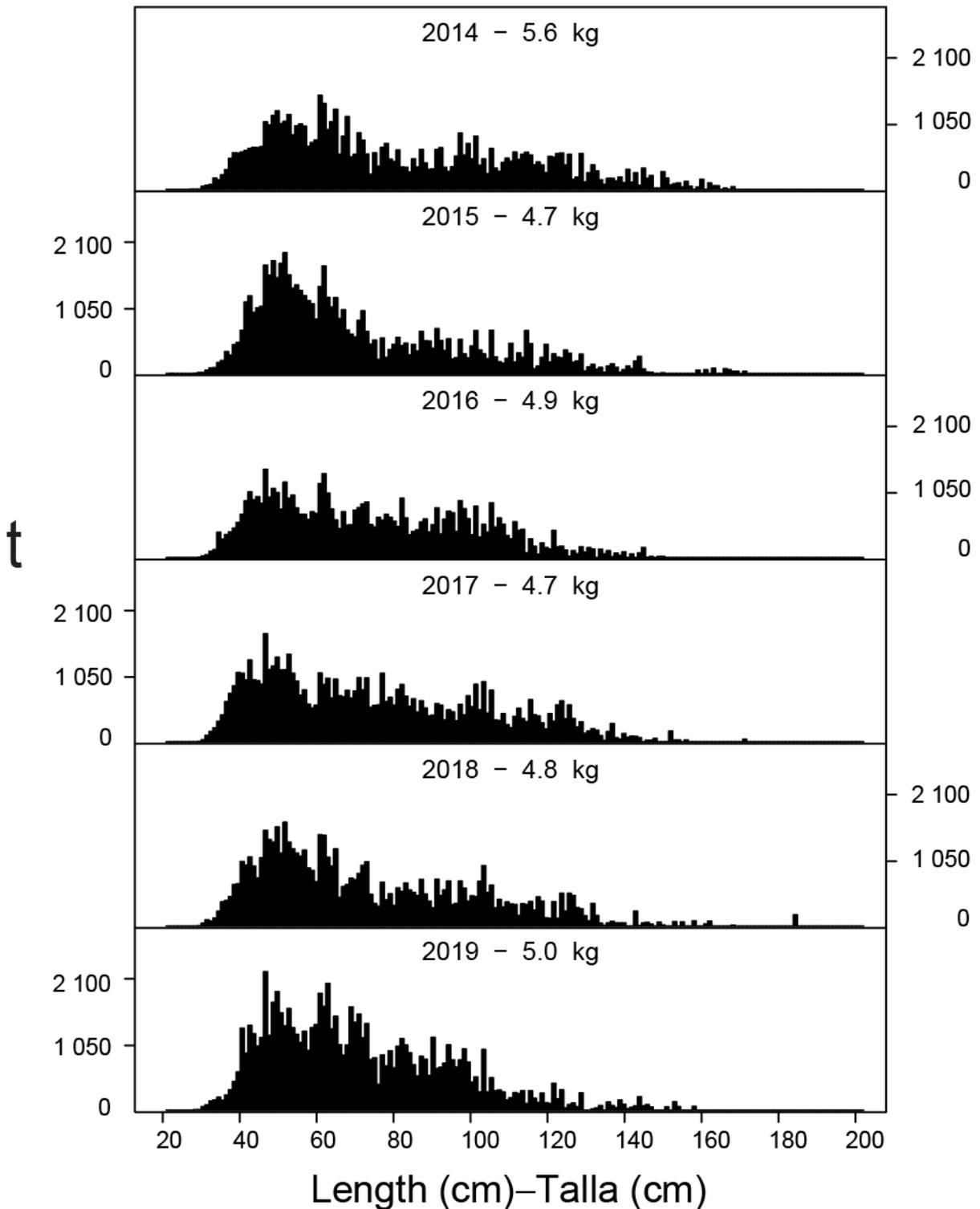
**FIGURE A-7b.** Estimated size compositions of the skipjack caught by purse-seine and pole-and-line vessels in the EPO during 2014-2019. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight of the fish in the samples.

**FIGURA A-7b.** Composición por tallas estimada del barrilete capturado por buques cerqueros y cañeros en el OPO durante 2014-2019. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.



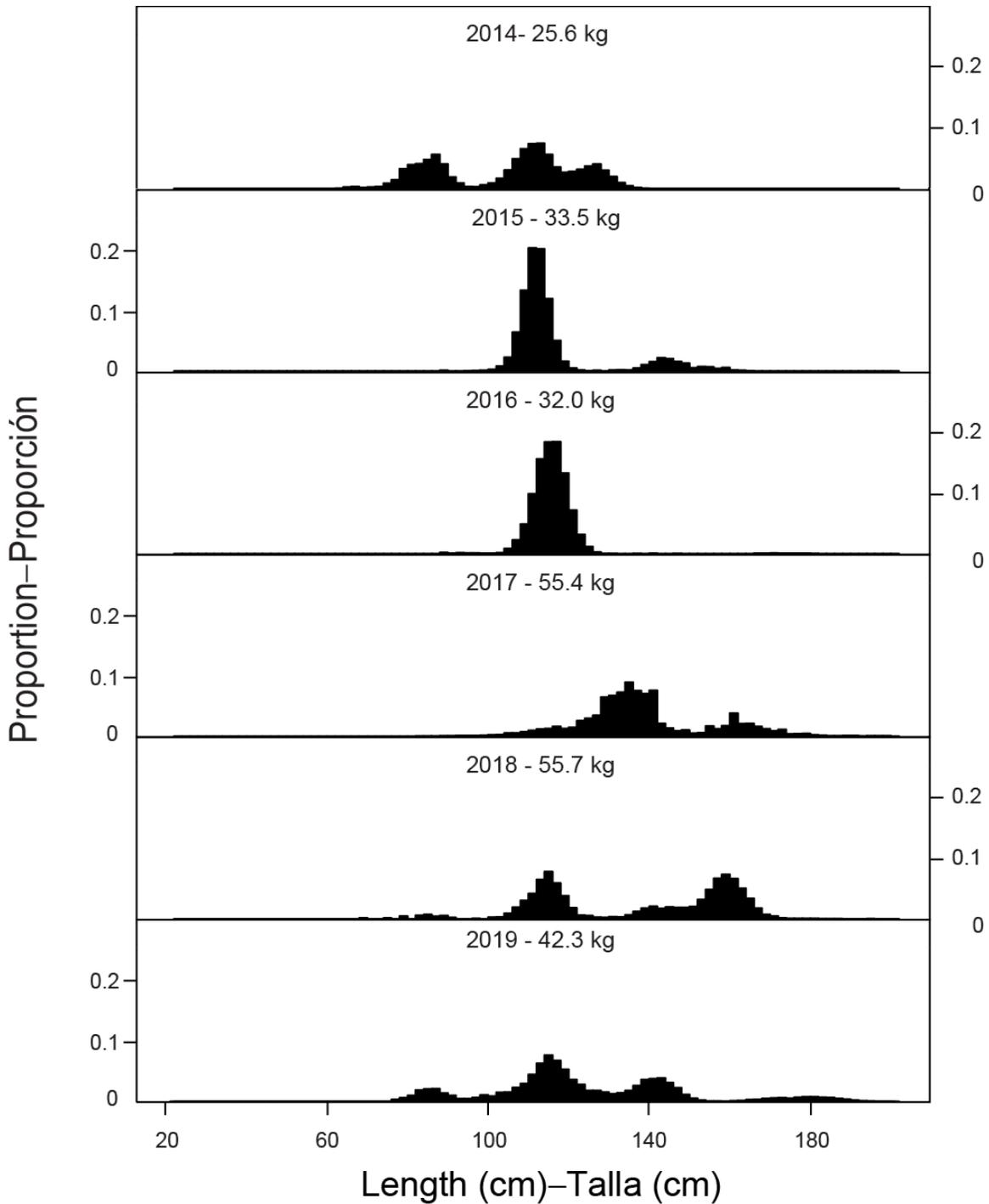
**FIGURE A-8a.** Estimated size compositions of the bigeye caught in the EPO during 2019 for each fishery designated in Figure A-5. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight.

**FIGURA A-8a.** Composición por tallas estimada del patudo capturado en el OPO durante 2019 en cada pesquería ilustrada en la Figura A-5. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.



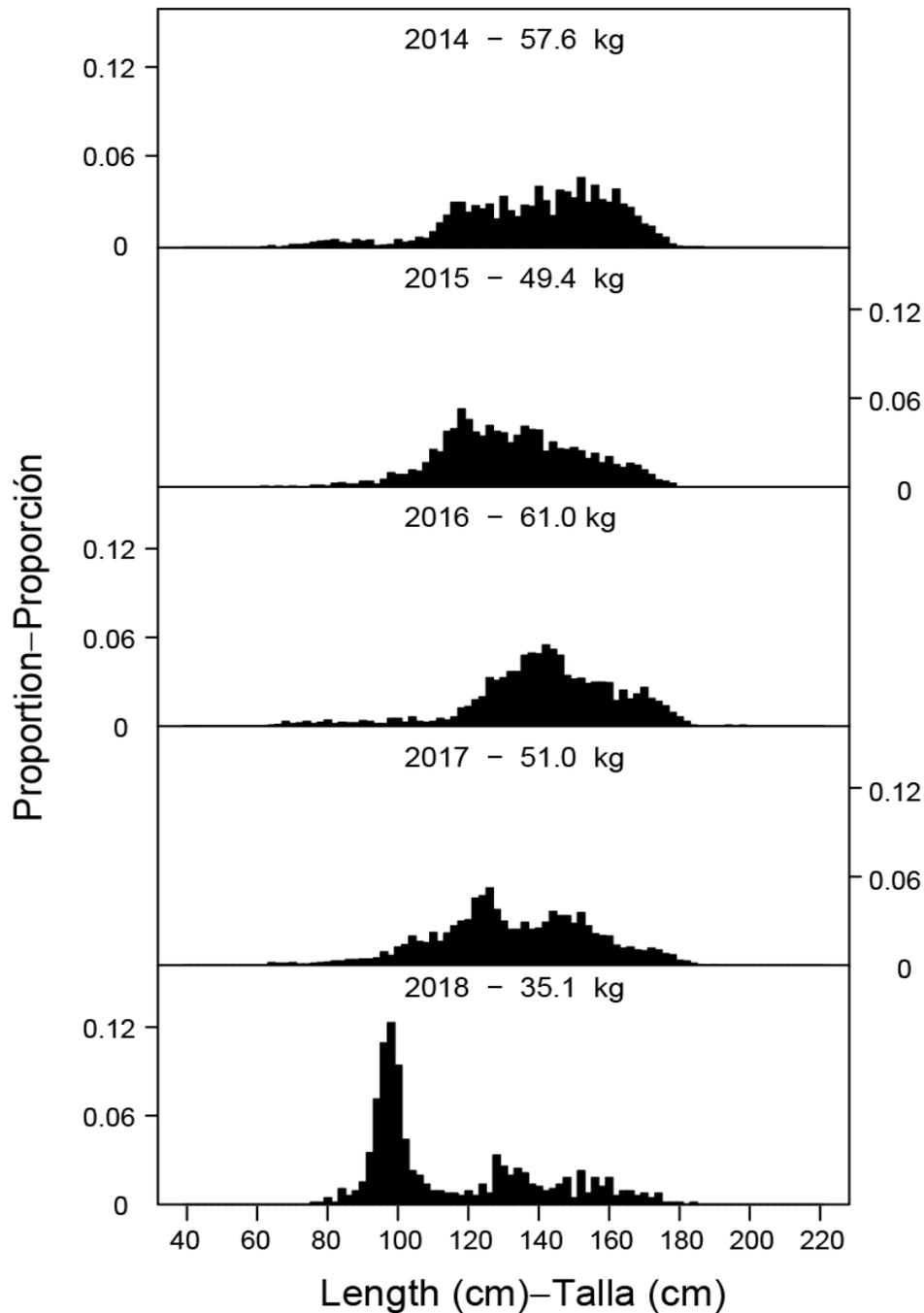
**FIGURE A-8b.** Estimated size compositions of the bigeye caught by purse-seine vessels in the EPO during 2014-2019. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight.

**FIGURA A-8b.** Composición por tallas estimada del patudo capturado por buques cerqueros en el OPO durante 2014-2019. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio del pescado en las muestras.



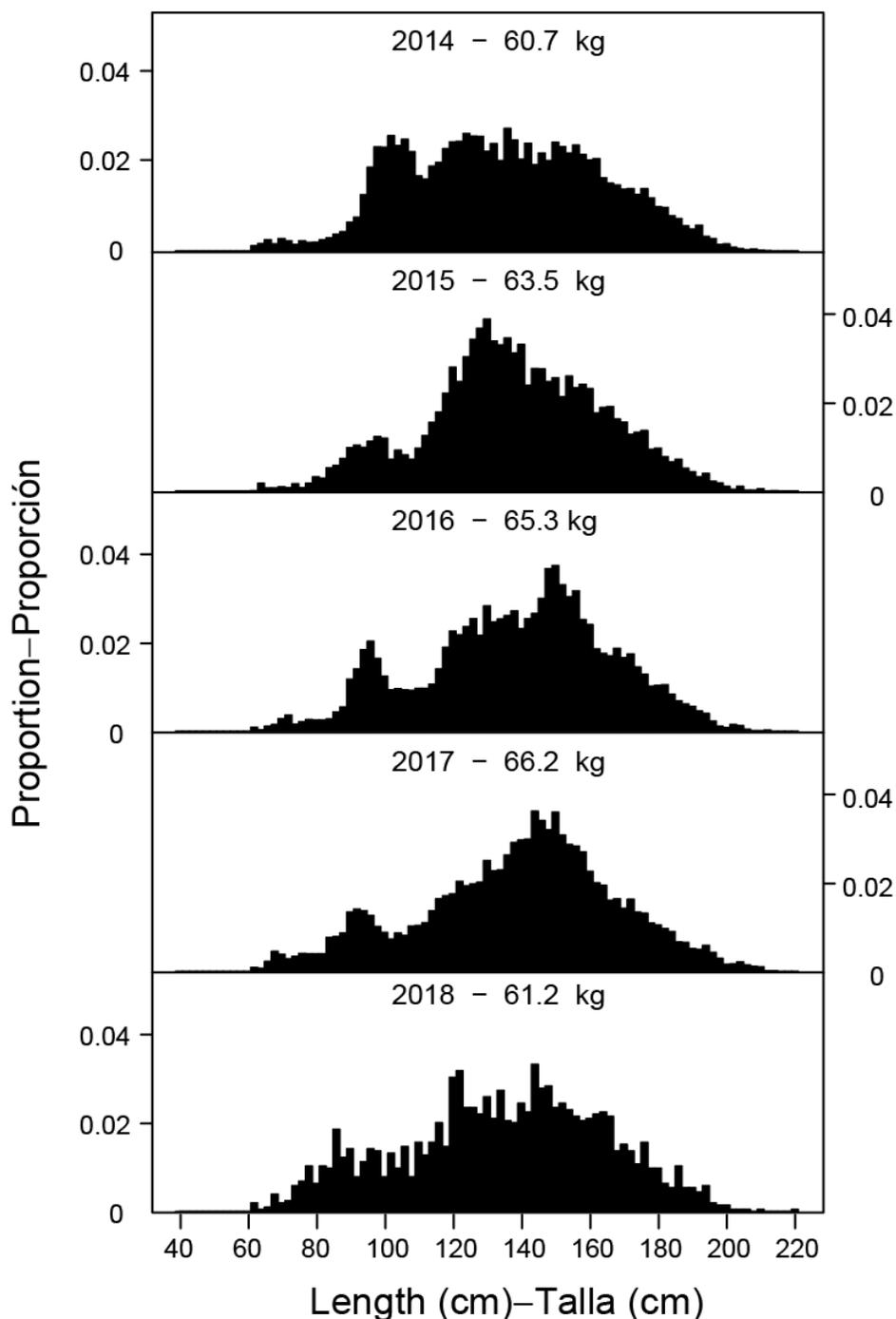
**FIGURE A-9.** Estimated length compositions of purse-seine catches of Pacific bluefin tuna, 2014-2019. The length distribution has been standardized as a proportion of the total number of measured tuna in each length interval. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight. Source: INAPESCA, Mexico.

**FIGURA A-9.** Composición por talla estimada de las capturas cerqueras de atún aleta azul del Pacífico, 2014-2019. La distribución de las tallas ha sido estandarizada como proporción del número total de atunes medidos en cada intervalo de talla. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio. Fuente: INAPESCA, México.



**FIGURE A-10.** Estimated size compositions of the catches of yellowfin by the Japanese longline fleet in the EPO, 2014-2018. The size distribution has been standardized as a proportion of the total number of measured tuna in each size range. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight. Source: Fisheries Agency of Japan.

**FIGURA A-10.** Composición por tallas estimada de las capturas de aleta amarilla por la flota palangrera japonesa en el OPO, 2014-2018. La distribución de las tallas ha sido estandarizada como proporción del número total de atunes medidos en cada gama de tallas. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio. Fuente: Agencia Pesquera de Japón.



**FIGURE A-11.** Estimated size compositions of the catches of bigeye by the Japanese longline fleet in the EPO, 2014-2018. The size distribution has been standardized as a proportion of the total number of measured tuna in each size range. The value at the top of each panel is the average weight. Source: Fisheries Agency of Japan

**FIGURA A-11.** Composición por tallas estimada de las capturas de patudo por la flota palangrera japonesa en el OPO, 2014-2018. La distribución de las tallas ha sido estandarizada como proporción del número total de atunes medidos en cada gama de tallas. El valor en cada recuadro representa el peso promedio. Fuente: Agencia Pesquera de Japón.

**TABLE A-1.** Annual catches (t) of yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas, by all types of gear combined, in the Pacific Ocean. The EPO totals for 1993-2019 include discards from purse-seine vessels with carrying capacities greater than 363 t.

**TABLA A-1.** Capturas anuales (t) de atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo, por todas las artes combinadas, en el Océano Pacífico. Los totales del OPO de 1993-2019 incluyen los descartes de buques cerqueros de más de 363 t de capacidad de acarreo.

|      | YFT     |         |         | SKJ     |           |           | BET     |         |         | Total   |           |           |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|      | EPO     | WCPO    | Total   | EPO     | WCPO      | Total     | EPO     | WCPO    | Total   | EPO     | WCPO      | Total     |
| 1990 | 301,522 | 390,428 | 691,950 | 77,107  | 857,067   | 934,174   | 104,851 | 116,370 | 221,221 | 483,480 | 1,363,865 | 1,847,345 |
| 1991 | 265,970 | 416,609 | 682,579 | 65,890  | 1,077,398 | 1,143,288 | 109,121 | 99,354  | 208,475 | 440,981 | 1,593,361 | 2,034,342 |
| 1992 | 252,514 | 424,965 | 677,479 | 87,294  | 971,558   | 1,058,852 | 92,000  | 119,335 | 211,335 | 431,808 | 1,515,858 | 1,947,666 |
| 1993 | 256,199 | 365,631 | 621,830 | 100,434 | 926,617   | 1,027,051 | 82,843  | 103,733 | 186,576 | 439,476 | 1,395,981 | 1,835,457 |
| 1994 | 248,071 | 405,421 | 653,492 | 84,661  | 990,437   | 1,075,098 | 109,331 | 117,497 | 226,828 | 442,063 | 1,513,355 | 1,955,418 |
| 1995 | 244,639 | 409,174 | 653,813 | 150,661 | 1,020,852 | 1,171,513 | 108,210 | 100,642 | 208,852 | 503,510 | 1,530,668 | 2,034,178 |
| 1996 | 266,928 | 411,433 | 678,361 | 132,335 | 1,011,907 | 1,144,242 | 114,706 | 112,724 | 227,430 | 513,969 | 1,536,064 | 2,050,033 |
| 1997 | 277,575 | 493,038 | 770,613 | 188,285 | 906,376   | 1,094,661 | 122,274 | 158,380 | 280,654 | 588,134 | 1,557,794 | 2,145,928 |
| 1998 | 280,606 | 598,998 | 879,604 | 165,489 | 1,169,422 | 1,334,911 | 93,954  | 168,127 | 262,081 | 540,049 | 1,936,547 | 2,476,596 |
| 1999 | 304,638 | 512,991 | 817,629 | 291,249 | 1,047,417 | 1,338,666 | 93,078  | 150,842 | 243,920 | 688,965 | 1,711,250 | 2,400,215 |
| 2000 | 286,863 | 560,932 | 847,795 | 230,479 | 1,156,160 | 1,386,639 | 148,557 | 137,201 | 285,758 | 665,899 | 1,854,293 | 2,520,192 |
| 2001 | 425,008 | 527,859 | 952,867 | 157,676 | 1,080,053 | 1,237,729 | 130,546 | 137,859 | 268,405 | 713,230 | 1,745,771 | 2,459,001 |
| 2002 | 443,458 | 482,664 | 926,122 | 167,048 | 1,258,988 | 1,426,036 | 132,806 | 158,153 | 290,959 | 743,312 | 1,899,805 | 2,643,117 |
| 2003 | 415,933 | 540,331 | 956,264 | 300,470 | 1,252,996 | 1,553,466 | 115,175 | 128,596 | 243,771 | 831,578 | 1,921,923 | 2,753,501 |
| 2004 | 296,847 | 578,045 | 874,892 | 217,249 | 1,348,940 | 1,566,189 | 110,722 | 180,393 | 291,115 | 624,818 | 2,107,378 | 2,732,196 |
| 2005 | 286,492 | 547,082 | 833,574 | 283,453 | 1,397,441 | 1,680,894 | 110,514 | 143,482 | 253,996 | 680,459 | 2,088,005 | 2,768,464 |
| 2006 | 180,519 | 481,285 | 661,804 | 309,090 | 1,494,070 | 1,803,160 | 117,328 | 152,574 | 269,902 | 606,937 | 2,127,929 | 2,734,866 |
| 2007 | 182,141 | 512,270 | 694,411 | 216,324 | 1,647,760 | 1,864,084 | 94,260  | 138,656 | 232,916 | 492,725 | 2,298,686 | 2,791,411 |
| 2008 | 197,328 | 606,650 | 803,978 | 307,699 | 1,619,329 | 1,927,028 | 103,350 | 149,059 | 252,409 | 608,377 | 2,375,038 | 2,983,415 |
| 2009 | 250,413 | 540,660 | 791,073 | 239,408 | 1,784,286 | 2,023,694 | 109,255 | 147,666 | 256,921 | 599,076 | 2,472,612 | 3,071,688 |
| 2010 | 261,871 | 559,734 | 821,605 | 153,092 | 1,688,958 | 1,842,050 | 95,408  | 132,507 | 227,915 | 510,371 | 2,381,199 | 2,891,570 |
| 2011 | 216,720 | 520,937 | 737,657 | 283,509 | 1,534,944 | 1,818,453 | 89,460  | 154,391 | 243,851 | 589,689 | 2,210,272 | 2,799,961 |
| 2012 | 213,310 | 602,975 | 816,285 | 273,519 | 1,758,388 | 2,031,907 | 102,687 | 155,702 | 258,389 | 589,516 | 2,517,065 | 3,106,581 |
| 2013 | 231,170 | 548,776 | 779,946 | 284,043 | 1,835,068 | 2,119,111 | 86,029  | 143,156 | 229,185 | 601,242 | 2,527,000 | 3,128,242 |
| 2014 | 246,789 | 590,102 | 836,891 | 265,490 | 2,006,092 | 2,271,582 | 96,045  | 154,976 | 251,021 | 608,324 | 2,751,170 | 3,359,494 |
| 2015 | 260,293 | 573,947 | 834,240 | 334,051 | 1,793,193 | 2,127,244 | 104,737 | 136,280 | 241,017 | 699,081 | 2,503,420 | 3,202,501 |
| 2016 | 255,196 | 634,165 | 889,361 | 342,579 | 1,795,389 | 2,137,968 | 92,829  | 144,409 | 237,238 | 690,604 | 2,573,963 | 3,264,567 |
| 2017 | 224,556 | 691,839 | 916,395 | 327,571 | 1,626,818 | 1,954,389 | 102,577 | 123,309 | 225,886 | 654,704 | 2,441,966 | 3,096,670 |
| 2018 | 252,976 | 686,445 | 939,421 | 291,276 | 1,840,609 | 2,131,885 | 93,458  | 141,792 | 235,250 | 637,710 | 2,668,846 | 3,306,556 |
| 2019 | 228,288 | *       | 228,288 | 349,965 | *         | 349,965   | 95,192  | *       | 95,192  | 673,445 | *         | 673,445   |

**TABLE A-2a.** Estimated catches, in metric tons, of tunas and bonitos in the EPO, by fishing gear, 1990-2019. For purse-seine (PS) vessels, retained (Ret.) catches include all vessels; discard (Dis.) data are for Class-6 vessels only. 'C' indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the 'OTR' column. The purse-seine and pole-and-line (LP) data for yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas have been adjusted to the species composition estimate, and are preliminary. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-2a.** Capturas estimadas, en toneladas métricas, de atunes y bonitos en el OPO, por arte de pesca, 1990-2019. En el caso de los buques de cerco (PS), las capturas retenidas (Ret) incluyen todos los buques; los datos de descartes (Dis.) son de buques de Clase 6 únicamente. 'C' indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna 'OTR'. Los datos de los atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo de las pesquerías de cerco y de caña (LP) fueron ajustados a la estimación de composición por especies, y son preliminares. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | Yellowfin—Aleta amarilla |                   |       |        |           |         | Skipjack—Barrilete |                   |       |       |           |         | Bigeye—Patudo |                   |    |         |           |         |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------------|----|---------|-----------|---------|
|      | PS                       |                   | LP    | LL     | OTR + UNK | Total   | PS                 |                   | LP    | LL    | OTR + UNK | Total   | PS            |                   | LP | LL      | OTR + UNK | Total   |
|      | Ret.                     | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |        |           |         | Ret.               | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |       |           |         | Ret.          | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |    |         |           |         |
| 1990 | 263,253                  | -                 | 2,676 | 34,633 | 960       | 301,522 | 74,369             | -                 | 823   | 41    | 1,874     | 77,107  | 5,921         | -                 | -  | 98,871  | 59        | 104,851 |
| 1991 | 231,257                  | -                 | 2,856 | 30,899 | 958       | 265,970 | 62,228             | -                 | 1,717 | 36    | 1,909     | 65,890  | 4,870         | -                 | 31 | 104,195 | 25        | 109,121 |
| 1992 | 228,121                  | -                 | 3,789 | 18,646 | 1,958     | 252,514 | 84,283             | -                 | 1,957 | 24    | 1,030     | 87,294  | 7,179         | -                 | -  | 84,808  | 13        | 92,000  |
| 1993 | 219,492                  | 4,713             | 4,951 | 24,009 | 3,034     | 256,199 | 83,830             | 10,515            | 3,772 | 61    | 2,256     | 100,434 | 9,657         | 653               | -  | 72,498  | 35        | 82,843  |
| 1994 | 208,408                  | 4,525             | 3,625 | 30,026 | 1,487     | 248,071 | 70,126             | 10,491            | 3,240 | 73    | 731       | 84,661  | 34,899        | 2,266             | -  | 71,360  | 806       | 109,331 |
| 1995 | 215,434                  | 5,275             | 1,268 | 20,596 | 2,066     | 244,639 | 127,047            | 16,373            | 5,253 | 77    | 1,911     | 150,661 | 45,321        | 3,251             | -  | 58,269  | 1,369     | 108,210 |
| 1996 | 238,607                  | 6,312             | 3,762 | 16,608 | 1,639     | 266,928 | 103,973            | 24,494            | 2,555 | 52    | 1,261     | 132,335 | 61,311        | 5,689             | -  | 46,958  | 748       | 114,706 |
| 1997 | 244,878                  | 5,516             | 4,418 | 22,163 | 600       | 277,575 | 153,456            | 31,338            | 3,260 | 135   | 96        | 188,285 | 64,272        | 5,402             | -  | 52,580  | 20        | 122,274 |
| 1998 | 253,959                  | 4,697             | 5,085 | 15,336 | 1,529     | 280,606 | 140,631            | 22,643            | 1,684 | 294   | 237       | 165,489 | 44,129        | 2,822             | -  | 46,375  | 628       | 93,954  |
| 1999 | 281,920                  | 6,547             | 1,783 | 11,682 | 2,706     | 304,638 | 261,565            | 26,046            | 2,044 | 201   | 1,393     | 291,249 | 51,158        | 4,932             | -  | 36,450  | 538       | 93,078  |
| 2000 | 253,263                  | 6,205             | 2,431 | 23,855 | 1,109     | 286,863 | 205,647            | 24,467            | 231   | 68    | 66        | 230,479 | 95,282        | 5,417             | -  | 47,605  | 253       | 148,557 |
| 2001 | 383,936                  | 7,028             | 3,916 | 29,608 | 520       | 425,008 | 143,165            | 12,815            | 448   | 1,214 | 34        | 157,676 | 60,518        | 1,254             | -  | 68,755  | 19        | 130,546 |
| 2002 | 412,286                  | 4,140             | 950   | 25,531 | 551       | 443,458 | 153,546            | 12,506            | 616   | 261   | 119       | 167,048 | 57,421        | 949               | -  | 74,424  | 12        | 132,806 |
| 2003 | 383,279                  | 5,865             | 470   | 25,174 | 1,145     | 415,933 | 273,968            | 22,453            | 638   | 634   | 2,777     | 300,470 | 53,052        | 2,326             | -  | 59,776  | 21        | 115,175 |
| 2004 | 272,557                  | 3,000             | 1,884 | 18,779 | 627       | 296,847 | 197,824            | 17,078            | 528   | 713   | 1,106     | 217,249 | 65,471        | 1,574             | -  | 43,483  | 194       | 110,722 |
| 2005 | 268,101                  | 2,771             | 1,822 | 11,946 | 1,852     | 286,492 | 263,229            | 16,915            | 1,299 | 231   | 1,779     | 283,453 | 67,895        | 1,900             | -  | 40,694  | 25        | 110,514 |
| 2006 | 166,631                  | 1,534             | 686   | 10,210 | 1,458     | 180,519 | 296,268            | 11,177            | 435   | 224   | 986       | 309,090 | 83,838        | 1,680             | -  | 31,770  | 40        | 117,328 |
| 2007 | 170,016                  | 1,725             | 894   | 8,067  | 1,439     | 182,141 | 208,295            | 6,450             | 276   | 238   | 1,065     | 216,324 | 63,450        | 890               | -  | 29,876  | 44        | 94,260  |
| 2008 | 185,057                  | 696               | 814   | 9,820  | 941       | 197,328 | 296,603            | 8,249             | 499   | 1,185 | 1,163     | 307,699 | 75,028        | 2,086             | -  | 26,208  | 28        | 103,350 |
| 2009 | 236,757                  | 1,262             | 709   | 10,444 | 1,241     | 250,413 | 230,523            | 6,064             | 151   | 1,584 | 1,086     | 239,408 | 76,799        | 1,019             | -  | 31,422  | 15        | 109,255 |
| 2010 | 251,009                  | 1,031             | 460   | 8,339  | 1,032     | 261,871 | 147,192            | 2,769             | 47    | 1,815 | 1,269     | 153,092 | 57,752        | 564               | -  | 37,090  | 2         | 95,408  |
| 2011 | 206,851                  | 415               | 276   | 8,048  | 1,130     | 216,720 | 276,035            | 5,215             | 24    | 1,384 | 851       | 283,509 | 56,512        | 631               | -  | 32,317  | -         | 89,460  |
| 2012 | 198,017                  | 451               | 400   | 12,954 | 1,488     | 213,310 | 266,215            | 3,511             | 303   | 2,381 | 1,109     | 273,519 | 66,020        | 473               | -  | 36,167  | 27        | 102,687 |
| 2013 | 218,187                  | 207               | 759   | 10,783 | 1,234     | 231,170 | 278,560            | 2,254             | 164   | 2,024 | 1,041     | 284,043 | 49,487        | 273               | -  | 36,170  | 99        | 86,029  |
| 2014 | 234,066                  | 517               | C     | 8,649  | 3,557     | 246,789 | 261,469            | 2,596             | C     | 194   | 1,231     | 265,490 | 60,445        | 83                | -  | 35,340  | 177       | 96,045  |
| 2015 | 245,727                  | 334               | C     | 10,649 | 3,583     | 260,293 | 328,907            | 3,699             | C     | 189   | 1,256     | 334,051 | 62,913        | 177               | -  | 41,626  | 21        | 104,737 |
| 2016 | 242,118                  | 404               | -     | 9,798  | 2,876     | 255,196 | 337,561            | 4,086             | -     | 214   | 718       | 342,579 | 56,731        | 541               | -  | 35,535  | 22        | 92,829  |
| 2017 | 210,980                  | 412               | -     | 10,476 | 2,688     | 224,556 | 324,759            | 1,765             | -     | 168   | 879       | 327,571 | 66,973        | 201               | -  | 35,361  | 42        | 102,577 |
| 2018 | 238,981                  | 231               | -     | 12,347 | 1,417     | 252,976 | 288,821            | 865               | -     | 1,176 | 414       | 291,276 | 64,523        | 145               | -  | 28,772  | 18        | 93,458  |
| 2019 | 227,709                  | 579               | -     | *      | *         | 228,288 | 347,114            | 2,851             | -     | *     | *         | 349,965 | 70,544        | 117               | -  | 24,531  | *         | 95,192  |

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TABLA A-2a. (continuación)

|      | Pacific bluefin—Aleta azul del Pacífico |                   |    |     |           |        | Albacore—Albacora |                   |       |        |           |        | Black skipjack—Barrilete negro |                   |    |    |           |       |
|------|---|-------------------|----|-----|-----------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----|----|-----------|-------|
|      | PS                                      |                   | LP | LL  | OTR + UNK | Total  | PS                |                   | LP    | LL     | OTR + UNK | Total  | PS                             |                   | LP | LL | OTR + UNK | Total |
|      | Ret.                                    | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |    |     |           |        | Ret.              | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |        |           |        | Ret.                           | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |    |    |           |       |
| 1990 | 1,430                                   | -                 | 61 | 12  | 103       | 1,606  | 39                | -                 | 170   | 6,536  | 4,105     | 10,850 | 787                            | -                 | -  | -  | 4         | 791   |
| 1991 | 419                                     | -                 | -  | 5   | 55        | 479    | -                 | -                 | 834   | 7,893  | 2,754     | 11,481 | 421                            | -                 | -  | -  | 25        | 446   |
| 1992 | 1,928                                   | -                 | -  | 21  | 147       | 2,096  | -                 | -                 | 255   | 17,080 | 5,740     | 23,075 | 105                            | -                 | -  | 3  | -         | 108   |
| 1993 | 580                                     | -                 | -  | 11  | 316       | 907    | -                 | -                 | 1     | 11,194 | 4,410     | 15,605 | 104                            | 3,925             | -  | 31 | -         | 4,060 |
| 1994 | 969                                     | -                 | -  | 12  | 116       | 1,097  | -                 | -                 | 85    | 10,390 | 10,154    | 20,629 | 188                            | 857               | -  | 40 | -         | 1,085 |
| 1995 | 659                                     | -                 | -  | 25  | 264       | 948    | -                 | -                 | 465   | 6,185  | 7,427     | 14,077 | 202                            | 1,448             | -  | -  | -         | 1,650 |
| 1996 | 8,333                                   | -                 | -  | 19  | 83        | 8,435  | 11                | -                 | 72    | 7,631  | 8,398     | 16,112 | 704                            | 2,304             | -  | 12 | -         | 3,020 |
| 1997 | 2,608                                   | 3                 | 2  | 14  | 235       | 2,862  | 1                 | -                 | 59    | 9,678  | 7,540     | 17,278 | 100                            | 2,512             | -  | 11 | -         | 2,623 |
| 1998 | 1,772                                   | -                 | -  | 95  | 516       | 2,383  | 42                | -                 | 81    | 12,635 | 13,158    | 25,916 | 489                            | 1,876             | 39 | -  | -         | 2,404 |
| 1999 | 2,553                                   | 54                | 5  | 151 | 514       | 3,277  | 47                | -                 | 227   | 11,633 | 14,510    | 26,417 | 171                            | 3,404             | -  | -  | -         | 3,575 |
| 2000 | 3,712                                   | -                 | 61 | 46  | 349       | 4,168  | 71                | -                 | 86    | 9,663  | 13,453    | 23,273 | 294                            | 1,995             | -  | -  | -         | 2,289 |
| 2001 | 1,155                                   | 3                 | 1  | 148 | 378       | 1,685  | 3                 | -                 | 157   | 19,410 | 13,727    | 33,297 | 2,258                          | 1,019             | -  | -  | -         | 3,277 |
| 2002 | 1,758                                   | 1                 | 3  | 71  | 620       | 2,453  | 31                | -                 | 381   | 15,289 | 14,433    | 30,134 | 1,459                          | 2,283             | 8  | -  | -         | 3,750 |
| 2003 | 3,233                                   | -                 | 3  | 87  | 369       | 3,692  | 34                | -                 | 59    | 24,901 | 20,397    | 45,391 | 433                            | 1,535             | 6  | 13 | 117       | 2,104 |
| 2004 | 8,880                                   | 19                | -  | 15  | 59        | 8,973  | 105               | -                 | 126   | 18,444 | 22,011    | 40,686 | 884                            | 387               | -  | 27 | 862       | 2,160 |
| 2005 | 4,743                                   | 15                | -  | -   | 80        | 4,838  | 2                 | -                 | 66    | 9,350  | 15,668    | 25,086 | 1,472                          | 2,124             | -  | -  | 22        | 3,618 |
| 2006 | 9,928                                   | -                 | -  | -   | 93        | 10,021 | 109               | -                 | 1     | 13,831 | 18,980    | 32,921 | 1,999                          | 1,972             | -  | -  | -         | 3,971 |
| 2007 | 4,189                                   | -                 | -  | -   | 14        | 4,203  | 187               | -                 | 21    | 11,107 | 19,261    | 30,576 | 2,307                          | 1,625             | -  | 2  | 54        | 3,988 |
| 2008 | 4,392                                   | 14                | 15 | -   | 63        | 4,484  | 49                | -                 | 1,050 | 9,218  | 16,505    | 26,822 | 3,624                          | 2,251             | -  | -  | 8         | 5,883 |
| 2009 | 3,428                                   | 24                | -  | -   | 161       | 3,613  | 50                | 2                 | C     | 12,072 | 19,090    | 31,214 | 4,256                          | 1,020             | -  | 2  | -         | 5,278 |
| 2010 | 7,746                                   | -                 | -  | 3   | 89        | 7,838  | 25                | -                 | C     | 14,256 | 19,363    | 33,644 | 3,425                          | 1,079             | -  | 8  | 184       | 4,696 |
| 2011 | 2,829                                   | 4                 | -  | 1   | 244       | 3,078  | 10                | -                 | C     | 16,191 | 16,074    | 32,275 | 2,317                          | 719               | -  | 6  | -         | 3,042 |
| 2012 | 6,705                                   | -                 | -  | 1   | 405       | 7,111  | -                 | -                 | C     | 24,198 | 18,100    | 42,298 | 4,504                          | 440               | -  | 5  | 7         | 4,956 |
| 2013 | 3,154                                   | -                 | -  | 1   | 819       | 3,974  | -                 | -                 | C     | 25,396 | 18,513    | 43,909 | 3,580                          | 805               | -  | 10 | 24        | 4,419 |
| 2014 | 5,263                                   | 66                | -  | -   | 427       | 5,756  | -                 | -                 | C     | 29,231 | 19,463    | 48,694 | 4,153                          | 486               | -  | 11 | 81        | 4,731 |
| 2015 | 3,168                                   | -                 | -  | 7   | 411       | 3,586  | -                 | -                 | C     | 28,957 | 17,142    | 46,099 | 3,763                          | 356               | -  | 1  | 111       | 4,231 |
| 2016 | 3,025                                   | -                 | -  | -   | 408       | 3,433  | 2                 | -                 | -     | 26,778 | 14,586    | 41,366 | 6,606                          | 792               | -  | -  | 178       | 7,576 |
| 2017 | 4,109                                   | -                 | -  | 3   | 469       | 4,581  | -                 | -                 | -     | 26,332 | 9,461     | 35,793 | 5,079                          | 306               | -  | -  | 53        | 5,438 |
| 2018 | 2,852                                   | -                 | -  | -   | 539       | 3,391  | 8                 | -                 | -     | 24,494 | 10,940    | 35,442 | 3,002                          | 732               | -  | -  | 118       | 3,852 |
| 2019 | 2,475                                   | -                 | -  | -   | *         | 2,475  | *                 | -                 | -     | *      | *         | *      | 5,126                          | 499               | -  | -  | *         | 5,625 |

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TABLA A-2a. (continuación)

|      | Bonitos |                   |     |    |              |        | Unidentified tunas—<br>Atunes no identificados |                   |    |       |              |        | Total   |                   |       |         |              |         |
|------|---------|-------------------|-----|----|--------------|--------|--|-------------------|----|-------|--------------|--------|---------|-------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------|
|      | PS      |                   | LP  | LL | OTR +<br>UNK | Total  | PS   |                   | LP | LL    | OTR +<br>UNK | Total  | PS      |                   | LP    | LL      | OTR +<br>UNK | Total   |
|      | Ret.    | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |     |    |              |        | Ret.   | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |    |       |              |        | Ret.    | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |         |              |         |
| 1990 | 13,641  | -                 | 215 | -  | 371          | 14,227 | 200  | -                 | -  | 3     | 692          | 895    | 359,640 | -                 | 3,946 | 140,096 | 8,167        | 511,850 |
| 1991 | 1,207   | -                 | 82  | -  | 242          | 1,531  | 4  | -                 | -  | 29    | 192          | 225    | 300,406 | -                 | 5,520 | 143,057 | 6,161        | 455,144 |
| 1992 | 977     | -                 | -   | -  | 318          | 1,295  | 24   | -                 | -  | 27    | 1,071        | 1,122  | 322,617 | -                 | 6,001 | 120,610 | 10,276       | 459,504 |
| 1993 | 599     | 12                | 1   | -  | 436          | 1,048  | 9  | 1,975             | -  | 10    | 4,082        | 6,076  | 314,271 | 21,793            | 8,725 | 107,814 | 14,570       | 467,173 |
| 1994 | 8,331   | 147               | 362 | -  | 185          | 9,025  | 9  | 498               | -  | 1     | 464          | 972    | 322,930 | 18,781            | 7,311 | 111,901 | 13,943       | 474,867 |
| 1995 | 7,929   | 55                | 81  | -  | 54           | 8,119  | 11   | 626               | -  | -     | 1,004        | 1,641  | 396,603 | 27,028            | 7,066 | 85,152  | 14,096       | 529,945 |
| 1996 | 647     | 1                 | 7   | -  | 16           | 671    | 37   | 1,028             | -  | -     | 1,038        | 2,103  | 413,623 | 39,827            | 6,395 | 71,283  | 13,183       | 544,311 |
| 1997 | 1,097   | 4                 | 8   | -  | 34           | 1,143  | 71   | 3,383             | -  | 7     | 1,437        | 4,898  | 466,483 | 48,157            | 7,747 | 84,588  | 9,962        | 616,936 |
| 1998 | 1,330   | 4                 | 7   | -  | 588          | 1,929  | 13   | 1,233             | -  | 24    | 18,158       | 19,428 | 442,365 | 33,276            | 6,897 | 74,758  | 34,815       | 592,111 |
| 1999 | 1,719   | -                 | -   | 24 | 369          | 2,112  | 27   | 3,092             | -  | 2,113 | 4,279        | 9,511  | 599,160 | 44,076            | 4,059 | 62,254  | 24,310       | 733,859 |
| 2000 | 636     | -                 | -   | 75 | 56           | 767    | 190  | 1,410             | -  | 1,992 | 1,468        | 5,060  | 559,095 | 39,494            | 2,809 | 83,305  | 16,756       | 701,459 |
| 2001 | 17      | -                 | -   | 34 | 19           | 70     | 191  | 679               | -  | 2,448 | 55           | 3,373  | 591,243 | 22,799            | 4,523 | 121,616 | 14,755       | 754,935 |
| 2002 | -       | -                 | -   | -  | 1            | 1      | 576  | 1,863             | -  | 482   | 1,422        | 4,343  | 627,077 | 21,741            | 1,958 | 116,057 | 17,158       | 783,992 |
| 2003 | -       | -                 | 1   | -  | 25           | 26     | 80   | 1,238             | -  | 215   | 750          | 2,283  | 714,079 | 33,416            | 1,177 | 110,799 | 25,600       | 885,071 |
| 2004 | 15      | 35                | 1   | 8  | 3            | 62     | 256  | 973               | -  | 349   | 258          | 1,836  | 545,992 | 23,066            | 2,539 | 81,818  | 25,120       | 678,536 |
| 2005 | 313     | 18                | -   | -  | 11           | 342    | 190  | 1,922             | -  | 363   | 427          | 2,902  | 605,945 | 25,664            | 3,187 | 62,585  | 19,865       | 717,246 |
| 2006 | 3,507   | 80                | 12  | -  | 3            | 3,602  | 50   | 1,910             | -  | 29    | 193          | 2,182  | 562,330 | 18,353            | 1,134 | 56,066  | 21,754       | 659,636 |
| 2007 | 15,906  | 628               | 107 | 2  | -            | 16,643 | 598  | 1,221             | -  | 2,197 | 301          | 4,317  | 464,948 | 12,540            | 1,298 | 51,488  | 22,179       | 552,452 |
| 2008 | 7,874   | 37                | 9   | 6  | 26           | 7,952  | 136  | 1,380             | 1  | 727   | 883          | 3,127  | 572,763 | 14,712            | 2,388 | 47,164  | 19,617       | 656,644 |
| 2009 | 9,720   | 15                | -   | 8  | 77           | 9,820  | 162  | 469               | -  | 1,933 | 74           | 2,638  | 561,695 | 9,875             | 860   | 57,466  | 21,743       | 651,640 |
| 2010 | 2,820   | 19                | 4   | 2  | 70           | 2,915  | 136  | 709               | -  | 1,770 | 36           | 2,651  | 470,105 | 6,170             | 511   | 63,279  | 22,045       | 562,111 |
| 2011 | 7,969   | 45                | 18  | 10 | 11           | 8,053  | 108  | 784               | -  | 3,178 | -            | 4,070  | 552,631 | 7,813             | 318   | 61,136  | 18,311       | 640,208 |
| 2012 | 8,191   | 156               | -   | 1  | 64           | 8,412  | 41   | 354               | -  | 196   | 221          | 812    | 549,693 | 5,385             | 704   | 75,900  | 21,419       | 653,101 |
| 2013 | 2,067   | 9                 | -   | 13 | 27           | 2,116  | 53   | 461               | -  | -     | 529          | 1,043  | 555,088 | 4,009             | 923   | 74,397  | 22,286       | 656,703 |
| 2014 | 2,821   | 38                | -   | -  | 154          | 3,013  | 113  | 328               | -  | 269   | 392          | 1,102  | 568,330 | 4,113             | -     | 73,695  | 25,482       | 671,620 |
| 2015 | 789     | 28                | -   | 1  | -            | 818    | 90   | 242               | -  | -     | 1,232        | 1,564  | 645,357 | 4,836             | -     | 81,430  | 23,756       | 755,379 |
| 2016 | 3,806   | 15                | -   | -  | 1            | 3,822  | 129  | 212               | -  | -     | 294          | 635    | 649,978 | 6,050             | -     | 72,325  | 19,083       | 747,436 |
| 2017 | 3,438   | 54                | -   | -  | -            | 3,492  | 234  | 303               | -  | -     | 366          | 903    | 615,572 | 3,041             | -     | 72,340  | 13,958       | 704,911 |
| 2018 | 2,409   | 58                | -   | -  | -            | 2,467  | 75   | 448               | -  | 3     | 227          | 753    | 600,671 | 2,479             | -     | 66,792  | 13,673       | 683,615 |
| 2019 | 7,032   | 27                | -   | -  | -            | 7,059  | 78   | 276               | -  | *     | *            | 354    | 660,078 | 4,349             | -     | 24,531  | *            | 688,958 |

<sup>§</sup> Class-6 (carrying capacity >363 t) purse-seine vessels only-Buques cerqueros de Clase 6 (capacidad de acarreo >363 t) solamente

**TABLE A-2b.** Estimated catches, in metric tons, of billfishes in the EPO, by fishing gear, 1990-2019. For purse-seine (PS) vessels, retained (Ret.) catches include all vessels; discard (Dis.) data are for Class-6 vessels only. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-2b.** Capturas estimadas, en toneladas métricas, de peces picudos en el OPO, por arte de pesca, 1990-2019. En el caso de los buques de cerco (PS), las capturas retenidas (Ret.) incluyen todos los buques; los datos de descartes (Dis.) son de buques de Clase 6 únicamente. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | Swordfish—Pez espada |        |        |       | Blue marlin—Marlín azul |      |        |       | Black marlin—Marlín negro |       |      |        | Striped marlin—Marlín rayado |     |       |      |        |       |       |       |
|------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------------------|------|--------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------|--------|------------------------------|-----|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | PS                   |        | LL     | OTR   | Total                   | PS   |        | LL    | OTR                       | Total | PS   |        | LL                           | OTR | Total | PS   |        | LL    | OTR   | Total |
|      | Ret.                 | Dis. § |        |       |                         | Ret. | Dis. § |       |                           |       | Ret. | Dis. § |                              |     |       | Ret. | Dis. § |       |       |       |
| 1990 | -                    | -      | 5,807  | 5,066 | 10,873                  | -    | -      | 5,540 | -5,540                    | -     | -    | 223    | -                            | 223 | -     | -    | 3,260  | 333   | 3,593 |       |
| 1991 | -                    | 17     | 10,671 | 4,307 | 14,995                  | -    | 69     | 6,719 | -6,788                    | -     | 58   | 246    | -                            | 304 | -     | 76   | 2,993  | 409   | 3,478 |       |
| 1992 | -                    | 4      | 9,820  | 4,267 | 14,091                  | -    | 52     | 6,626 | -6,678                    | -     | 95   | 228    | -                            | 323 | -     | 69   | 3,054  | 239   | 3,362 |       |
| 1993 | 3                    | 1      | 6,187  | 4,414 | 10,605                  | 84   | 20     | 6,571 | -6,675                    | 57    | 31   | 218    | -                            | 306 | 47    | 20   | 3,575  | 259   | 3,901 |       |
| 1994 | 1                    | -      | 4,990  | 3,822 | 8,813                   | 69   | 15     | 9,027 | -9,111                    | 39    | 23   | 256    | -                            | 318 | 20    | 9    | 3,396  | 257   | 3,682 |       |
| 1995 | 3                    | -      | 4,495  | 2,974 | 7,472                   | 70   | 16     | 7,288 | -7,374                    | 43    | 23   | 158    | -                            | 224 | 18    | 8    | 3,249  | 296   | 3,571 |       |
| 1996 | 1                    | -      | 7,071  | 2,486 | 9,558                   | 62   | 15     | 3,596 | -3,673                    | 46    | 24   | 100    | -                            | 170 | 20    | 9    | 3,218  | 430   | 3,677 |       |
| 1997 | 2                    | 1      | 10,580 | 1,781 | 12,364                  | 126  | 15     | 5,915 | -6,056                    | 71    | 22   | 154    | -                            | 247 | 28    | 3    | 4,473  | 329   | 4,833 |       |
| 1998 | 3                    | -      | 9,800  | 3,246 | 13,049                  | 130  | 20     | 4,856 | -5,006                    | 72    | 28   | 168    | -                            | 268 | 20    | 3    | 3,558  | 509   | 4,090 |       |
| 1999 | 2                    | -      | 7,569  | 1,965 | 9,536                   | 181  | 38     | 3,691 | -3,910                    | 83    | 42   | 94     | -                            | 219 | 26    | 11   | 2,621  | 376   | 3,034 |       |
| 2000 | 3                    | -      | 8,930  | 2,383 | 11,316                  | 120  | 23     | 3,634 | -3,777                    | 67    | 21   | 105    | -                            | 193 | 17    | 3    | 1,889  | 404   | 2,313 |       |
| 2001 | 3                    | 1      | 16,007 | 1,964 | 17,975                  | 119  | 40     | 4,196 | -4,355                    | 67    | 48   | 123    | -                            | 238 | 13    | 8    | 1,961  | 342   | 2,324 |       |
| 2002 | 1                    | -      | 17,598 | 2,119 | 19,718                  | 188  | 33     | 3,480 | -3,701                    | 86    | 30   | 78     | -                            | 194 | 69    | 5    | 2,158  | 412   | 2,644 |       |
| 2003 | 3                    | 1      | 18,161 | 354   | 18,519                  | 185  | 21     | 4,015 | -4,221                    | 121   | 26   | 73     | -                            | 220 | 31    | 4    | 1,904  | 417   | 2,356 |       |
| 2004 | 2                    | -      | 15,372 | 309   | 15,683                  | 140  | 21     | 3,783 | -3,944                    | 62    | 5    | 41     | -                            | 108 | 23    | 1    | 1,547  | 390   | 1,961 |       |
| 2005 | 2                    | -      | 8,935  | 4,304 | 13,241                  | 209  | 14     | 3,350 | -3,573                    | 95    | 9    | 39     | -                            | 143 | 37    | 4    | 1,531  | 553   | 2,125 |       |
| 2006 | 7                    | -      | 9,890  | 3,800 | 13,697                  | 164  | 21     | 2,934 | 105                       | 3,224 | 124  | 21     | 77                           | -   | 222   | 54   | 3      | 1,735 | 490   | 2,282 |
| 2007 | 4                    | -      | 9,639  | 4,390 | 14,033                  | 124  | 13     | 2,393 | 106                       | 2,636 | 74   | 8      | 47                           | -   | 129   | 32   | 4      | 1,656 | 1,024 | 2,716 |
| 2008 | 6                    | -      | 12,248 | 3,071 | 15,325                  | 125  | 8      | 1,705 | 114                       | 1,952 | 76   | 9      | 100                          | -   | 185   | 33   | 2      | 1,291 | 1,045 | 2,371 |
| 2009 | 4                    | -      | 15,539 | 3,905 | 19,448                  | 159  | 15     | 2,102 | 131                       | 2,407 | 76   | 8      | 94                           | -   | 178   | 23   | 2      | 1,333 | 7     | 1,365 |
| 2010 | 4                    | -      | 18,396 | 4,480 | 22,880                  | 176  | 12     | 2,920 | 126                       | 3,234 | 62   | 9      | 160                          | -   | 231   | 21   | 2      | 2,129 | 9     | 2,161 |
| 2011 | 3                    | -      | 20,400 | 5,101 | 25,504                  | 150  | 6      | 2,025 | 144                       | 2,325 | 59   | 7      | 187                          | -   | 253   | 28   | 1      | 2,640 | 16    | 2,685 |
| 2012 | 5                    | -      | 23,587 | 7,148 | 30,740                  | 178  | 15     | 3,723 | 177                       | 4,093 | 71   | 4      | 444                          | -   | 519   | 28   | -      | 2,703 | 20    | 2,751 |
| 2013 | 2                    | -      | 22,342 | 5,560 | 27,904                  | 172  | 15     | 4,202 | 168                       | 4,557 | 99   | 4      | 138                          | -   | 241   | 21   | 1      | 2,439 | 19    | 2,480 |
| 2014 | 4                    | -      | 21,331 | 6,332 | 27,667                  | 209  | 12     | 4,069 | 186                       | 4,476 | 70   | 4      | 151                          | -   | 225   | 22   | 1      | 1,929 | 3     | 1,955 |
| 2015 | 5                    | 1      | 25,805 | 6,079 | 31,890                  | 306  | 11     | 4,121 | 182                       | 4,620 | 117  | 14     | 240                          | -   | 371   | 26   | -      | 1,269 | 474   | 1,769 |
| 2016 | 4                    | -      | 23,895 | 7,156 | 31,055                  | 247  | 6      | 3,677 | 175                       | 4,105 | 62   | 3      | 80                           | -   | 145   | 19   | -      | 1,561 | 4     | 1,584 |
| 2017 | 1                    | 2      | 21,327 | 6,301 | 27,631                  | 151  | 4      | 3,832 | 191                       | 4,178 | 39   | 1      | 211                          | -   | 251   | 10   | -      | 1,736 | 4     | 1,750 |
| 2018 | 2                    | -      | 22,767 | 5,185 | 27,954                  | 167  | 1      | 4,020 | 174                       | 4,362 | 23   | -      | 297                          | -   | 320   | 10   | 1      | 1,801 | 5     | 1,817 |
| 2019 | 3                    | -      | *      | *     | 3                       | 202  | 3      | *     | *                         | 205   | 45   | -      | 45                           | -   | 45    | 16   | *      | *     | *     | 16    |

§ Class-6 (carrying capacity >363 t) purse-seine vessels only—Buques cerqueros de Clase 6 (capacidad de acarreo >363 t) solamente

TABLE A-2b. (continued)

TABLA A-2b. (continuación)

|      | Shortbill spearfish—<br>Marlín trompa corta |                   |     |     |       | Sailfish—<br>Pez vela |                   |       |       |       | Unidentified istiophorid<br>billfishes—Picudos istio-<br>fóridos no identificados |                   |       |       |       | Total billfishes—<br>Total de peces picudos |                   |        |        |        |
|------|---|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|      | PS  |                   | LL  | OTR | Total | PS                    |                   | LL    | OTR   | Total | PS  |                   | LL    | OTR   | Total | PS  |                   | LL     | OTR    | Total  |
|      | Ret.  | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |     |     |       | Ret.                  | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |       |       | Ret.  | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |       |       | Ret.  | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |        |        |        |
| 1990 | -   | -                 | -   | -   | -     | -                     | 6                 | -     | 6     | -     | -   | 125               | -     | 125   | -     | -   | 14,961            | 5,399  | 20,360 |        |
| 1991 | -   | -                 | 1   | -   | 1     | -                     | 717               | -     | 717   | -     | -   | 112               | -     | 112   | -     | 220   | 21,459            | 4,716  | 26,395 |        |
| 1992 | -   | 1                 | 1   | -   | 2     | -                     | 1,351             | -     | 1,351 | -     | -   | 1,123             | -     | 1,123 | -     | 221   | 22,203            | 4,506  | 26,930 |        |
| 1993 | -   | -                 | 1   | -   | 1     | 26                    | 32                | 2,266 | -     | 2,324 | 29  | 68                | 1,650 | -     | 1,747 | 246   | 172               | 20,468 | 4,673  | 25,559 |
| 1994 | -   | -                 | 144 | -   | 144   | 19                    | 21                | 1,682 | -     | 1,722 | 7   | 16                | 1,028 | -     | 1,051 | 155   | 84                | 20,523 | 4,079  | 24,841 |
| 1995 | 1   | -                 | 155 | -   | 156   | 12                    | 15                | 1,351 | -     | 1,378 | 4   | 9                 | 232   | -     | 245   | 151   | 71                | 16,928 | 3,270  | 20,420 |
| 1996 | 1   | -                 | 126 | -   | 127   | 10                    | 12                | 738   | -     | 760   | 6   | 13                | 308   | -     | 327   | 146   | 73                | 15,157 | 2,916  | 18,292 |
| 1997 | 1   | -                 | 141 | -   | 142   | 12                    | 11                | 1,891 | -     | 1,914 | 3   | 5                 | 1,324 | -     | 1,332 | 243   | 57                | 24,478 | 2,110  | 26,888 |
| 1998 | -   | -                 | 200 | -   | 200   | 28                    | 31                | 1,382 | -     | 1,441 | 5   | 7                 | 575   | 55    | 642   | 258   | 89                | 20,539 | 3,810  | 24,696 |
| 1999 | 1   | -                 | 278 | -   | 279   | 33                    | 8                 | 1,216 | -     | 1,257 | 6   | 12                | 1,136 | -     | 1,154 | 332   | 111               | 16,605 | 2,341  | 19,389 |
| 2000 | 1   | -                 | 285 | -   | 286   | 33                    | 17                | 1,380 | -     | 1,430 | 3   | 6                 | 880   | 136   | 1,025 | 244   | 70                | 17,103 | 2,923  | 20,340 |
| 2001 | -   | -                 | 304 | -   | 304   | 18                    | 45                | 1,539 | 325   | 1,927 | 2   | 5                 | 1,741 | 204   | 1,952 | 222   | 147               | 25,871 | 2,835  | 29,075 |
| 2002 | 1   | -                 | 273 | -   | 274   | 19                    | 15                | 1,792 | 17    | 1,843 | 4   | 5                 | 1,862 | 14    | 1,885 | 368   | 88                | 27,241 | 2,562  | 30,259 |
| 2003 | 1   | 4                 | 290 | -   | 295   | 38                    | 49                | 1,174 | -     | 1,261 | 6   | 5                 | 1,389 | -     | 1,400 | 385   | 110               | 27,006 | 771    | 28,272 |
| 2004 | 1   | -                 | 207 | -   | 208   | 19                    | 13                | 1,400 | 17    | 1,449 | 4   | 4                 | 1,385 | -     | 1,393 | 251   | 44                | 23,735 | 716    | 24,746 |
| 2005 | 1   | -                 | 229 | -   | 230   | 32                    | 11                | 805   | 15    | 863   | 5   | 3                 | 901   | -     | 909   | 381   | 41                | 15,790 | 4,872  | 21,084 |
| 2006 | 1   | -                 | 231 | -   | 232   | 30                    | 13                | 1,007 | 35    | 1,085 | 23  | 4                 | 490   | 1     | 518   | 403   | 62                | 16,364 | 4,431  | 21,260 |
| 2007 | 1   | -                 | 239 | -   | 240   | 41                    | 8                 | 1,032 | 64    | 1,145 | 13  | 4                 | 1,171 | 15    | 1,203 | 289   | 37                | 16,177 | 5,599  | 22,102 |
| 2008 | 1   | -                 | 266 | -   | 267   | 28                    | 7                 | 524   | 72    | 631   | 16  | 5                 | 1,587 | 8     | 1,616 | 285   | 31                | 17,721 | 4,310  | 22,347 |
| 2009 | 1   | -                 | 446 | -   | 447   | 17                    | 6                 | 327   | 8     | 358   | 11  | 1                 | 1,799 | 12    | 1,823 | 291   | 32                | 21,640 | 4,063  | 26,026 |
| 2010 | 1   | -                 | 519 | -   | 520   | 27                    | 20                | 655   | 3     | 705   | 8   | 2                 | 2,604 | -     | 2,614 | 299   | 45                | 27,383 | 4,618  | 32,345 |
| 2011 | -   | -                 | 462 | -   | 462   | 18                    | 5                 | 658   | 28    | 709   | 15  | 1                 | 2,377 | 3     | 2,396 | 273   | 20                | 28,749 | 5,292  | 34,334 |
| 2012 | 1   | -                 | 551 | -   | 552   | 14                    | 2                 | 685   | 15    | 716   | 10  | 1                 | 2,178 | -     | 2,189 | 307   | 22                | 33,871 | 7,360  | 41,560 |
| 2013 | 1   | -                 | 913 | -   | 914   | 16                    | 2                 | 614   | 9     | 641   | 15  | 3                 | 2,743 | 1     | 2,762 | 326   | 25                | 33,391 | 5,757  | 39,499 |
| 2014 | -   | -                 | 721 | -   | 721   | 16                    | 1                 | 481   | 8     | 506   | 8   | 2                 | 220   | 3     | 233   | 329   | 20                | 28,902 | 6,532  | 35,783 |
| 2015 | 1   | -                 | 497 | -   | 498   | 18                    | 8                 | 1,402 | 22    | 1,450 | 19  | 1                 | 704   | 4     | 728   | 492   | 35                | 34,038 | 6,761  | 41,326 |
| 2016 | 1   | -                 | 416 | -   | 417   | 49                    | 9                 | 457   | 19    | 534   | 112   | 9                 | 732   | 1     | 854   | 494   | 27                | 30,818 | 7,355  | 38,694 |
| 2017 | -   | -                 | 244 | -   | 244   | 22                    | 2                 | 525   | 15    | 564   | 164   | 12                | 258   | 15    | 449   | 387   | 21                | 28,133 | 6,526  | 35,067 |
| 2018 | -   | -                 | 235 | -   | 235   | 13                    | 2                 | 426   | 17    | 458   | 123   | 6                 | 144   | 10    | 283   | 338   | 10                | 29,690 | 5,391  | 35,429 |
| 2019 | -   | -                 | *   | -   | *     | 18                    | *                 | *     | *     | 18    | 121   | 4                 | *     | *     | 125   | 405   | 7                 | 45     | *      | 457    |

<sup>§</sup> Class-6 (carrying capacity >363 t) purse-seine vessels only-Buques cerqueros de Clase 6 (capacidad de acarreo >363 t) solamente

**TABLE A-2c.** Estimated catches, in metric tons, of carangids, dorado, elasmobranchs, and other fishes in the EPO, by fishing gear, 1990-2019. For purse-seine (PS) vessels, retained (Ret.) catches include all vessels; discard (Dis.) data are for Class-6 vessels only. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-2c.** Capturas estimadas, en toneladas métricas, de carángidos, dorado, elasmobranquios, y otros peces en el OPO, por arte de pesca, 1990-2019. En el caso de los buques de cerco (PS), las capturas retenidas (Ret.) incluyen todos los buques; los datos de descartes (Dis.) son de buques de Clase 6 únicamente. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | Carangids—<br>Carángidos |      |    |     |       | Dorado ( <i>Coryphaena</i> spp.) |                   |        |        |        | Elasmobranchs—<br>Elasmobranquios |                   |        |       |        | Other fishes—Otros peces |                   |       |     |       |
|------|--------------------------|------|----|-----|-------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|
|      | PS                       |      | LL | OTR | Total | PS                               |                   | LL     | OTR    | Total  | PS                                |                   | LL     | OTR   | Total  | PS                       |                   | LL    | OTR | Total |
|      | Ret.                     | Dis. |    |     |       | Ret.                             | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |        |        |        | Ret.                              | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |        |       |        | Ret.                     | Dis. <sup>§</sup> |       |     |       |
| 1990 | 234                      | -    | -  | 1   | 235   | 63                               | -                 | -      | 1,491  | 1,554  | -                                 | -                 | 280    | 1,095 | 1,375  | 433                      | -                 | 260   | 14  | 707   |
| 1991 | 116                      | -    | -  | -   | 116   | 57                               | -                 | 7      | 613    | 677    | 1                                 | -                 | 1,112  | 1,352 | 2,465  | 463                      | -                 | 458   | 1   | 922   |
| 1992 | 116                      | -    | -  | -   | 116   | 69                               | -                 | 37     | 708    | 814    | -                                 | -                 | 2,294  | 1,190 | 3,484  | 555                      | -                 | 183   | -   | 738   |
| 1993 | 31                       | 43   | -  | 3   | 77    | 266                              | 476               | 17     | 724    | 1,483  | 253                               | 1,153             | 1,028  | 916   | 3,350  | 145                      | 554               | 186   | 2   | 887   |
| 1994 | 19                       | 28   | -  | 16  | 63    | 687                              | 826               | 46     | 3,459  | 5,018  | 372                               | 1,029             | 1,234  | 1,314 | 3,949  | 243                      | 567               | 275   | -   | 1,085 |
| 1995 | 27                       | 32   | -  | 9   | 68    | 465                              | 729               | 39     | 2,127  | 3,360  | 278                               | 1,093             | 922    | 1,075 | 3,368  | 177                      | 760               | 246   | -   | 1,183 |
| 1996 | 137                      | 135  | -  | 57  | 329   | 548                              | 885               | 43     | 183    | 1,659  | 239                               | 1,001             | 1,120  | 2,151 | 4,511  | 155                      | 467               | 492   | -   | 1,114 |
| 1997 | 38                       | 111  | -  | 39  | 188   | 569                              | 703               | 6,866  | 3,109  | 11,247 | 413                               | 1,232             | 956    | 2,328 | 4,929  | 261                      | 654               | 894   | -   | 1,809 |
| 1998 | 83                       | 149  | -  | 4   | 236   | 424                              | 426               | 2,528  | 9,167  | 12,545 | 279                               | 1,404             | 2,099  | 4,393 | 8,175  | 303                      | 1,133             | 1,403 | -   | 2,839 |
| 1999 | 108                      | 136  | -  | 1   | 244   | 568                              | 751               | 6,284  | 1,160  | 8,763  | 260                               | 843               | 5,997  | 2,088 | 9,188  | 245                      | 748               | 1,047 | -   | 2,040 |
| 2000 | 97                       | 66   | 4  | 4   | 171   | 813                              | 785               | 3,537  | 1,041  | 6,176  | 263                               | 771               | 8,418  | 405   | 9,857  | 148                      | 408               | 1,578 | -   | 2,134 |
| 2001 | 16                       | 145  | 18 | 26  | 205   | 1,028                            | 1,275             | 15,942 | 2,825  | 21,070 | 183                               | 641               | 12,540 | 107   | 13,471 | 391                      | 1,130             | 1,803 | -   | 3,324 |
| 2002 | 20                       | 111  | 15 | 20  | 166   | 932                              | 938               | 9,464  | 4,137  | 15,471 | 137                               | 758               | 12,398 | 99    | 13,392 | 355                      | 722               | 1,920 | -   | 2,997 |
| 2003 | 13                       | 141  | 54 | -   | 208   | 583                              | 346               | 5,301  | 288    | 6,518  | 118                               | 833               | 14,498 | 372   | 15,821 | 280                      | 406               | 4,682 | -   | 5,368 |
| 2004 | 41                       | 103  | 1  | -   | 145   | 811                              | 317               | 3,986  | 4,645  | 9,759  | 157                               | 623               | 11,273 | 173   | 12,226 | 339                      | 1,031             | 670   | -   | 2,040 |
| 2005 | 82                       | 79   | -  | -   | 161   | 863                              | 295               | 3,854  | 8,667  | 13,679 | 199                               | 498               | 12,117 | 220   | 13,034 | 439                      | 276               | 636   | -   | 1,351 |
| 2006 | 247                      | 146  | -  | -   | 393   | 1,002                            | 385               | 3,408  | 13,127 | 17,922 | 235                               | 677               | 20,579 | 233   | 21,724 | 496                      | 381               | 603   | 100 | 1,580 |
| 2007 | 175                      | 183  | 6  | 17  | 381   | 1,266                            | 350               | 6,907  | 7,827  | 16,350 | 343                               | 401               | 25,002 | 237   | 25,983 | 830                      | 675               | 2,481 | 120 | 4,106 |
| 2008 | 86                       | 55   | 5  | 17  | 163   | 933                              | 327               | 15,845 | 5,458  | 22,563 | 540                               | 371               | 30,143 | 201   | 31,255 | 522                      | 429               | 1,526 | 85  | 2,562 |
| 2009 | 65                       | 42   | 10 | 16  | 133   | 1,923                            | 476               | 17,136 | 51,328 | 70,863 | 279                               | 347               | 31,001 | 143   | 31,770 | 1,036                    | 374               | 2,435 | 378 | 4,223 |
| 2010 | 82                       | 15   | 8  | 23  | 128   | 1,243                            | 253               | 9,484  | 47,881 | 58,861 | 335                               | 467               | 40,655 | 120   | 41,577 | 884                      | 192               | 2,341 | 384 | 3,801 |
| 2011 | 72                       | 24   | 8  | -   | 104   | 1,291                            | 386               | 12,438 | 20,935 | 35,050 | 280                               | 318               | 45,450 | 94    | 46,142 | 511                      | 219               | 1,972 | 507 | 3,209 |
| 2012 | 53                       | 23   | 1  | -   | 77    | 1,805                            | 401               | 17,255 | 26,627 | 46,088 | 230                               | 281               | 31,889 | 429   | 32,829 | 875                      | 230               | 2,693 | 381 | 4,179 |
| 2013 | 17                       | 17   | 1  | 3   | 38    | 1,447                            | 489               | 11,249 | 22,673 | 35,858 | 217                               | 325               | 33,090 | 205   | 33,837 | 1,393                    | 369               | 2,795 | 273 | 4,830 |
| 2014 | 20                       | 11   | 11 | 46  | 88    | 1,762                            | 370               | 3,340  | 20,915 | 26,387 | 248                               | 476               | 29,076 | 352   | 30,152 | 1,459                    | 438               | 2,763 | 348 | 5,008 |
| 2015 | 28                       | 15   | 11 | 218 | 272   | 1,045                            | 169               | 1,201  | 17,361 | 19,776 | 307                               | 623               | 39,823 | 514   | 41,267 | 697                      | 208               | 3,303 | 235 | 4,443 |
| 2016 | 30                       | 33   | 11 | 142 | 216   | 893                              | 175               | 447    | 13,002 | 14,517 | 229                               | 590               | 37,877 | 178   | 38,874 | 955                      | 463               | 2,858 | 159 | 4,435 |
| 2017 | 33                       | 26   | -  | 103 | 162   | 1,374                            | 264               | 1,804  | 16,051 | 19,493 | 44                                | 861               | 42,174 | 946   | 44,025 | 305                      | 147               | 3,122 | 148 | 3,722 |
| 2018 | 33                       | 64   | -  | 56  | 153   | 1,186                            | 342               | 3,499  | 16,834 | 21,861 | 3                                 | 543               | 36,612 | 974   | 38,132 | 505                      | 100               | 1,912 | 115 | 2,632 |
| 2019 | 30                       | 17   | -  | *   | 47    | 1,072                            | 165               | *      | *      | 1,237  | 227                               | 363               | *      | *     | 590    | 466                      | 84                | *     | *   | 550   |

<sup>§</sup> Class-6 (carrying capacity >363 t) purse-seine vessels only-Buques cerqueros de Clase 6 (capacidad de acarreo >363 t) solamente

**TABLE A-3a.** Catches (t) of yellowfin tuna by purse-seine vessels in the EPO, by vessel flag. ‘C’ indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the ‘OTR’ column. The data have been adjusted to the species composition estimate and are preliminary.

**TABLA A-3a.** Capturas (t) de atún aleta amarilla por buques de cerco en el OPO, por bandera del buque. ‘C’ indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna ‘OTR’. Los datos están ajustados a la estimación de composición por especie, y son preliminares.

|      | COL    | CRI | ECU    | EU<br>(ESP) | MEX     | NIC    | PAN    | PER   | SLV   | USA    | VEN     | VUT    | C +<br>OTR <sup>1</sup> | Total   |
|------|--------|-----|--------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1990 | C      | C   | 16,279 | C           | 115,898 | -      | 6,391  | C     | -     | 50,790 | 47,490  | 22,208 | 4,197                   | 263,253 |
| 1991 | C      | -   | 15,011 | C           | 115,107 | -      | 1,731  | C     | -     | 18,751 | 45,345  | 29,687 | 5,625                   | 231,257 |
| 1992 | C      | -   | 12,119 | C           | 118,455 | -      | 3,380  | 45    | -     | 16,961 | 44,336  | 27,406 | 5,419                   | 228,121 |
| 1993 | 3,863  | -   | 18,094 | C           | 101,792 | -      | 5,671  | -     | -     | 14,055 | 43,522  | 24,936 | 7,559                   | 219,492 |
| 1994 | 7,533  | -   | 18,365 | C           | 99,618  | -      | 3,259  | -     | -     | 8,080  | 41,500  | 25,729 | 4,324                   | 208,408 |
| 1995 | 8,829  | C   | 17,044 | C           | 108,749 | -      | 1,714  | -     | -     | 5,069  | 47,804  | 22,220 | 4,005                   | 215,434 |
| 1996 | 9,855  | C   | 17,125 | C           | 119,878 | -      | 3,084  | -     | -     | 6,948  | 62,846  | 10,549 | 8,322                   | 238,607 |
| 1997 | 9,402  | -   | 18,697 | C           | 120,761 | -      | 4,807  | -     | -     | 5,826  | 57,881  | 20,701 | 6,803                   | 244,878 |
| 1998 | 15,592 | -   | 36,201 | 5,449       | 106,840 | -      | 3,330  | -     | C     | 2,776  | 61,425  | 17,342 | 5,004                   | 253,959 |
| 1999 | 13,267 | -   | 53,683 | 8,322       | 114,545 | C      | 5,782  | -     | C     | 3,400  | 55,443  | 16,476 | 11,002                  | 281,920 |
| 2000 | 6,138  | -   | 35,492 | 10,318      | 101,662 | C      | 5,796  | -     | -     | 4,374  | 67,672  | 8,247  | 13,563                  | 253,262 |
| 2001 | 12,950 | -   | 55,347 | 18,448      | 130,087 | C      | 9,552  | -     | C     | 5,670  | 108,974 | 10,729 | 32,180                  | 383,937 |
| 2002 | 17,574 | -   | 32,512 | 16,990      | 152,864 | C      | 15,719 | C     | 7,412 | 7,382  | 123,264 | 7,502  | 31,068                  | 412,287 |
| 2003 | 9,770  | -   | 34,271 | 12,281      | 172,807 | -      | 16,591 | C     | C     | 3,601  | 96,914  | 9,334  | 27,710                  | 383,279 |
| 2004 | C      | -   | 40,886 | 13,622      | 91,442  | C      | 33,563 | -     | C     | C      | 39,094  | 7,371  | 46,577                  | 272,555 |
| 2005 | C      | -   | 40,596 | 11,947      | 110,898 | 4,838  | 33,393 | -     | 6,470 | C      | 28,684  | C      | 31,276                  | 268,102 |
| 2006 | C      | -   | 26,049 | 8,409       | 69,449  | 4,236  | 22,521 | -     | C     | C      | 13,286  | C      | 22,679                  | 166,629 |
| 2007 | C      | -   | 19,749 | 2,631       | 65,091  | 3,917  | 26,024 | -     | C     | C      | 20,097  | C      | 32,507                  | 170,016 |
| 2008 | C      | -   | 18,463 | 3,023       | 84,462  | 4,374  | 26,993 | C     | C     | C      | 17,692  | C      | 30,050                  | 185,057 |
| 2009 | C      | -   | 18,167 | 7,864       | 99,785  | 6,686  | 35,228 | C     | C     | C      | 25,298  | C      | 43,729                  | 236,757 |
| 2010 | 20,493 | -   | 34,764 | 2,820       | 104,969 | 9,422  | 34,538 | C     | C     | -      | 21,244  | C      | 22,758                  | 251,008 |
| 2011 | 18,643 | -   | 32,946 | 1,072       | 99,812  | 7,781  | 18,607 | -     | C     | C      | 18,712  | C      | 9,278                   | 206,851 |
| 2012 | 20,924 | -   | 29,485 | 1,065       | 93,323  | 7,541  | 15,932 | -     | C     | C      | 23,408  | C      | 6,339                   | 198,017 |
| 2013 | 16,476 | -   | 27,655 | 511         | 114,706 | 8,261  | 18,301 | C     | C     | -      | 24,896  | C      | 7,381                   | 218,187 |
| 2014 | 17,185 | -   | 37,546 | 760         | 120,980 | 8,100  | 19,349 | C     | C     | 1,105  | 23,025  | -      | 6,016                   | 234,066 |
| 2015 | 17,270 | -   | 50,153 | C           | 106,171 | 6,876  | 26,558 | 783   | C     | 3,212  | 30,428  | -      | 4,276                   | 245,727 |
| 2016 | 19,280 | -   | 59,280 | C           | 93,928  | 11,047 | 23,249 | 1,647 | C     | 4,578  | 23,812  | -      | 5,298                   | 242,118 |
| 2017 | 15,106 | -   | 55,705 | C           | 80,870  | 9,347  | 19,921 | 3,349 | C     | 6,500  | 16,809  | -      | 3,373                   | 210,980 |
| 2018 | 21,855 | -   | 57,164 | C           | 101,651 | 7,552  | 22,625 | 1,458 | C     | 3,808  | 19,527  | -      | 3,341                   | 238,981 |
| 2019 | 17,172 | -   | 45,519 | C           | 105,570 | 7,111  | 17,793 | 1,778 | C     | 6,465  | 22,500  | -      | 3,801                   | 227,709 |

<sup>1</sup> Includes—Incluye: BLZ, BOL, CHN, GTM, HND, UNK

**TABLE A-3b.** Annual catches (t) of yellowfin tuna by longline vessels, and totals for all gears, in the EPO, by vessel flag. 'C' indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the 'OTR' column. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-3b.** Capturas anuales (t) de atún aleta amarilla por buques de palangre en el OPO, y totales de todas las artes, por bandera del buque. 'C' indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna 'OTR'. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | CHN   | CRI   | FRA<br>(PYF) | JPN    | KOR   | MEX | PAN   | TWN   | USA | VUT | C +<br>OTR <sup>1</sup> | Total<br>LL | Total<br>PS+LL | OTR <sup>2</sup> |
|------|-------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1990 | -     | -     | -            | 29,255 | 4,844 | -   | -     | 534   | -   | -   | *                       | 34,633      | 297,886        | 3,636            |
| 1991 | -     | 169   | -            | 23,721 | 5,688 | -   | -     | 1,319 | 2   | -   | *                       | 30,899      | 262,156        | 3,814            |
| 1992 | -     | 119   | 57           | 15,296 | 2,865 | -   | -     | 306   | 3   | -   | *                       | 18,646      | 246,767        | 5,747            |
| 1993 | -     | 200   | 39           | 20,339 | 3,257 | C   | -     | 155   | 17  | -   | 2                       | 24,009      | 243,501        | 7,985            |
| 1994 | -     | 481   | 214          | 25,983 | 3,069 | 41  | -     | 236   | 2   | -   | *                       | 30,026      | 238,434        | 5,112            |
| 1995 | -     | 542   | 198          | 17,042 | 2,748 | 7   | -     | 28    | 31  | -   | *                       | 20,596      | 236,030        | 3,334            |
| 1996 | -     | 183   | 253          | 12,631 | 3,491 | 0   | -     | 37    | 13  | -   | *                       | 16,608      | 255,215        | 5,401            |
| 1997 | -     | 715   | 307          | 16,218 | 4,753 | -   | -     | 131   | 11  | -   | 28                      | 22,163      | 267,041        | 5,018            |
| 1998 | -     | 1,124 | 388          | 10,048 | 3,624 | 16  | -     | 113   | 15  | -   | 8                       | 15,336      | 269,295        | 6,614            |
| 1999 | -     | 1,031 | 206          | 7,186  | 3,030 | 10  | -     | 186   | 7   | -   | 26                      | 11,682      | 293,602        | 4,489            |
| 2000 | -     | 1,084 | 1,052        | 15,265 | 5,134 | 153 | 359   | 742   | 10  | 5   | 51                      | 23,855      | 277,118        | 3,540            |
| 2001 | 942   | 1,133 | 846          | 14,808 | 5,230 | 29  | 732   | 3,928 | 29  | 13  | 1,918                   | 29,608      | 413,544        | 4,436            |
| 2002 | 1,457 | 1,563 | 278          | 8,513  | 3,626 | 4   | 907   | 7,360 | 5   | 290 | 1,528                   | 25,531      | 437,817        | 1,501            |
| 2003 | 2,739 | 1,418 | 462          | 9,125  | 4,911 | 365 | C     | 3,477 | 5   | 699 | 1,973                   | 25,174      | 408,453        | 1,615            |
| 2004 | 798   | 1,701 | 767          | 7,338  | 2,997 | 32  | 2,802 | 1,824 | 6   | 171 | 343                     | 18,779      | 291,336        | 2,511            |
| 2005 | 682   | 1,791 | 530          | 3,966  | 532   | 0   | 1,782 | 2,422 | 7   | 51  | 183                     | 11,946      | 280,047        | 3,674            |
| 2006 | 246   | 1,402 | 537          | 2,968  | 928   | 0   | 2,164 | 1,671 | 21  | 164 | 109                     | 10,210      | 176,841        | 2,144            |
| 2007 | 224   | 1,204 | 408          | 4,582  | 353   | 8   | -     | 745   | 11  | 154 | 378                     | 8,067       | 178,083        | 2,333            |
| 2008 | 469   | 1,248 | 335          | 5,383  | 83    | 5   | -     | 247   | 33  | 175 | 1,842                   | 9,820       | 194,877        | 1,755            |
| 2009 | 629   | 1,003 | 590          | 4,268  | 780   | 10  | -     | 636   | 84  | 244 | 2,200                   | 10,444      | 247,201        | 1,950            |
| 2010 | 459   | 3     | 301          | 3,639  | 737   | 6   | -     | 872   | 54  | 269 | 1,999                   | 8,339       | 259,348        | 1,492            |
| 2011 | 1,807 | -     | 349          | 2,373  | 754   | 6   | -     | 647   | 55  | 150 | 1,907                   | 8,048       | 214,899        | 1,406            |
| 2012 | 2,591 | 1,482 | 538          | 3,600  | 631   | 7   | 519   | 749   | 39  | 155 | 2,643                   | 12,954      | 210,971        | 1,888            |
| 2013 | 1,874 | 1,424 | 410          | 3,117  | 928   | 8   | 325   | 572   | 43  | 101 | 1,981                   | 10,783      | 228,970        | 1,993            |
| 2014 | 2,120 | 1,072 | 567          | 2,633  | 704   | 4   | 249   | 896   | 61  | 323 | 20                      | 8,649       | 242,715        | 3,557            |
| 2015 | 2,642 | 1,415 | 929          | 2,177  | 957   | 20  | 419   | 1,287 | 134 | 530 | 139                     | 10,649      | 256,376        | 3,582            |
| 2016 | 2,398 | 1,010 | 825          | 1,839  | 1,124 | 29  | 688   | 1,222 | 244 | 166 | 253                     | 9,798       | 251,916        | 2,876            |
| 2017 | 2,907 | 837   | 1,252        | 1,463  | 1,176 | 10  | 612   | 1,263 | 531 | 406 | 18                      | 10,475      | 221,456        | 2,688            |
| 2018 | 5,386 | 1,190 | 1,101        | 1,401  | 1,189 | -   | 130   | 1,212 | 419 | 293 | 26                      | 12,347      | 251,328        | 1,417            |
| 2019 | *     | *     | *            | *      | *     | *   | *     | *     | *   | *   | *                       | *           | 227,709        | *                |

<sup>1</sup> Includes—Incluye: BLZ, CHL, ECU, EU(ESP), EU(PRT), GTM, HND, NIC, SLV

<sup>2</sup> Includes gillnets, pole-and-line, recreational, troll and unknown gears—Incluye red agallera, caña, artes deportivas, y desconocidas

**TABLE A-3c.** Catches (t) of skipjack tuna by purse-seine and longline vessels in the EPO, by vessel flag, adjusted to the species composition estimate. 'C' indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the 'OTR' column. The 2018-2019 data are preliminary.

**TABLA A-3c.** Capturas (t) de atún barrilete por buques de cerco y de palangre en el OPO, por bandera del buque, ajustadas a la estimación de composición por especie. 'C' indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna 'OTR'. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | PS     |     |         |         |        |       |        |       |       |        |        |        |                    |         | LL+<br>OTR <sup>2</sup> |
|------|--------|-----|---------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|      | COL    | CRI | ECU     | EU(ESP) | MEX    | NIC   | PAN    | PER   | SLV   | USA    | VEN    | VUT    | C+OTR <sup>1</sup> | Total   |                         |
| 1990 | C      | C   | 24,071  | C       | 6,696  | -     | 3,425  | C     | -     | 13,188 | 11,362 | 11,920 | 3,707              | 74,369  | 2,738                   |
| 1991 | C      | -   | 18,438  | C       | 10,916 | -     | 1,720  | C     | -     | 13,162 | 5,217  | 9,051  | 3,724              | 62,228  | 3,662                   |
| 1992 | C      | -   | 25,408  | C       | 9,188  | -     | 3,724  | 352   | -     | 14,108 | 10,226 | 13,315 | 7,962              | 84,283  | 3,011                   |
| 1993 | 3,292  | -   | 21,227  | C       | 13,037 | -     | 1,062  | -     | -     | 17,853 | 7,270  | 10,908 | 9,181              | 83,830  | 6,089                   |
| 1994 | 7,348  | -   | 15,083  | C       | 11,783 | -     | 2,197  | -     | -     | 8,947  | 6,356  | 9,541  | 8,871              | 70,126  | 4,044                   |
| 1995 | 13,081 | C   | 31,934  | C       | 29,406 | -     | 4,084  | -     | -     | 14,032 | 5,508  | 13,910 | 15,092             | 127,047 | 7,241                   |
| 1996 | 13,230 | C   | 32,433  | C       | 14,501 | -     | 3,619  | -     | -     | 12,012 | 4,104  | 10,873 | 13,201             | 103,973 | 3,868                   |
| 1997 | 12,332 | -   | 51,826  | C       | 23,416 | -     | 4,277  | -     | -     | 13,687 | 8,617  | 14,246 | 25,055             | 153,456 | 3,491                   |
| 1998 | 4,698  | -   | 67,074  | 20,012  | 15,969 | -     | 1,136  | -     | C     | 6,898  | 6,795  | 11,284 | 6,765              | 140,631 | 2,215                   |
| 1999 | 11,210 | -   | 124,393 | 34,923  | 16,767 | C     | 5,286  | -     | C     | 13,491 | 16,344 | 21,287 | 17,864             | 261,565 | 3,638                   |
| 2000 | 10,138 | -   | 104,849 | 17,041  | 14,080 | C     | 9,573  | -     | -     | 7,224  | 6,720  | 13,620 | 22,399             | 205,644 | 365                     |
| 2001 | 9,445  | -   | 66,144  | 13,454  | 8,169  | C     | 6,967  | -     | C     | 4,135  | 3,215  | 7,824  | 23,813             | 143,166 | 1,696                   |
| 2002 | 10,908 | -   | 80,378  | 10,546  | 6,612  | C     | 9,757  | C     | 4,601 | 4,582  | 2,222  | 4,657  | 19,283             | 153,546 | 996                     |
| 2003 | 14,771 | -   | 139,804 | 18,567  | 8,147  | -     | 25,084 | C     | C     | 5,445  | 6,143  | 14,112 | 41,895             | 273,968 | 4,049                   |
| 2004 | C      | -   | 89,621  | 8,138   | 24,429 | C     | 20,051 | -     | C     | C      | 23,356 | 4,404  | 27,825             | 197,824 | 2,347                   |
| 2005 | C      | -   | 140,927 | 9,224   | 32,271 | 3,735 | 25,782 | -     | 4,995 | C      | 22,146 | C      | 24,149             | 263,229 | 3,309                   |
| 2006 | C      | -   | 138,490 | 16,668  | 16,790 | 8,396 | 44,639 | -     | C     | C      | 26,334 | C      | 44,952             | 296,269 | 1,645                   |
| 2007 | C      | -   | 93,553  | 2,879   | 21,542 | 4,286 | 28,475 | -     | C     | C      | 21,990 | C      | 35,571             | 208,296 | 1,579                   |
| 2008 | C      | -   | 143,431 | 4,841   | 21,638 | 7,005 | 43,230 | C     | C     | C      | 28,333 | C      | 48,125             | 296,603 | 2,847                   |
| 2009 | C      | -   | 132,712 | 6,021   | 6,847  | 5,119 | 26,973 | C     | C     | C      | 19,370 | C      | 33,481             | 230,523 | 2,821                   |
| 2010 | 11,400 | -   | 82,280  | 1,569   | 3,010  | 5,242 | 19,213 | C     | C     | -      | 11,818 | C      | 12,660             | 147,192 | 3,132                   |
| 2011 | 23,269 | -   | 149,637 | 5,238   | 11,899 | 3,889 | 29,837 | -     | C     | C      | 27,026 | C      | 25,240             | 276,035 | 2,259                   |
| 2012 | 15,760 | -   | 151,280 | 15,773  | 18,058 | 3,931 | 25,786 | -     | C     | C      | 20,829 | C      | 14,798             | 266,215 | 3,793                   |
| 2013 | 22,168 | -   | 172,002 | 2,900   | 17,350 | 4,345 | 31,022 | C     | C     | -      | 17,522 | C      | 11,251             | 278,560 | 3,229                   |
| 2014 | 22,732 | -   | 172,239 | 5,581   | 8,783  | 6,300 | 21,776 | C     | C     | 521    | 13,767 | -      | 9,770              | 261,469 | 1,425                   |
| 2015 | 16,431 | -   | 208,765 | C       | 23,515 | 1,261 | 31,427 | 5,225 | C     | 16,826 | 4,792  | -      | 20,665             | 328,907 | 1,445                   |
| 2016 | 20,665 | -   | 190,577 | C       | 13,286 | 1,971 | 32,844 | 6,449 | C     | 40,036 | 9,067  | -      | 22,666             | 337,561 | 932                     |
| 2017 | 19,284 | -   | 190,139 | C       | 21,238 | 6,959 | 37,419 | 6,257 | C     | 24,989 | 7,288  | -      | 11,186             | 324,759 | 1,047                   |
| 2018 | 15,365 | -   | 177,456 | C       | 17,014 | 7,759 | 36,504 | 4,119 | C     | 11,869 | 6,679  | -      | 12,056             | 288,821 | 1,590                   |
| 2019 | 23,216 | -   | 211,521 | C       | 19,683 | 8,091 | 33,641 | 8,948 | C     | 19,700 | 5,847  | -      | 16,467             | 347,114 | *                       |

<sup>1</sup> Includes—Incluye: BLZ, BOL, CHN, EU(CYP), GTM, HND, KOR, LBR, NZL, RUS, VCT, UNK

<sup>2</sup> Includes gillnets, pole-and-line, recreational, and unknown gears—Incluye red agallera, caña, artes deportivas y desconocidas

**TABLE A-3d.** Catches (t) of bigeye tuna by purse-seine vessels in the EPO, by vessel flag. ‘C’ indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the ‘OTR’ column. The data have been adjusted to the species composition estimate and are preliminary for 2018 and 2019.

**TABLA A-3d.** Capturas (t) de atún patudo por buques de cerco en el OPO, por bandera del buque. ‘C’ indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna ‘OTR’. Los datos están ajustados a la estimación de composición por especie, y los de 2018 y 2019 son preliminares.

|      | COL   | CRI | ECU    | EU(ESP) | MEX   | NIC   | PAN    | PER | SLV   | USA    | VEN   | VUT    | C + OTR <sup>1</sup> | Total  |
|------|-------|-----|--------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1990 | -     | -   | 1,619  | C       | 29    | -     | 196    | -   | -     | 209    | 1,405 | 2,082  | 381                  | 5,921  |
| 1991 | -     | -   | 2,224  | C       | 5     | -     | -      | -   | -     | 50     | 591   | 1,839  | 161                  | 4,870  |
| 1992 | -     | -   | 1,647  | C       | 61    | -     | 38     | *   | -     | 3,002  | 184   | 1,397  | 850                  | 7,179  |
| 1993 | 686   | -   | 2,166  | C       | 120   | -     | 10     | *   | -     | 3,324  | 253   | 1,848  | 1,250                | 9,657  |
| 1994 | 5,636 | -   | 5,112  | C       | 171   | -     | -      | *   | -     | 7,042  | 637   | 8,829  | 7,472                | 34,899 |
| 1995 | 5,815 | C   | 8,304  | C       | 91    | -     | 839    | *   | -     | 11,042 | 706   | 12,072 | 6,452                | 45,321 |
| 1996 | 7,692 | C   | 20,279 | C       | 82    | -     | 1,445  | *   | -     | 8,380  | 619   | 12,374 | 10,440               | 61,311 |
| 1997 | 3,506 | -   | 30,092 | C       | 38    | -     | 1,811  | *   | -     | 8,312  | 348   | 6,818  | 13,347               | 64,272 |
| 1998 | 596   | -   | 25,113 | 5,747   | 12    | -     | 12     | *   | C     | 5,309  | 348   | 4,746  | 2,246                | 44,129 |
| 1999 | 1,511 | -   | 24,355 | 11,703  | 33    | C     | 1,220  | *   | C     | 2,997  | 10    | 5,318  | 4,011                | 51,158 |
| 2000 | 7,443 | -   | 36,094 | 12,511  | 0     | C     | 7,028  | *   | -     | 5,304  | 457   | 10,000 | 16,446               | 95,283 |
| 2001 | 5,230 | -   | 24,424 | 7,450   | 0     | C     | 3,858  | *   | C     | 2,290  | 0     | 4,333  | 12,933               | 60,518 |
| 2002 | 5,283 | -   | 26,262 | 5,108   | 0     | C     | 4,726  | C   | 2,228 | 2,219  | 0     | 2,256  | 9,340                | 57,422 |
| 2003 | 3,664 | -   | 22,896 | 4,605   | 0     | -     | 6,222  | C   | C     | 1,350  | 424   | 3,500  | 10,390               | 53,051 |
| 2004 | C     | -   | 30,817 | 3,366   | 0     | C     | 8,294  | *   | C     | C      | 9,661 | 1,822  | 11,511               | 65,471 |
| 2005 | C     | -   | 30,507 | 3,831   | 0     | 1,551 | 10,707 | *   | 2,074 | C      | 9,197 | C      | 10,028               | 67,895 |
| 2006 | C     | -   | 39,302 | 5,264   | 6     | 2,652 | 14,099 | *   | C     | C      | 8,317 | C      | 14,197               | 83,837 |
| 2007 | C     | -   | 40,445 | 711     | 0     | 1,058 | 7,029  | *   | C     | C      | 5,428 | C      | 8,780                | 63,451 |
| 2008 | C     | -   | 41,177 | 1,234   | 327   | 1,785 | 11,018 | C   | C     | C      | 7,221 | C      | 12,266               | 75,028 |
| 2009 | C     | -   | 35,646 | 2,636   | 1,334 | 2,241 | 11,807 | C   | C     | C      | 8,479 | C      | 14,657               | 76,800 |
| 2010 | 4,206 | -   | 34,902 | 579     | 11    | 1,934 | 7,089  | C   | C     | -      | 4,360 | C      | 4,672                | 57,753 |
| 2011 | 3,210 | -   | 31,282 | 4,111   | 133   | 2,256 | 7,953  | *   | C     | C      | 301   | C      | 7,266                | 56,512 |
| 2012 | 1,873 | -   | 45,633 | 3,866   | 225   | 1,250 | 7,238  | *   | C     | C      | 848   | C      | 5,087                | 66,020 |
| 2013 | 1,405 | -   | 32,444 | 1,672   | 124   | 2,749 | 6,118  | -   | C     | -      | 963   | C      | 4,012                | 49,487 |
| 2014 | 2,479 | -   | 39,094 | 2,812   | 40    | 3,068 | 8,168  | -   | C     | 129    | 1,183 | -      | 3,472                | 60,445 |
| 2015 | 2,470 | -   | 44,063 | C       | 156   | 774   | 10,113 | -   | C     | 2,384  | 100   | -      | 2,853                | 62,913 |
| 2016 | 2,743 | -   | 33,139 | C       | 255   | 667   | 8,440  | 312 | C     | 2,801  | 345   | -      | 8,029                | 56,731 |
| 2017 | 3,656 | -   | 38,299 | C       | 358   | 1,610 | 10,544 | 0   | C     | 6,210  | 1,256 | -      | 5,040                | 66,973 |
| 2018 | 1,449 | -   | 40,427 | C       | 766   | 1,519 | 11,753 | 104 | C     | 3,354  | 1,157 | -      | 3,994                | 64,523 |
| 2019 | 4,169 | -   | 39,943 | C       | 1,001 | 2,629 | 10,918 | -   | C     | 3,398  | 983   | -      | 7,503                | 70,544 |

<sup>1</sup> Includes—Incluye: BLZ, BOL, CHN, GTM, HND, UNK

**TABLE A-3e.** Annual catches (t) of bigeye tuna by longline vessels, and totals for all gears, in the EPO, by vessel flag. 'C' indicates that the catch has been combined with the total in the 'OTR' column. The data for 2018-2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-3e.** Capturas anuales (t) de atún patudo por buques de palangre en el OPO, y totales de todas las artes, por bandera del buque. 'C' indica que la captura se ha combinado con el total en la columna 'OTR'. Los datos de 2018-2019 son preliminares.

|      | CHN    | CRI | FRA<br>(PYF) | JPN    | KOR    | MEX | PAN | TWN    | USA   | VUT   | C +<br>OTR <sup>1</sup> | Total<br>LL | Total<br>PS + LL | OTR <sup>2</sup> |
|------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1990 | -      | -   | -            | 86,148 | 12,127 | -   | -   | 596    | -     | -     | *                       | 98,871      | 104,792          | 59               |
| 1991 | -      | 1   | -            | 85,011 | 17,883 | -   | -   | 1,291  | 9     | -     | *                       | 104,195     | 109,065          | 56               |
| 1992 | -      | 9   | 7            | 74,466 | 9,202  | -   | -   | 1,032  | 92    | -     | *                       | 84,808      | 91,987           | 13               |
| 1993 | -      | 25  | 7            | 63,190 | 8,924  | *   | -   | 297    | 55    | -     | *                       | 72,498      | 82,155           | 35               |
| 1994 | -      | 1   | 102          | 61,471 | 9,522  | -   | -   | 255    | 9     | -     | *                       | 71,360      | 106,259          | 806              |
| 1995 | -      | 13  | 97           | 49,016 | 8,992  | -   | -   | 77     | 74    | -     | *                       | 58,269      | 103,590          | 1,369            |
| 1996 | -      | 1   | 113          | 36,685 | 9,983  | -   | -   | 95     | 81    | -     | *                       | 46,958      | 108,269          | 748              |
| 1997 | -      | 9   | 250          | 40,571 | 11,376 | -   | -   | 256    | 118   | -     | *                       | 52,580      | 116,852          | 20               |
| 1998 | -      | 28  | 359          | 35,752 | 9,731  | -   | -   | 314    | 191   | -     | *                       | 46,375      | 90,504           | 628              |
| 1999 | -      | 25  | 3,652        | 22,224 | 9,431  | -   | -   | 890    | 228   | -     | *                       | 36,450      | 87,608           | 538              |
| 2000 | -      | 27  | 653          | 28,746 | 13,280 | 42  | 14  | 1,916  | 162   | 2,754 | 11                      | 47,605      | 142,887          | 253              |
| 2001 | 2,639  | 28  | 684          | 38,048 | 12,576 | 1   | 80  | 9,285  | 147   | 3,277 | 1,990                   | 68,755      | 129,273          | 19               |
| 2002 | 7,614  | 19  | 388          | 34,193 | 10,358 | -   | 6   | 17,253 | 132   | 2,995 | 1,466                   | 74,424      | 131,845          | 12               |
| 2003 | 10,066 | 18  | 346          | 24,888 | 10,272 | -   | C   | 12,016 | 232   | 1,258 | 680                     | 59,776      | 112,828          | 21               |
| 2004 | 2,645  | 21  | 405          | 21,236 | 10,729 | -   | 48  | 7,384  | 149   | 407   | 459                     | 43,483      | 108,954          | 194              |
| 2005 | 2,104  | 23  | 398          | 19,113 | 11,580 | -   | 30  | 6,441  | 536   | 318   | 151                     | 40,694      | 108,589          | 25               |
| 2006 | 709    | 18  | 388          | 16,235 | 6,732  | -   | 37  | 6,412  | 85    | 960   | 195                     | 31,771      | 115,608          | 40               |
| 2007 | 2,324  | 15  | 361          | 13,977 | 5,611  | -   | -   | 6,057  | 417   | 1,013 | 101                     | 29,876      | 93,326           | 44               |
| 2008 | 2,379  | 16  | 367          | 14,908 | 4,150  | -   | -   | 1,852  | 1,277 | 790   | 468                     | 26,207      | 101,236          | 28               |
| 2009 | 2,481  | 13  | 484          | 15,490 | 6,758  | -   | -   | 3,396  | 730   | 1,032 | 1,038                   | 31,422      | 108,221          | 15               |
| 2010 | 2,490  | 4   | 314          | 15,847 | 9,244  | -   | -   | 5,276  | 1,356 | 1,496 | 1,063                   | 37,090      | 94,842           | 2                |
| 2011 | 5,450  | -   | 445          | 13,399 | 6,617  | -   | -   | 3,957  | 1,050 | 694   | 706                     | 32,318      | 88,829           | -                |
| 2012 | 4,386  | 3   | 464          | 16,323 | 7,450  | -   | -   | 4,999  | 875   | 1,063 | 604                     | 36,167      | 102,187          | 27               |
| 2013 | 5,199  | -   | 527          | 14,258 | 8,822  | -   | -   | 4,162  | 2,054 | 604   | 544                     | 36,170      | 85,657           | 99               |
| 2014 | 5,253  | 9   | 526          | 13,634 | 8,203  | -   | 114 | 4,511  | 2,073 | 897   | 120                     | 35,340      | 95,785           | 177              |
| 2015 | 8,401  | 8   | 692          | 13,079 | 8,635  | -   | 364 | 5,181  | 3,050 | 1,888 | 328                     | 41,626      | 104,539          | 21               |
| 2016 | 7,052  | 3   | 477          | 10,467 | 7,692  | -   | 313 | 6,006  | 2,084 | 762   | 679                     | 35,535      | 92,266           | 22               |
| 2017 | 7,093  | 16  | 700          | 8,054  | 8,749  | -   | 357 | 6,186  | 2,700 | 1,359 | 147                     | 35,361      | 102,334          | 42               |
| 2018 | 6,060  | 14  | 897          | 6,098  | 6,675  | -   | 175 | 5,125  | 2,389 | 1,194 | 145                     | 28,772      | 93,295           | 18               |
| 2019 | 5,338  | *   | 797          | 5,861  | 5,267  | *   | 191 | 6,035  | *     | 1,042 | *                       | 24,531      | 95,075           | *                |

<sup>1</sup> Includes—Incluye: BLZ, CHL, ECU, EU(ESP), HND, SLV

<sup>2</sup> Includes gillnets, pole-and-line, recreational, and unknown gears—Incluye red agallera, caña, artes deportivas, y desconocidas

**TABLE A-4a.** Preliminary estimates of the retained catches, in metric tons, of tunas and bonitos caught by purse-seine vessels in the EPO in 2018 and 2019, by species and vessel flag. The data for yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas have been adjusted to the species composition estimates, and are preliminary.

**TABLA A-4a.** Estimaciones preliminares de las capturas retenidas, en toneladas métricas, de atunes y bonitos por buques cerqueros en el OPO en 2018 y 2019, por especie y bandera del buque. Los datos de los atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo fueron ajustados a las estimaciones de composición por especie, y son preliminares.

|                  | YFT  | SKJ            | BET           | PBF          | ALB      | BKJ          | BZX          | TUN       | Total          | %    |
|------------------|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|------|
| <b>2018</b>      | <b>Retained catches–Capturas retenidas</b> |                |               |              |          |              |              |           |                |      |
| COL              | 21,855                                     | 15,365         | 1,449         | -            | -        | 9            | 11           | 4         | 38,693         | 6.4  |
| ECU              | 57,164                                     | 177,456        | 40,427        | -            | -        | 506          | 201          | 23        | 275,777        | 45.9 |
| MEX              | 101,651                                    | 17,014         | 766           | 2,840        | -        | 2,482        | 94           | 42        | 124,889        | 20.8 |
| NIC              | 7,552                                      | 7,759          | 1,519         | -            | 8        | -            | -            | -         | 16,838         | 2.8  |
| PAN              | 22,625                                     | 36,504         | 11,753        | -            | -        | -            | -            | 1         | 70,883         | 11.8 |
| PER              | 1,458                                      | 4,119          | 104           | -            | -        | -            | 1,936        | -         | 7,617          | 1.3  |
| USA              | 3,808                                      | 11,869         | 3,354         | 12           | -        | 5            | 167          | -         | 19,215         | 3.2  |
| VEN              | 19,527                                     | 6,679          | 1,157         | -            | -        | -            | -            | -         | 27,363         | 4.6  |
| OTR <sup>1</sup> | 3,341                                      | 12,055         | 3,994         | -            | -        | -            | -            | 5         | 19,395         | 3.2  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>238,981</b>                             | <b>288,820</b> | <b>64,523</b> | <b>2,852</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>3,002</b> | <b>2,409</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>600,670</b> |      |
| <b>2019</b>      | <b>Retained catches–Capturas retenidas</b> |                |               |              |          |              |              |           |                |      |
| COL              | 17,172                                     | 23,216         | 4,169         | -            | -        | 12           | -            | 1         | 44,570         | 6.8  |
| ECU              | 45,519                                     | 211,521        | 39,943        | -            | -        | 777          | 928          | 53        | 298,741        | 45.3 |
| MEX              | 105,570                                    | 19,683         | 1,001         | 2,249        | -        | 4,290        | 6,068        | 15        | 138,876        | 21.0 |
| NIC              | 7,111                                      | 8,091          | 2,629         | -            | -        | 17           | -            | -         | 17,848         | 2.7  |
| PAN              | 17,793                                     | 33,641         | 10,918        | -            | -        | 9            | -            | 1         | 62,362         | 9.4  |
| PER              | 1,778                                      | 8,948          | -             | -            | -        | -            | 36           | 3         | 10,765         | 1.6  |
| USA              | 6,465                                      | 19,700         | 3,398         | 226          | -        | 1            | -            | -         | 29,790         | 4.5  |
| VEN              | 22,500                                     | 5,847          | 983           | -            | -        | 20           | -            | 5         | 29,355         | 4.4  |
| OTR <sup>2</sup> | 3,801                                      | 16,467         | 7,503         | -            | -        | -            | -            | -         | 27,771         | 4.3  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>227,709</b>                             | <b>347,114</b> | <b>70,544</b> | <b>2,475</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>5,126</b> | <b>7,032</b> | <b>78</b> | <b>660,078</b> |      |

<sup>1</sup> Includes El Salvador and European Union (Spain) - This category is used to avoid revealing the operations of individual vessels or companies.

<sup>1</sup> Incluye El Salvador y Unión Europea (España) - Se usa esta categoría para no revelar información sobre las actividades de buques o empresas individuales.

<sup>2</sup> Includes El Salvador and European Union (Spain) - This category is used to avoid revealing the operations of individual vessels or companies.

<sup>2</sup> Incluye El Salvador y Unión Europea (España) - Se usa esta categoría para no revelar información sobre las actividades de buques o empresas individuales.

**TABLE A-4b.** Preliminary estimates of the landings, in metric tons, of tunas and bonitos caught by purse-seine vessels in the EPO in 2018 and 2019, by year, species and country of landing. The data for yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas have not been adjusted to the species composition estimates and are preliminary.

**TABLA A-4b.** Estimaciones preliminares de las descargas, en toneladas métricas, de atunes y bonitos por buques cerqueros en el OPO en 2018 y 2019, por año, especie y país de descarga. Los datos de los atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo no fueron ajustados a las estimaciones de composición por especie, y son preliminares.

|                  | YFT                       | SKJ            | BET           | PBF          | ALB      | BKJ          | BZX          | TUN          | Total          | %    |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| <b>2018</b>      | <b>Landings-Descargas</b> |                |               |              |          |              |              |              |                |      |
| COL              | 19,388                    | 10,868         | 1,132         | -            | -        | 3            | -            | 4            | 31,395         | 5.3  |
| ECU              | 90,534                    | 228,771        | 44,116        | -            | 8        | 369          | 480          | 20           | 364,298        | 61.0 |
| MEX              | 102,194                   | 16,515         | 774           | 2,840        | -        | 2,533        | 94           | 45           | 124,995        | 20.9 |
| PER              | 4,675                     | 18,934         | 1,652         | -            | -        | 11           | 2,145        | 1            | 27,418         | 4.6  |
| USA              | 2,576                     | 7,996          | 1,983         | 12           | -        | -            | 167          | -            | 12,734         | 2.1  |
| OTR <sup>1</sup> | 19,476                    | 12,983         | 3,872         | -            | -        | -            | -            | 5            | 36,336         | 6.1  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>238,843</b>            | <b>296,067</b> | <b>53,529</b> | <b>2,852</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>2,916</b> | <b>2,886</b> | <b>75</b>    | <b>597,176</b> |      |
| <b>2019</b>      | <b>Landings-Descargas</b> |                |               |              |          |              |              |              |                |      |
| COL              | 7,696                     | 10,740         | 1,157         | -            | -        | 1            | -            | -            | 19,594         | 3.1  |
| ECU              | 85,028                    | 268,476        | 39,988        | -            | -        | 690          | 930          | 5,020        | 400,132        | 63.8 |
| MEX              | 99,850                    | 20,577         | 903           | 2,249        | -        | 4,287        | 4,733        | 15           | 132,614        | 21.1 |
| PER              | 3,330                     | 18,721         | 748           | -            | -        | 30           | 36           | 12           | 22,877         | 3.6  |
| USA              | 3,195                     | 6,158          | 330           | 269          | -        | -            | -            | -            | 9,952          | 1.6  |
| OTR <sup>2</sup> | 19,628                    | 16,088         | 6,589         | -            | -        | 3            | -            | -            | 42,308         | 6.8  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>218,727</b>            | <b>340,760</b> | <b>49,715</b> | <b>2,518</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>5,011</b> | <b>5,699</b> | <b>5,047</b> | <b>627,477</b> |      |

<sup>1</sup> Includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Unknown - This category is used to avoid revealing the operations of individual vessels or companies.

<sup>1</sup> Incluye Costa Rica, Desconocida, El Salvador y Guatemala - Se usa esta categoría para no revelar información sobre las actividades de buques o empresas individuales.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Unknown - This category is used to avoid revealing the operations of individual vessels or companies.

<sup>2</sup> Incluye Costa Rica, Desconocida, El Salvador y Guatemala - Se usa esta categoría para no revelar información sobre las actividades de buques o empresas individuales.

**TABLE A-5a.** Annual retained catches of Pacific bluefin tuna, by gear type and flag, in metric tons, 1990-2018. The data for 2017 and 2018 are preliminary; 2019 data are not available.

**TABLA A-5a.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún aleta azul del Pacífico, por arte de pesca y bandera, en toneladas, 1990-2018. Los datos de 2017 y 2018 son preliminares; no se dispone de datos de 2019.

| PBF  | Western Pacific flags—Banderas del Pacífico occidental <sup>1</sup> |     |       |       |       |     |     |       |     |           | EPO flags—Banderas del OPO |     |       |     |           | Total  |
|------|---|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----------|----------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|--------|
|      | JPN   |     |       |       | KOR   |     | TWN |       |     | Sub-total | MEX                        |     | USA   |     | Sub-total |        |
|      | PS  | LP  | LL    | OTR   | PS    | OTR | PS  | LL    | OTR |           | PS                         | OTR | PS    | OTR |           |        |
| 1990 | 2,989   | 536 | 309   | 2,421 | 132   | -   | 149 | 189   | 315 | 7,040     | 50                         | -   | 1,380 | 157 | 1,587     | 8,627  |
| 1991 | 9,808   | 286 | 218   | 4,204 | 265   | -   | -   | 342   | 119 | 15,242    | 9                          | -   | 410   | 98  | 517       | 15,759 |
| 1992 | 7,162   | 166 | 513   | 3,204 | 288   | -   | 73  | 464   | 8   | 11,878    | 0                          | -   | 1,928 | 171 | 2,099     | 13,977 |
| 1993 | 6,600   | 129 | 812   | 1,759 | 40    | -   | 1   | 471   | 3   | 9,815     | -                          | -   | 580   | 386 | 966       | 10,781 |
| 1994 | 8,131   | 162 | 1,206 | 5,667 | 50    | -   | -   | 559   | -   | 15,775    | 63                         | 2   | 906   | 145 | 1,116     | 16,891 |
| 1995 | 18,909  | 270 | 678   | 7,223 | 821   | -   | -   | 335   | 2   | 28,238    | 11                         | -   | 657   | 294 | 962       | 29,200 |
| 1996 | 7,644   | 94  | 901   | 5,359 | 102   | -   | -   | 956   | -   | 15,056    | 3,700                      | -   | 4,639 | 110 | 8,449     | 23,505 |
| 1997 | 13,152  | 34  | 1,300 | 4,354 | 1,054 | -   | -   | 1,814 | -   | 21,708    | 367                        | -   | 2,240 | 264 | 2,871     | 24,579 |
| 1998 | 5,391   | 85  | 1,255 | 4,450 | 188   | -   | -   | 1,910 | -   | 13,279    | 1                          | 0   | 1,771 | 703 | 2,475     | 15,754 |
| 1999 | 16,173  | 35  | 1,157 | 5,246 | 256   | -   | -   | 3,089 | -   | 25,956    | 2,369                      | 35  | 184   | 592 | 3,180     | 29,136 |
| 2000 | 16,486  | 102 | 953   | 7,031 | 2,401 | -   | -   | 2,780 | 2   | 29,755    | 3,019                      | 99  | 693   | 380 | 4,191     | 33,946 |
| 2001 | 7,620   | 180 | 791   | 5,614 | 1,176 | 10  | -   | 1,839 | 4   | 17,234    | 863                        | -   | 292   | 392 | 1,547     | 18,781 |
| 2002 | 8,903   | 99  | 841   | 4,338 | 932   | 1   | -   | 1,523 | 4   | 16,641    | 1,708                      | 2   | 50    | 625 | 2,385     | 19,026 |
| 2003 | 5,768   | 44  | 1,237 | 3,345 | 2,601 | -   | -   | 1,863 | 21  | 14,879    | 3,211                      | 43  | 22    | 373 | 3,649     | 18,528 |
| 2004 | 8,257   | 132 | 1,847 | 3,855 | 773   | -   | -   | 1,714 | 3   | 16,581    | 8,880                      | 14  | -     | 61  | 8,955     | 25,536 |
| 2005 | 12,817  | 549 | 1,925 | 6,363 | 1,318 | 9   | -   | 1,368 | 2   | 24,351    | 4,542                      | -   | 201   | 80  | 4,823     | 29,174 |
| 2006 | 8,880   | 108 | 1,121 | 4,058 | 1,012 | 3   | -   | 1,149 | 1   | 16,332    | 9,806                      | -   | -     | 96  | 9,902     | 26,234 |
| 2007 | 6,840   | 236 | 1,762 | 4,983 | 1,281 | 4   | -   | 1,401 | 10  | 16,517    | 4,147                      | -   | 42    | 14  | 4,203     | 20,720 |
| 2008 | 10,221  | 64  | 1,390 | 5,505 | 1,866 | 10  | -   | 979   | 2   | 20,037    | 4,407                      | 15  | -     | 64  | 4,486     | 24,523 |
| 2009 | 8,077   | 50  | 1,080 | 4,814 | 936   | 4   | -   | 877   | 11  | 15,849    | 3,019                      | -   | 410   | 162 | 3,591     | 19,440 |
| 2010 | 3,742   | 83  | 890   | 3,681 | 1,196 | 16  | -   | 373   | 36  | 10,017    | 7,746                      | -   | -     | 89  | 7,835     | 17,852 |
| 2011 | 8,340   | 63  | 837   | 3,754 | 670   | 14  | -   | 292   | 24  | 13,994    | 2,731                      | 1   | -     | 343 | 3,075     | 17,069 |
| 2012 | 2,462   | 113 | 673   | 2,846 | 1,421 | 2   | -   | 210   | 4   | 7,731     | 6,668                      | 1   | -     | 442 | 7,111     | 14,842 |
| 2013 | 2,771   | 8   | 784   | 2,848 | 604   | 1   | -   | 331   | 3   | 7,350     | 3,154                      | -   | -     | 820 | 3,974     | 11,324 |
| 2014 | 5,456   | 5   | 683   | 3,429 | 1,305 | 6   | -   | 483   | 42  | 11,409    | 4,862                      | -   | 401   | 427 | 5,690     | 17,099 |
| 2015 | 3,645   | 8   | 619   | 2,086 | 676   | 1   | -   | 552   | 26  | 7,613     | 3,082                      | -   | 86    | 412 | 3,580     | 11,193 |
| 2016 | 5,095   | 44  | 657   | 2,514 | 1,024 | 6   | -   | 454   | 0   | 9,794     | 2,709                      | -   | 316   | 408 | 3,433     | 13,227 |
| 2017 | 4,540   | 86  | 901   | 3,522 | 734   | 9   | -   | 415   | 0   | 10,207    | 3,643                      | -   | 466   | 471 | 4,580     | 14,787 |
| 2018 | 4,050   | 8   | 698   | 1,448 | 523   | 12  | -   | 381   | -   | 7,120     | 2,482                      | -   | 12    | 534 | 3,028     | 10,148 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: International Scientific Committee, 19th Plenary Meeting, PBFWG workshop report on Pacific Bluefin Tuna, July 2019—Fuente: Comité Científico Internacional, 19ª Reunión Plenaria, Taller PBFWG sobre Atún Aleta Azul del Pacífico, julio de 2019

**TABLE A-5b.** Reported catches of Pacific bluefin tuna in the EPO by recreational gear, in number of fish, 1990-2019.

**TABLA A-5b.** Capturas reportadas de atún aleta azul del Pacifico en el OPO por artes deportivas, en número de peces, 1990-2019.

|             |        |             |        |
|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| <b>1990</b> | 3,755  | <b>2005</b> | 5,757  |
| <b>1991</b> | 5,330  | <b>2006</b> | 7,473  |
| <b>1992</b> | 8,586  | <b>2007</b> | 1,028  |
| <b>1993</b> | 10,535 | <b>2008</b> | 10,187 |
| <b>1994</b> | 2,243  | <b>2009</b> | 12,138 |
| <b>1995</b> | 16,025 | <b>2010</b> | 8,453  |
| <b>1996</b> | 2,739  | <b>2011</b> | 31,494 |
| <b>1997</b> | 8,338  | <b>2012</b> | 40,012 |
| <b>1998</b> | 20,466 | <b>2013</b> | 63,158 |
| <b>1999</b> | 36,797 | <b>2014</b> | 27,889 |
| <b>2000</b> | 20,669 | <b>2015</b> | 28,661 |
| <b>2001</b> | 21,913 | <b>2016</b> | 12,312 |
| <b>2002</b> | 33,399 | <b>2017</b> | 16,493 |
| <b>2003</b> | 22,291 | <b>2018</b> | 10,414 |
| <b>2004</b> | 3,391  | <b>2019</b> | 16,620 |

**TABLE A-6.** Annual retained catches of albacore in the EPO, by gear and area (north and south of the equator), in metric tons, 1990-2018. The data for 2017 and 2018 are preliminary; 2019 data are not available.

**TABLA A-6.** Capturas retenidas anuales de atún albacora en el OPO, por arte y zona (al norte y al sur de la línea ecuatorial), en toneladas, 1990-2018. Los datos de 2017 y 2018 son preliminares; no se dispone de datos de 2019.

| ALB  | North—Norte |                  |       |          | South—Sur |       |     |          | Total  |
|------|-------------|------------------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-----|----------|--------|
|      | LL          | LTL <sup>1</sup> | OTR   | Subtotal | LL        | LTL   | OTR | Subtotal |        |
| 1990 | 1,143       | 2,610            | 63    | 3,816    | 5,393     | 1,336 | 305 | 7,034    | 10,850 |
| 1991 | 1,514       | 2,617            | 6     | 4,137    | 6,379     | 795   | 170 | 7,344    | 11,481 |
| 1992 | 1,635       | 4,770            | 2     | 6,407    | 15,445    | 1,205 | 18  | 16,668   | 23,075 |
| 1993 | 1,772       | 4,332            | 25    | 6,129    | 9,422     | 35    | 19  | 9,476    | 15,605 |
| 1994 | 2,356       | 9,666            | 106   | 12,128   | 8,034     | 446   | 21  | 8,501    | 20,629 |
| 1995 | 1,380       | 7,773            | 102   | 9,255    | 4,805     | 2     | 15  | 4,822    | 14,077 |
| 1996 | 1,675       | 8,267            | 99    | 10,041   | 5,956     | 94    | 21  | 6,071    | 16,112 |
| 1997 | 1,365       | 6,115            | 1,019 | 8,499    | 8,313     | 466   | 0   | 8,779    | 17,278 |
| 1998 | 1,730       | 12,019           | 1,250 | 14,999   | 10,905    | 12    | 0   | 10,917   | 25,916 |
| 1999 | 2,701       | 11,028           | 3,668 | 17,397   | 8,932     | 81    | 7   | 9,020    | 26,417 |
| 2000 | 1,880       | 10,960           | 1,869 | 14,709   | 7,783     | 778   | 3   | 8,564    | 23,273 |
| 2001 | 1,822       | 11,727           | 1,638 | 15,187   | 17,588    | 516   | 6   | 18,110   | 33,297 |
| 2002 | 1,227       | 12,286           | 2,388 | 15,901   | 14,062    | 131   | 40  | 14,233   | 30,134 |
| 2003 | 1,129       | 17,808           | 2,260 | 21,197   | 23,772    | 419   | 3   | 24,194   | 45,391 |
| 2004 | 854         | 20,288           | 1,623 | 22,765   | 17,590    | 331   | 0   | 17,921   | 40,686 |
| 2005 | 405         | 13,807           | 1,741 | 15,953   | 8,945     | 181   | 7   | 9,133    | 25,086 |
| 2006 | 3,671       | 18,515           | 408   | 22,594   | 10,161    | 48    | 119 | 10,328   | 32,922 |
| 2007 | 2,708       | 17,948           | 1,415 | 22,071   | 8,399     | 19    | 87  | 8,505    | 30,576 |
| 2008 | 1,160       | 17,137           | 308   | 18,605   | 8,058     | 0     | 159 | 8,217    | 26,822 |
| 2009 | 91          | 17,933           | 996   | 19,020   | 11,981    | 0     | 213 | 12,194   | 31,214 |
| 2010 | 1,134       | 18,246           | 892   | 20,272   | 13,122    | 3     | 247 | 13,372   | 33,644 |
| 2011 | 1,833       | 15,437           | 426   | 17,696   | 14,357    | 0     | 222 | 14,579   | 32,275 |
| 2012 | 4,583       | 16,633           | 1,222 | 22,438   | 19,613    | 35    | 210 | 19,858   | 42,296 |
| 2013 | 6,193       | 17,398           | 844   | 24,435   | 19,204    | 0     | 271 | 19,475   | 43,910 |
| 2014 | 3,546       | 18,178           | 1,042 | 22,766   | 25,685    | 0     | 243 | 25,928   | 48,694 |
| 2015 | 2,083       | 15,986           | 935   | 19,004   | 26,873    | 0     | 221 | 27,094   | 46,098 |
| 2016 | 1,641       | 13,619           | 677   | 15,937   | 25,136    | 0     | 290 | 25,426   | 41,363 |
| 2017 | 2,512       | 8,870            | 386   | 11,768   | 23,820    | 0     | 206 | 24,026   | 35,794 |
| 2018 | 2,429       | 10,449           | 173   | 13,051   | 22,062    | 0     | 329 | 22,391   | 35,442 |

<sup>1</sup> Includes pole-and-line—Incluye caña

**TABLE A-7.** Estimated numbers of sets, by set type and vessel capacity category, and estimated retained catches, in metric tons, of yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tuna by purse-seine vessels in the EPO. The data for 2018 and 2019 are preliminary. The data for yellowfin, skipjack, and bigeye tunas have been adjusted to the species composition estimate and are preliminary.

**TABLA A-7.** Números estimados de lances, por tipo de lance y categoría de capacidad de buque, y capturas retenidas estimadas, en toneladas métricas, de atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo por buques cerqueros en el OPO. Los datos de 2018 y 2019 son preliminares. Los datos de los atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, y patudo fueron ajustados a la estimación de composición por especie, y son preliminares.

|             | Number of sets—Número de lances   |        |        | Retained catch—Captura retenida |         |        |
|-------------|---|--------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
|             | Vessel capacity—<br>Capacidad del buque   |        | Total  | YFT                             | SKJ     | BET    |
|             | ≤363 t  | >363 t |        |                                 |         |        |
| <b>DEL</b>  | <b>Sets associated with dolphins<br/>Lances asociados a delfines</b>                  |        |        |                                 |         |        |
| <b>2004</b> | 0   | 11,783 | 11,783 | 177,513                         | 10,706  | 2      |
| <b>2005</b> | 0   | 12,173 | 12,173 | 167,224                         | 12,321  | 1      |
| <b>2006</b> | 0   | 8,923  | 8,923  | 91,800                          | 4,801   | 0      |
| <b>2007</b> | 0   | 8,871  | 8,871  | 97,075                          | 3,272   | 7      |
| <b>2008</b> | 0   | 9,246  | 9,246  | 122,107                         | 8,388   | 4      |
| <b>2009</b> | 0   | 10,910 | 10,910 | 178,291                         | 2,683   | 1      |
| <b>2010</b> | 0   | 11,646 | 11,646 | 170,028                         | 1,365   | 0      |
| <b>2011</b> | 0   | 9,604  | 9,604  | 134,926                         | 4,387   | 2      |
| <b>2012</b> | 0   | 9,220  | 9,220  | 133,825                         | 2,122   | 0      |
| <b>2013</b> | 0   | 10,736 | 10,736 | 157,432                         | 4,272   | 0      |
| <b>2014</b> | 0   | 11,382 | 11,382 | 167,780                         | 4,413   | 3      |
| <b>2015</b> | 0   | 11,020 | 11,020 | 160,595                         | 5,608   | 2      |
| <b>2016</b> | 0   | 11,219 | 11,219 | 146,526                         | 3,179   | 4      |
| <b>2017</b> | 0   | 8,863  | 8,863  | 112,533                         | 1,656   | 1      |
| <b>2018</b> | 0   | 9,774  | 9,774  | 147,859                         | 2,456   | 1      |
| <b>2019</b> | 0   | 9,680  | 9,680  | 153,252                         | 3,698   | 28     |
| <b>OBJ</b>  | <b>Sets associated with floating objects<br/>Lances asociados a objetos flotantes</b> |        |        |                                 |         |        |
| <b>2004</b> | 723   | 4,986  | 5,709  | 28,312                          | 117,212 | 64,001 |
| <b>2005</b> | 796   | 4,992  | 5,788  | 25,752                          | 132,937 | 66,256 |
| <b>2006</b> | 1,313   | 6,862  | 8,175  | 34,111                          | 191,006 | 82,176 |
| <b>2007</b> | 1,605   | 5,857  | 7,462  | 29,412                          | 122,119 | 62,187 |
| <b>2008</b> | 1,958   | 6,655  | 8,613  | 34,763                          | 157,324 | 73,851 |
| <b>2009</b> | 2,142   | 7,077  | 9,219  | 36,147                          | 157,023 | 75,889 |
| <b>2010</b> | 2,432   | 6,399  | 8,831  | 37,850                          | 114,659 | 57,059 |
| <b>2011</b> | 2,538   | 6,921  | 9,459  | 42,176                          | 171,193 | 55,587 |
| <b>2012</b> | 3,067   | 7,610  | 10,677 | 37,487                          | 177,055 | 65,035 |
| <b>2013</b> | 3,081   | 8,038  | 11,119 | 35,112                          | 194,372 | 48,337 |
| <b>2014</b> | 3,860   | 8,777  | 12,637 | 46,049                          | 199,696 | 59,797 |
| <b>2015</b> | 3,457   | 9,385  | 12,842 | 43,603                          | 206,515 | 60,975 |
| <b>2016</b> | 4,214   | 10,377 | 14,591 | 58,673                          | 248,190 | 55,269 |
| <b>2017</b> | 4,544   | 11,148 | 15,692 | 67,167                          | 224,422 | 65,443 |
| <b>2018</b> | 4,954   | 11,871 | 16,825 | 66,122                          | 213,626 | 63,815 |
| <b>2019</b> | 4,852   | 10,591 | 15,443 | 52,706                          | 226,173 | 69,861 |

TABLE A-7. (continued)

TABLA A-7. (continuación)

|            | Number of sets—Número de lances  |        |        | Retained catch—Captura retenida |         |        |
|------------|--|--------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
|            | Vessel capacity—<br>Capacidad del buque  |        | Total  | YFT                             | SKJ     | BET    |
|            | ≤363 t   | >363 t |        |                                 |         |        |
| <b>NOA</b> | <b>Sets on unassociated schools</b><br><b>Lances sobre cardúmenes no asociados</b> |        |        |                                 |         |        |
| 2004       | 5,637  | 5,696  | 11,333 | 66,732                          | 69,906  | 1,468  |
| 2005       | 6,922  | 7,816  | 14,738 | 75,125                          | 117,971 | 1,638  |
| 2006       | 7,180  | 8,443  | 15,623 | 40,720                          | 100,461 | 1,662  |
| 2007       | 5,480  | 7,211  | 12,691 | 43,529                          | 82,904  | 1,256  |
| 2008       | 5,204  | 6,210  | 11,414 | 28,187                          | 130,891 | 1,173  |
| 2009       | 3,822  | 4,109  | 7,931  | 22,319                          | 70,817  | 909    |
| 2010       | 2,744  | 3,885  | 6,629  | 43,131                          | 31,168  | 693    |
| 2011       | 2,840  | 5,182  | 8,022  | 29,749                          | 100,455 | 923    |
| 2012       | 2,996  | 5,369  | 8,365  | 26,705                          | 87,038  | 985    |
| 2013       | 3,064  | 4,156  | 7,220  | 25,643                          | 79,916  | 1,150  |
| 2014       | 2,428  | 3,369  | 5,797  | 20,237                          | 57,360  | 645    |
| 2015       | 3,116  | 6,201  | 9,317  | 41,529                          | 116,784 | 1,936  |
| 2016       | 2,300  | 5,101  | 7,401  | 36,919                          | 86,192  | 1,458  |
| 2017       | 2,016  | 4,960  | 6,976  | 31,280                          | 98,681  | 1,529  |
| 2018       | 1,925  | 4,163  | 6,088  | 25,000                          | 72,739  | 707    |
| 2019       | 2,054  | 5,948  | 8,002  | 21,751                          | 117,243 | 655    |
| <b>ALL</b> | <b>Sets on all types of schools</b><br><b>Lances sobre todos tipos de cardumen</b> |        |        |                                 |         |        |
| 2004       | 6,360  | 22,465 | 28,825 | 272,557                         | 197,824 | 65,471 |
| 2005       | 7,718  | 24,981 | 32,699 | 268,101                         | 263,229 | 67,895 |
| 2006       | 8,493  | 24,228 | 32,721 | 166,631                         | 296,268 | 83,838 |
| 2007       | 7,085  | 21,939 | 29,024 | 170,016                         | 208,295 | 63,450 |
| 2008       | 7,162  | 22,111 | 29,273 | 185,057                         | 296,603 | 75,028 |
| 2009       | 5,964  | 22,096 | 28,060 | 236,757                         | 230,523 | 76,799 |
| 2010       | 5,176  | 21,930 | 27,106 | 251,009                         | 147,192 | 57,752 |
| 2011       | 5,378  | 21,707 | 27,085 | 206,851                         | 276,035 | 56,512 |
| 2012       | 6,063  | 22,199 | 28,262 | 198,017                         | 266,215 | 66,020 |
| 2013       | 6,145  | 22,930 | 29,075 | 218,187                         | 278,560 | 49,487 |
| 2014       | 6,288  | 23,528 | 29,816 | 234,066                         | 261,469 | 60,445 |
| 2015       | 6,573  | 26,606 | 33,179 | 245,727                         | 328,907 | 62,913 |
| 2016       | 6,514  | 26,697 | 33,211 | 242,118                         | 337,561 | 56,731 |
| 2017       | 6,560  | 24,971 | 31,531 | 210,980                         | 324,759 | 66,973 |
| 2018       | 6,879  | 25,808 | 32,687 | 238,981                         | 288,821 | 64,523 |
| 2019       | 6,906  | 26,219 | 33,125 | 227,709                         | 347,114 | 70,544 |

**TABLE A-8.** Types of floating objects involved in sets by vessels of >363 t carrying capacity, 2004-2019. The 2019 data are preliminary.

**TABLA A-8.** Tipos de objetos flotantes sobre los que realizaron lances buques de >363 t de capacidad de acarreo, 2004-2019. Los datos de 2019 son preliminares.

| OBJ  | Flotsam<br>Naturales |      | FADs<br>Plantados |      | Unknown<br>Desconocido |       | Total  |
|------|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|------------------------|-------|--------|
|      | No.                  | %    | No.               | %    | No.                    | %     |        |
| 2004 | 586                  | 11.8 | 4,370             | 87.6 | 30                     | 0.6   | 4,986  |
| 2005 | 603                  | 12.1 | 4,281             | 85.8 | 108                    | 2.2   | 4,992  |
| 2006 | 697                  | 10.2 | 6,123             | 89.2 | 42                     | 0.6   | 6,862  |
| 2007 | 597                  | 10.2 | 5,188             | 88.6 | 72                     | 1.2   | 5,857  |
| 2008 | 560                  | 8.4  | 6,070             | 91.2 | 25                     | 0.4   | 6,655  |
| 2009 | 322                  | 4.5  | 6,728             | 95.1 | 27                     | 0.4   | 7,077  |
| 2010 | 337                  | 5.3  | 6,038             | 94.3 | 24                     | 0.4   | 6,399  |
| 2011 | 563                  | 8.1  | 6,342             | 91.6 | 16                     | 0.2   | 6,921  |
| 2012 | 286                  | 3.8  | 7,321             | 96.2 | 3                      | < 0.1 | 7,610  |
| 2013 | 274                  | 3.4  | 7,759             | 96.5 | 5                      | 0.1   | 8,038  |
| 2014 | 283                  | 3.2  | 8,490             | 96.7 | 4                      | < 0.1 | 8,777  |
| 2015 | 273                  | 2.9  | 9,093             | 96.9 | 19                     | 0.2   | 9,385  |
| 2016 | 278                  | 2.7  | 10,070            | 97.0 | 29                     | 0.3   | 10,377 |
| 2017 | 271                  | 2.4  | 10,877            | 97.6 | 0                      | 0     | 11,148 |
| 2018 | 322                  | 2.7  | 11,549            | 97.3 | 0                      | 0     | 11,871 |
| 2019 | 184                  | 1.7  | 10,404            | 98.2 | 3                      | < 0.1 | 10,591 |

**TABLE A-9.** Reported nominal longline fishing effort (E; 1000 hooks) and catch (C; metric tons) of yellowfin, skipjack, bigeye, Pacific bluefin, and albacore tunas only, by flag, in the EPO.

**TABLA A-9.** Esfuerzo de pesca palangrero nominal reportado (E; 1000 anzuelos), y captura (C; toneladas métricas) de atunes aleta amarilla, barrilete, patudo, aleta azul del Pacífico, y albacora solamente, por bandera, en el OPO.

| LL   | CHN    |        | JPN     |         | KOR    |        | FRA(PYF) |       | TWN    |        | USA    |       | OTR <sup>1</sup> |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------------------|
|      | E      | C      | E       | C       | E      | C      | E        | C     | E      | C      | E      | C     | C                |
| 1990 | -      | -      | 178,414 | 117,923 | 47,167 | 17,415 | -        | -     | 12,543 | 4,755  | -      | -     | -                |
| 1991 | -      | -      | 200,365 | 112,337 | 65,024 | 24,644 | -        | -     | 17,969 | 5,862  | 42     | 12    | 173              |
| 1992 | -      | -      | 191,284 | 93,011  | 45,634 | 13,104 | 199      | 89    | 33,025 | 14,142 | 325    | 106   | 128              |
| 1993 | -      | -      | 159,955 | 87,977  | 46,375 | 12,843 | 153      | 79    | 18,064 | 6,566  | 415    | 81    | 227              |
| 1994 | -      | -      | 163,968 | 92,606  | 44,788 | 13,250 | 1,373    | 574   | 12,588 | 4,883  | 303    | 25    | 523              |
| 1995 | -      | -      | 129,598 | 69,435  | 54,979 | 12,778 | 1,776    | 559   | 2,910  | 1,639  | 828    | 180   | 562              |
| 1996 | -      | -      | 103,654 | 52,298  | 40,290 | 14,121 | 2,087    | 931   | 5,830  | 3,553  | 510    | 182   | 185              |
| 1997 | -      | -      | 96,383  | 59,325  | 30,493 | 16,663 | 3,464    | 1,941 | 8,720  | 5,673  | 464    | 215   | 752              |
| 1998 | -      | -      | 106,568 | 50,167  | 51,817 | 15,089 | 4,724    | 2,858 | 10,586 | 5,039  | 1,008  | 406   | 1,176            |
| 1999 | -      | -      | 80,958  | 32,886  | 54,269 | 13,294 | 5,512    | 4,446 | 23,247 | 7,865  | 1,756  | 469   | 1,157            |
| 2000 | -      | -      | 79,311  | 45,216  | 33,585 | 18,759 | 8,090    | 4,382 | 18,152 | 7,809  | 737    | 204   | 4,868            |
| 2001 | 13,056 | 5,162  | 102,219 | 54,775  | 72,261 | 18,201 | 7,445    | 5,086 | 41,920 | 20,060 | 1,438  | 238   | 15,612           |
| 2002 | 34,889 | 10,398 | 103,920 | 45,401  | 96,273 | 14,370 | 943      | 3,238 | 78,018 | 31,773 | 613    | 138   | 10,258           |
| 2003 | 43,289 | 14,548 | 101,227 | 36,187  | 71,006 | 15,551 | 11,098   | 4,101 | 74,460 | 28,328 | 1,314  | 262   | 11,595           |
| 2004 | 15,889 | 4,033  | 76,824  | 30,936  | 55,861 | 14,540 | 13,757   | 3,030 | 49,979 | 19,535 | 1,049  | 166   | 9,193            |
| 2005 | 16,896 | 3,681  | 65,081  | 25,712  | 15,798 | 12,284 | 13,356   | 2,515 | 38,536 | 12,229 | 2,397  | 557   | 5,244            |
| 2006 | 588    | 969    | 56,525  | 21,432  | 27,472 | 7,892  | 11,786   | 3,220 | 38,134 | 12,375 | 234    | 121   | 10,027           |
| 2007 | 12,226 | 2,624  | 45,972  | 20,514  | 10,548 | 6,037  | 9,672    | 3,753 | 22,244 | 9,498  | 2,689  | 436   | 6,424            |
| 2008 | 11,518 | 2,984  | 44,547  | 21,375  | 3,442  | 4,256  | 10,255   | 3,017 | 12,544 | 4,198  | 6,322  | 1,369 | 9,231            |
| 2009 | 10,536 | 3,435  | 41,517  | 21,492  | 18,364 | 7,615  | 10,686   | 4,032 | 13,904 | 6,366  | 5,141  | 852   | 11,731           |
| 2010 | 11,905 | 3,590  | 47,807  | 21,017  | 25,816 | 10,477 | 8,976    | 3,139 | 24,976 | 10,396 | 8,879  | 1,480 | 11,400           |
| 2011 | 37,384 | 9,983  | 52,194  | 18,682  | 25,323 | 7,814  | 9,514    | 3,192 | 21,065 | 9,422  | 7,359  | 1,233 | 7,616            |
| 2012 | 55,508 | 14,462 | 55,587  | 22,214  | 20,338 | 8,286  | 8,806    | 3,589 | 20,587 | 11,924 | 5,822  | 986   | 14,237           |
| 2013 | 70,411 | 18,128 | 48,825  | 19,097  | 31,702 | 10,248 | 9,847    | 3,303 | 19,198 | 11,722 | 10,765 | 2,127 | 9,754            |
| 2014 | 78,851 | 24,282 | 40,735  | 17,235  | 22,695 | 9,132  | 10,572   | 3,291 | 17,047 | 10,435 | 11,276 | 2,168 | 6,874            |
| 2015 | 99,131 | 25,559 | 35,290  | 16,046  | 22,394 | 9,879  | 13,661   | 4,509 | 15,334 | 11,274 | 13,868 | 3,234 | 10,924           |
| 2016 | 66,405 | 25,756 | 30,910  | 13,242  | 23,235 | 9,457  | 13,677   | 3,954 | 20,941 | 11,432 | 11,312 | 2,362 | 6,121            |
| 2017 | 82,461 | 27,341 | 27,930  | 10,612  | 27,540 | 10,604 | 11,641   | 3,425 | 24,164 | 11,811 | 15,266 | 3,266 | 5,357            |
| 2018 | 83,023 | 27,024 | 24,538  | 8,642   | 19,443 | 8,474  | 13,258   | 4,300 | 21,143 | 9,985  | 13,549 | 2,853 | 5,510            |

<sup>1</sup> Includes the catches of—Incluye las capturas de: BLZ, CHL, COK, CRI, ECU, EU(ESP), GTM, HND, MEX, NIC, PAN, EU(PRT), SLV, VUT

**TABLE A-10.** Numbers and well volumes, in cubic meters, of purse-seine and pole-and line vessels of the EPO tuna fleet. The data for 2018 and 2019 are preliminary.

**TABLA A-10.** Número y volumen de bodega, en metros cúbicos, de buques cerqueros y cañeros de la flota atunera del OPO. Los datos de 2018 y 2019 son preliminares.

|      | PS  |                        | LP  |                        | Total |                        |
|------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
|      | No. | Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> ) | No. | Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> ) | No.   | Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
| 1990 | 172 | 143,877                | 23  | 1,975                  | 195   | 145,852                |
| 1991 | 152 | 124,062                | 22  | 1,997                  | 174   | 126,059                |
| 1992 | 158 | 116,619                | 20  | 1,807                  | 178   | 118,426                |
| 1993 | 151 | 117,593                | 15  | 1,550                  | 166   | 119,143                |
| 1994 | 166 | 120,726                | 20  | 1,726                  | 186   | 122,452                |
| 1995 | 175 | 123,798                | 20  | 1,784                  | 195   | 125,582                |
| 1996 | 180 | 130,774                | 17  | 1,646                  | 197   | 132,420                |
| 1997 | 194 | 147,926                | 23  | 2,127                  | 217   | 150,053                |
| 1998 | 202 | 164,956                | 22  | 2,216                  | 224   | 167,172                |
| 1999 | 208 | 178,724                | 14  | 1,642                  | 222   | 180,366                |
| 2000 | 205 | 180,679                | 12  | 1,220                  | 217   | 181,899                |
| 2001 | 204 | 189,088                | 10  | 1,259                  | 214   | 190,347                |
| 2002 | 218 | 199,870                | 6   | 921                    | 224   | 200,791                |
| 2003 | 214 | 202,381                | 3   | 338                    | 217   | 202,719                |
| 2004 | 218 | 206,473                | 3   | 338                    | 221   | 206,811                |
| 2005 | 220 | 212,419                | 4   | 498                    | 224   | 212,917                |
| 2006 | 225 | 225,166                | 4   | 498                    | 229   | 225,664                |
| 2007 | 227 | 225,359                | 4   | 380                    | 231   | 225,739                |
| 2008 | 219 | 223,804                | 4   | 380                    | 223   | 224,184                |
| 2009 | 221 | 224,632                | 4   | 380                    | 225   | 225,012                |
| 2010 | 202 | 210,025                | 3   | 255                    | 205   | 210,280                |
| 2011 | 208 | 213,237                | 3   | 339                    | 211   | 213,576                |
| 2012 | 209 | 217,687                | 4   | 464                    | 213   | 218,151                |
| 2013 | 203 | 212,087                | 3   | 268                    | 206   | 212,355                |
| 2014 | 226 | 230,379                | 2   | 226                    | 228   | 230,605                |
| 2015 | 244 | 248,428                | 1   | 125                    | 245   | 248,553                |
| 2016 | 250 | 261,474                | 0   | 0                      | 250   | 261,474                |
| 2017 | 254 | 263,018                | 0   | 0                      | 254   | 263,018                |
| 2018 | 261 | 263,666                | 0   | 0                      | 261   | 263,666                |
| 2019 | 261 | 265,085                | 0   | 0                      | 261   | 265,085                |

**TABLE A-11a.** Estimates of the numbers and well volume (cubic meters) of purse-seine (PS) and pole-and-line (LP) vessels that fished in the EPO in 2018, by flag and gear. Each vessel is included in the total for each flag under which it fished during the year but is included only once in the “Grand total”; therefore, the grand total may not equal the sums of the individual flags.

**TABLA A-11a.** Estimaciones del número y volumen de bodega (metros cúbicos) de buques cerqueros (PS) y cañeros (LP) que pescaron en el OPO en 2018 por bandera y arte de pesca. Se incluye cada buque en los totales de cada bandera bajo la cual pescó durante el año, pero solamente una vez en el “Total general”; por consiguiente, los totales generales no equivalen necesariamente a las sumas de las banderas individuales.

| Flag<br>Bandera                                      | Gear<br>Arte | Well volume — Volumen de bodega (m <sup>3</sup> ) |         |          |           |        | Total |                        |
|--|--------------|---|---------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|------------------------|
|  |              | <401  | 401-800 | 801-1300 | 1301-1800 | >1800  | No.   | Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|  |              | Number—Número                                     |         |          |           |        |       |                        |
| COL  | PS           | 2   | 2       | 7        | 3         | -      | 14    | 14,860                 |
| ECU  | PS           | 38  | 31      | 22       | 10        | 12     | 113   | 91,658                 |
| EU(ESP)  | PS           | -   | -       | -        | -         | 2      | 2     | 4,120                  |
| MEX  | PS           | 5   | 4       | 21       | 23        | -      | 53    | 62,659                 |
| NIC  | PS           | -   | -       | 3        | 2         | 1      | 6     | 9,066                  |
| PAN  | PS           | -   | 2       | 5        | 5         | 4      | 16    | 22,361                 |
| PER  | PS           | 5   | 4       | -        | -         | -      | 9     | 4,175                  |
| SLV  | PS           | -   | -       | -        | 1         | 2      | 3     | 6,202                  |
| USA  | PS           | 14  | -       | 3        | 8         | 6      | 31    | 28,201                 |
| VEN  | PS           | -   | -       | 6        | 6         | 2      | 14    | 20,364                 |
| Grand total—<br>Total general                        | PS           | 64  | 43      | 67       | 58        | 29     | 261   |                        |
| <b>Well volume—Volumen de bodega (m<sup>3</sup>)</b> |              |   |         |          |           |        |       |                        |
| Grand total—<br>Total general                        | PS           | 15,930  | 26,297  | 73,246   | 88,505    | 59,688 |       | 263,666                |

- : none—ninguno

**TABLE A-11b.** Estimates of the numbers and well volumes (cubic meters) of purse-seine (PS) vessels that fished in the EPO in 2019, by flag and gear. Each vessel is included in the total for each flag under which it fished during the year but is included only once in the “Grand total”; therefore, the grand total may not equal the sums of the individual flags.

**TABLA A-11b.** Estimaciones del número y volumen de bodega (metros cúbicos) de buques cerqueros (PS) que pescaron en el OPO en 2019, por bandera y arte de pesca. Se incluye cada buque en los totales de cada bandera bajo la cual pescó durante el año, pero solamente una vez en el “Total general”; por consiguiente, los totales generales no equivalen necesariamente a las sumas de las banderas individuales.

| Flag<br>Bandera                                      | Gear<br>Arte | Well volume —Volumen de bodega (m <sup>3</sup> ) |         |          |           |        | Total |                        |
|--|--------------|--|---------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|------------------------|
|  |              | <401   | 401-800 | 801-1300 | 1301-1800 | >1800  | No.   | Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|  |              | Number—Número                                    |         |          |           |        |       |                        |
| COL  | PS           | 2  | 2       | 7        | 3         | -      | 14    | 14,860                 |
| ECU  | PS           | 38   | 33      | 22       | 9         | 12     | 114   | 91,057                 |
| EU(ESP)  | PS           | -  | -       | -        | -         | 2      | 2     | 4,120                  |
| MEX  | PS           | 5  | 2       | 21       | 23        | -      | 51    | 61,146                 |
| NIC  | PS           | -  | -       | 3        | 2         | 1      | 6     | 9,066                  |
| PAN  | PS           | -  | 2       | 5        | 6         | 4      | 17    | 23,719                 |
| PER  | PS           | 6  | 5       | -        | -         | -      | 11    | 4,767                  |
| SLV  | PS           | -  | -       | -        | 1         | 2      | 3     | 6,202                  |
| USA  | PS           | 11   | -       | 3        | 9         | 6      | 29    | 30,367                 |
| VEN  | PS           | -  | -       | 7        | 6         | 1      | 14    | 19,781                 |
| Grand total—<br>Total general                        | PS           | 62   | 44      | 68       | 59        | 28     | 261   |                        |
| <b>Well volume—Volumen de bodega (m<sup>3</sup>)</b> |              |  |         |          |           |        |       |                        |
| Grand total—<br>Total general                        | PS           | 16,015   | 26,070  | 75,928   | 88,886    | 58,186 |       | 265,085                |

- : none—ninguno

**TABLE A-12.** Minimum, maximum, and average capacity, in thousands of cubic meters, of purse-seine and pole-and-line vessels at sea in the EPO during 2009-2018 and in 2019, by month.

**TABLA A-12.** Capacidad mínima, máxima, y media, en miles de metros cúbicos, de los buques cerqueros y cañeros en el mar en el OPO durante 2009-2018 y en 2019, por mes.

| <b>Month<br/>Mes</b> | <b>2009-2018</b> |            |                   | <b>2019</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                      | <b>Min</b>       | <b>Max</b> | <b>Ave.-Prom.</b> |             |
| 1                    | 86.9             | 129.6      | 101.4             | 105.5       |
| 2                    | 150.7            | 192.3      | 168.2             | 189.9       |
| 3                    | 135.4            | 189.7      | 159.9             | 184.2       |
| 4                    | 145.9            | 200.8      | 166.2             | 174.0       |
| 5                    | 139.8            | 196.9      | 163.4             | 189.3       |
| 6                    | 154.9            | 198.6      | 170.2             | 174.7       |
| 7                    | 154.1            | 200.4      | 169.7             | 172.4       |
| 8                    | 108.0            | 148.7      | 121.5             | 116.9       |
| 9                    | 105.5            | 142.2      | 119.8             | 108.9       |
| 10                   | 150.7            | 188.9      | 172.3             | 170.2       |
| 11                   | 102.9            | 140.8      | 124.7             | 102.8       |
| 12                   | 45.9             | 66.4       | 56.8              | 68.2        |
| <b>Ave.-Prom.</b>    | 123.4            | 166.3      | 141.2             | 146.4       |

## B. YELLOWFIN TUNA

For the full version of this analysis, see documents [SAC-11-05](#), [SAC-11-07](#), [SAC-11-INF-J](#) and [SAC-11-08](#).

Yellowfin are distributed across the Pacific Ocean, but the bulk of the catch is made in the eastern and western regions. Purse-seine catches in the vicinity of the western boundary of the EPO at 150°W are relatively low, but have been increasing, mainly in sets on floating objects (Figure A-1a and A-1b, Tables A-1, A-2). The majority of the catch in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) is taken in purse-seine sets associated with dolphins and floating objects (Figure B-1). Tagging studies of yellowfin throughout the Pacific indicate that they tend to stay within 1,800 km of their release positions. This regional fidelity, along with the geographic variation in phenotypic and genotypic characteristics of yellowfin shown in some studies, suggests that there might be multiple stocks of yellowfin in the EPO and throughout the Pacific Ocean. However, movement rates between these putative stocks, as well as across the 150°W meridian, cannot be estimated with currently-available tagging data.

In 2020, stock status indicators (SSIs) were developed for yellowfin using the data collected in the EPO as a whole ([SAC-11-05](#)). Most floating-object fishery SSIs suggest that the yellowfin stock has potentially been subject to increased fishing mortality, mainly due to the increase in the number of sets in the floating-object fishery since 2005 (Figure B-2) and corresponding increase in catch for yellowfin (Figure B-3), associated with decline in catch-per-set (Figure B-3) and reduction in the average length of the fish in the catch (Figure B-3) for the floating-object fishery. This coincided with a declining trend in the yellowfin longline CPUE index based on spatio-temporal modelling which remained at low historic levels since 2005 (Figure B-4). Trends in some of the other SSIs do not support the interpretation that increased fishing mortality is occurring as a result of an increase in the numbers of floating-object sets, such as trends in catch-per-set for other set types (Figure B-3), mean length of yellowfin in the other set types (Figure B-3), and the longline SSIs (Figure B-3). The SSI based on spatio-temporal modelling of CPDF for the purse-seine fishery associated with dolphins shows a period of low values starting in 2015 (Figure B-4) which coincides with a period of increased yellowfin catches in floating-objects set (Figure B-3). The SSI based on spatio-temporal modelling of CPUE for the longline fishery do not coincide with the purse-seine one (Figure B-4). Identifying the causes of differences in the SSIs is difficult, even when SSIs are considered in aggregate. The inconsistencies among SSIs for yellowfin may be due to an interaction between potential stock structure and differences in the spatial distribution of effort in the different set types. In addition, catch-per-set may not be a reliable indicator of abundance, particularly for the target species (i.e. yellowfin in the dolphin-associated fishery). Nonetheless, the fact that most SSIs based on the floating-object fishery are consistent with an increase in fishing mortality in that fishery means that precautionary management measures should be considered to prevent further increases.

A workplan to improve the stock assessments for tropical tunas was completed taking into consideration the results of the [external review of yellowfin](#). The yellowfin review panel did not single out a particular model configuration as a replacement for the current base case model, but suggested a variety of alternatives for the staff to consider. To encompass as many scenarios as possible, the staff developed a pragmatic risk assessment framework to apply for both species, which included the development of hypothesis, the implementation and weighting of models, and the construction of risk tables based on the combined result ([SAC-11-08](#), [SAC-11-INF-F](#), [SAC-11-INF-J](#)).

The degree of spatial mixing of the yellowfin tuna population in the EPO was considered the main uncertainty within the risk analysis ([SAC-11-INF-J](#)). This conclusion came from the detailed inspection of the contradictory indices of abundance. Previous assessments used five indices of abundance, one from the longline fishery and four from the purse-seine fisheries, and the length composition data from longline and purse-seine fisheries. The model was unable to reconcile indices from different fisheries and length-

frequency data that apparently carried contradictory signals about the status of the stock ([SAC-10-INF-F](#)). To solve the inconsistencies, spatiotemporal models were used to produce new purse-seine and longline indices and associated length frequencies, but the inconsistencies were not resolved (Figure B-4). The mismatch was most apparent in 2001-2003, when a peak occurred earlier in the longline index and later in the purse-seine index (opposite to what was expected given the growth and selectivity assumptions of the model). By incorporating length classes in the standardization, it became clear that the differences were due mainly to the 1998 cohort (of an important El Niño year) being prominent in the longline index, while not showing in the purse-seine index, and the opposite occurring with the 1999 cohort (an equally important La Niña year). Spatial heterogeneity was considered as the most plausible explanation for the unresolved inconsistencies.

Three overarching hypotheses related to the degree of spatial mixing of the yellowfin tuna stock in the EPO were developed ([SAC-11-INF-J](#)). Of those, the high-mixing hypothesis was assumed for the benchmark assessment, with the purse-seine index assumed the most representative of the core of the exploited population ([SAC-11-07](#)). A series of lower hierarchical level hypotheses were developed regarding other major uncertainties in the previous assessment. From those, 12 reference models were developed, which combine components that address changes in selectivity and catchability, growth, asymptotic selectivity, and density-dependence in the index catchability (Table B-1). Each reference model was run with four steepness of the stock-recruitment relationship assumptions (0.7, 0.8, 0.9, and 1.0). A total of 48 models composed the benchmark assessment for yellowfin tuna ([SAC-11-07](#)). In addition, new fishery definitions were implemented, and spline selectivity functions were adopted for most fisheries. All EPO catches were added to the models, which were fit to a standardized purse-seine index of abundance for the EPO north of 5°N and to the length-composition data from the purse-seine fisheries that operate north of 5°N, in order to avoid contamination of the signal with that of a possible southern population. The models were diagnosed for model misspecification, lack of fit, retrospective bias, among others ([SAC-11-07](#)). Rather than choosing a base-case model, all models were used to produce management advice by combining them using relative weights determined based on several criteria, including performance on model diagnostics ([SAC-11-INF-J](#)).

The 48 models of the benchmark assessment estimate similar relative recruitment trends, regardless of the steepness assumed (Figure B-5). All biomass trajectories have declining trends, but they vary in the magnitude of the declines (Figure B-6). All models indicate the highest  $F$  for fish aged 21+ quarters (5.25+ years), followed by fish aged 11-20 quarters (2.75-5 years) (Figure B-7). All models estimate similar impacts of the different types of fisheries (Figure B-8). The longline and the sorted discard fisheries have the smallest impact, while the purse-seine fisheries associated with dolphins have the greatest impact during most of the assessment period (1984-2019). In the 1990s the impact of the floating-object fisheries started to be noteworthy, and surpassed that of the unassociated fisheries around 2008 and that of the purse-seine fisheries associated with dolphins in 2018. At the beginning of 2020, the spawning biomass ( $S$ ) of yellowfin ranged from 49% to 219% of the level at dynamic MSY ( $S_{MSY_d}$ ); 12 models suggested that it was below that level (Figure B-9, Table B-2). At the beginning of 2020, the spawning biomass ( $S$ ) of yellowfin ranged from 145% to 345% of the limit reference level ( $S_{LIMIT}$ ); no models suggest that it was below that limit. During 2017-2019 the fishing mortality ( $F$ ) of yellowfin ranged from 40% to 168% of the level at MSY ( $F_{MSY}$ ); 14 models suggested that it was above that level. During 2017-2019, the fishing mortality of yellowfin ranged from 22% to 65% of the limit reference level ( $F_{LIMIT}$ ); no models suggest that it was above that limit. Every reference model suggests that lower steepness values correspond to more pessimistic estimates of stock status: lower  $S$  and higher  $F$  relative to the reference points.

The results from the reference models are combined in a risk analysis to provide management advice ([SAC-11-08](#)). The probabilities of exceeding the reference points were computed using each model result

and its associated weight, the final estimates are in Table B-3 and Figures B-9 and B-10. All probability distributions are unimodal (Figure B-10). There is a low probability of  $F_{cur}$  being above  $F_{MSY}$  (9%). The probability of  $F_{cur}$  being above  $F_{LIMIT}$  is zero. The probability of the spawning biomass being below  $S_{MSY_d}$  is low (12%). The probability of the spawning biomass exceeding  $S_{LIMIT}$  is zero. The combined expected risk of  $F$  exceeding  $F_{MSY}$  is below 50% for six closure durations (Table B-3; Figure B-11), varying from 26% (no closure) to 5% (100 days), with a low risk (9%) for the current closure (72 days). One model (Base-A) produced a pessimistic result (a risk above 50% of exceeding  $F_{MSY}$  for all scenarios (Table B-3), but this model has a very low relative weight (0.01).

A key uncertainty not addressed in this assessment is the spatial structure of the stock of yellowfin tuna in the EPO. Future work to further improve the assessment will focus on it.

**TABLE B-1.** Model configurations (hypotheses) used for yellowfin tuna in the EPO (from [SAC-11-08](#) Table A)  
**TABLA B-1.** Configuraciones de los modelos (hipótesis) usadas para el atún aleta amarilla en el OPO (de [SAC-11-08](#) Tabla A)

| <b>TABLE A. Model configurations (hypotheses) used for yellowfin tuna in the EPO.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Model</b>  | <b>Description</b>   |
| <b>A. Prop: Proportional</b>  |  |
| Base-A  | Index of abundance proportional to abundance. Growth fixed; selectivity of all fleets and survey time-invariant; F19 selectivity asymptotic; index catchability ( $q$ , the proportionality constant between the index and biomass) time-invariant.  |
| EstGro-A  | As Base-A, but fitted to otolith data, growth estimated.   |
| EstSel-A  | As Base-A, but assumes dome-shaped F19 selectivity, with parameters estimated.   |
| <b>B. DDQ: Density dependence</b>   |  |
| Base-B  | As Base-A, but assumes non-linear relationship between index of abundance and biomass, with parameters estimated.  |
| EstGro-B  | As Base-B, but growth estimated.   |
| EstSel-B  | As Base-B, but assumes dome-shaped F19 selectivity, with parameters estimated.   |
| <b>C. TBM: Time block middle</b>  |  |
| Base-C  | As Base-A, but assumes a time block during 2001-2003 for the index catchability ( $q$ ) (to accommodate a large increase in the index) and a time block for selectivity during 2002-2007 for the index, and F18 and F19 fisheries. F19 selectivity assumed dome-shaped during 2002-2007, otherwise asymptotic. |
| EstGro-C  | As Base-C, but growth estimated.   |
| EstSel-C  | As Base-C, but assumes dome-shaped F19 selectivity, with parameters estimated.   |
| <b>D. TBE: Time block end</b>   |  |
| Base-D  | As Base-A, but assumes a time block beginning in 2015 for the index (both catchability and selectivity) and for F19 selectivity (to accommodate increase in size in the index and fishery with asymptotic selectivity).  |
| EstGro-D  | As Base-D, but growth estimated.   |
| EstSel-D  | As Base-D, but assumes dome-shaped F19 selectivity, with parameters estimated.   |

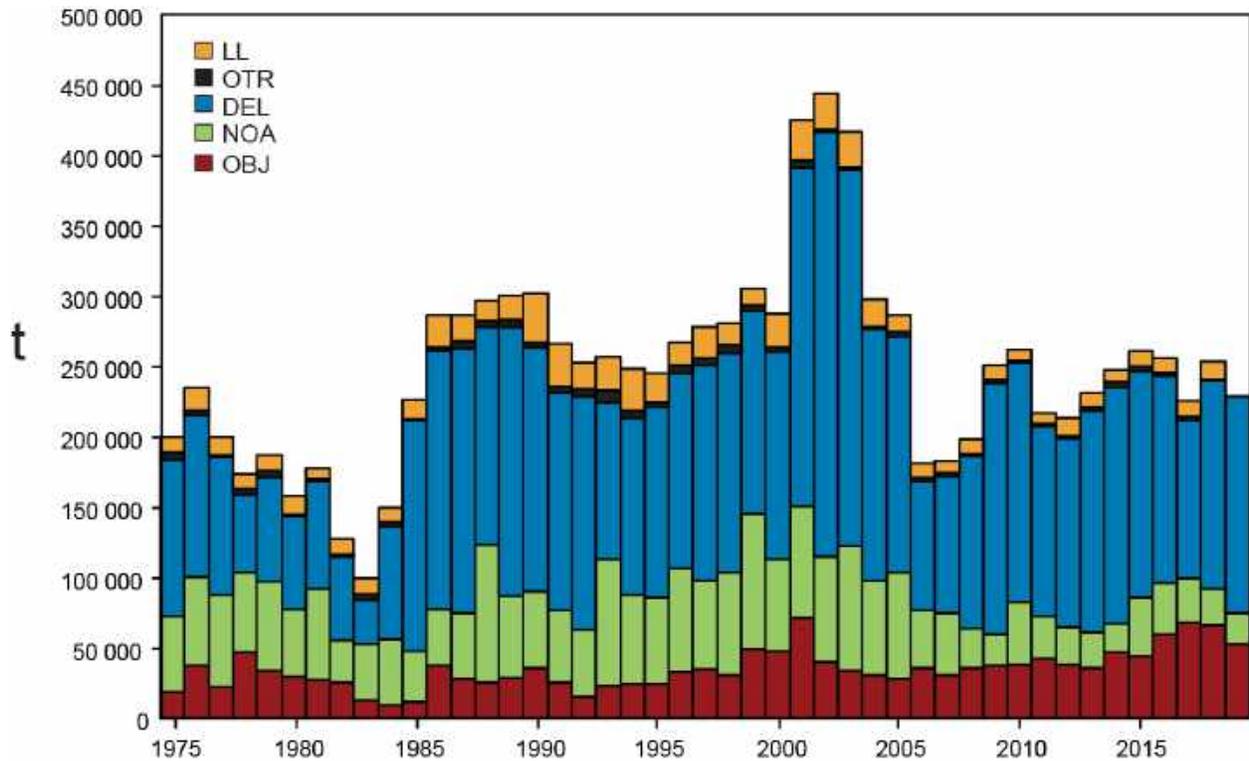
**TABLE B-2.** Management quantities for yellowfin tuna in the EPO for each reference model summarized over the four steepness values. See explanation of code in Table B-1 (from [SAC-11-08](#) Table 1)  
**TABLA B-2.** Cantidades de ordenación para el atún aleta amarilla en el OPO para cada modelo de referencia resumidas sobre los cuatro valores de inclinación. Ver explicación de los códigos en la Tabla B-1 (de [SAC-11-08](#) Tabla 1)

| <b>TABLE 1.</b> Management quantities for yellowfin tuna in the EPO. See explanation of codes in Table A.<br>E(x) is the expected value. P=0.5; median of the distributions of $P(S_{cur}/S_{MSY})$ and $P(F_{cur}/F_{MSY})$ . |                 |          |          |                       |          |          |                      |          |          |                   |          |          |          |       |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| P (Model)  | A. Proportional |          |          | B. Density dependence |          |          | C. Time block middle |          |          | D. Time block end |          |          | Combined |       |
|  | Base-A          | EstGro-A | EstSel-A | Base-B                | EstGro-B | EstSel-B | Base-C               | EstGro-C | EstSel-C | Base-D            | EstGro-D | EstSel-D | E(x)     | P=0.5 |
| P (Model)  | 0.01            | 0.05     | 0.06     | 0.03                  | 0.13     | 0.09     | 0.05                 | 0.10     | 0.24     | 0.03              | 0.06     | 0.14     | 1.00     |       |
| <b>Fishing mortality (F)</b>   |                 |          |          |                       |          |          |                      |          |          |                   |          |          |          |       |
| $F_{cur}/F_{MSY}$  | 1.24            | 0.95     | 0.69     | 1.01                  | 0.65     | 0.55     | 0.93                 | 0.72     | 0.47     | 0.79              | 0.72     | 0.73     | 0.67     | 0.65  |
| $P(F_{cur}>F_{MSY})$   | 0.88            | 0.37     | 0.05     | 0.46                  | 0.03     | 0.01     | 0.32                 | 0.07     | 0.00     | 0.13              | 0.08     | 0.09     | 0.09     |       |
| $F_{cur}/F_{LIMIT}$  | 0.46            | 0.45     | 0.31     | 0.38                  | 0.32     | 0.25     | 0.38                 | 0.35     | 0.22     | 0.33              | 0.33     | 0.31     | 0.30     |       |
| $P(F_{cur}>F_{LIMIT})$   | 0.00            | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00                  | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00                 | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |       |
| <b>Spawning biomass (S)</b>  |                 |          |          |                       |          |          |                      |          |          |                   |          |          |          |       |
| $S_{cur}/S_{MSY,d}$  | 0.78            | 1.07     | 1.48     | 1.01                  | 1.60     | 1.74     | 1.09                 | 1.48     | 2.02     | 1.31              | 1.48     | 1.40     | 1.57     | 1.58  |
| $P(S_{cur}<S_{MSY})$   | 0.93            | 0.41     | 0.07     | 0.48                  | 0.04     | 0.08     | 0.34                 | 0.06     | 0.03     | 0.15              | 0.09     | 0.11     | 0.12     |       |
| $S_{cur}/S_{LIMIT}$  | 1.87            | 1.96     | 2.60     | 2.62                  | 3.24     | 3.70     | 2.33                 | 2.53     | 3.25     | 2.99              | 2.94     | 3.08     | 2.98     |       |
| $P(S_{cur}<S_{LIMIT})$   | 0.00            | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00                  | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00                 | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |       |

**TABLE B-3.** Decision table for yellowfin tuna in the EPO for each reference model summarized over the four steepness values. See explanation of code in Table B-1 (FROM [SAC-11-08](#) Table 3).

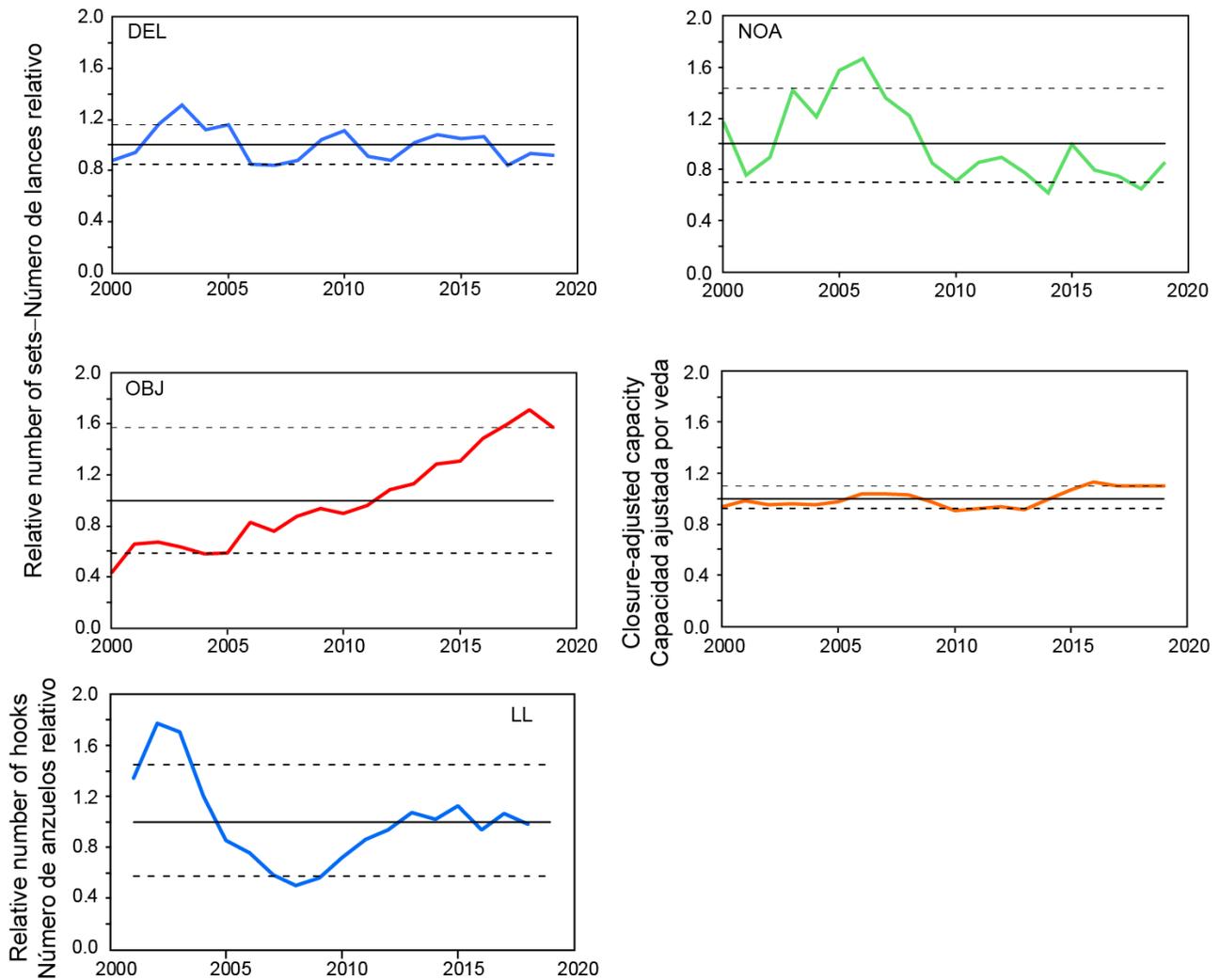
**TABLA B-3.** Tabla de decisión para el atún aleta amarilla en el OPO para cada modelo de referencia resumidas sobre los cuatro valores de inclinación. Ver explicación de los códigos en la Tabla B-1 (de [SAC-11-08](#) Tabla 3).

| <b>TABLA 3.</b> Tabla de decisión para el atún aleta amarilla en el OPO. Ver explicación de códigos en Tabla A. |         |          |          |        |          |          |        |          |          |        |              |          |      |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------------|----------|------|
| Días de veda  | A. Prop |          |          | B. DDQ |          |          | C. TBM |          |          | D. TBE |              |          | Comb |
|   | Base-A  | EstGro-A | EstSel-A | Base-B | EstGro-B | EstSel-B | Base-C | EstGro-C | EstSel-C | Base-D | EstGro-D     | EstSel-D |      |
| <b><math>P(F &gt; F_{RMS})</math></b>   |         |          |          |        |          |          |        |          |          |        | Probabilidad | ≤50%     | >50% |
| 0   | 0.99    | 0.74     | 0.23     | 0.88   | 0.17     | 0.09     | 0.74   | 0.29     | 0.02     | 0.43   | 0.30         | 0.32     | 0.26 |
| 36  | 0.97    | 0.56     | 0.12     | 0.70   | 0.08     | 0.04     | 0.53   | 0.17     | 0.01     | 0.27   | 0.17         | 0.19     | 0.17 |
| 70  | 0.88    | 0.37     | 0.05     | 0.46   | 0.03     | 0.01     | 0.32   | 0.07     | 0.00     | 0.13   | 0.08         | 0.09     | 0.09 |
| 72  | 0.87    | 0.36     | 0.05     | 0.44   | 0.03     | 0.01     | 0.31   | 0.07     | 0.00     | 0.13   | 0.08         | 0.08     | 0.09 |
| 88  | 0.77    | 0.28     | 0.03     | 0.33   | 0.01     | 0.01     | 0.22   | 0.04     | 0.00     | 0.08   | 0.05         | 0.05     | 0.06 |
| 100   | 0.68    | 0.22     | 0.01     | 0.26   | 0.01     | 0.00     | 0.16   | 0.02     | 0.00     | 0.06   | 0.03         | 0.03     | 0.05 |
| <b><math>P(F &gt; F_{LÍMITE})</math></b>  |         |          |          |        |          |          |        |          |          |        | Probabilidad | ≤10%     | >10% |
| 0   | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |
| 36  | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |
| 70  | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |
| 72  | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |
| 88  | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |
| 100   | 0.00    | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.00         | 0.00     | 0.00 |



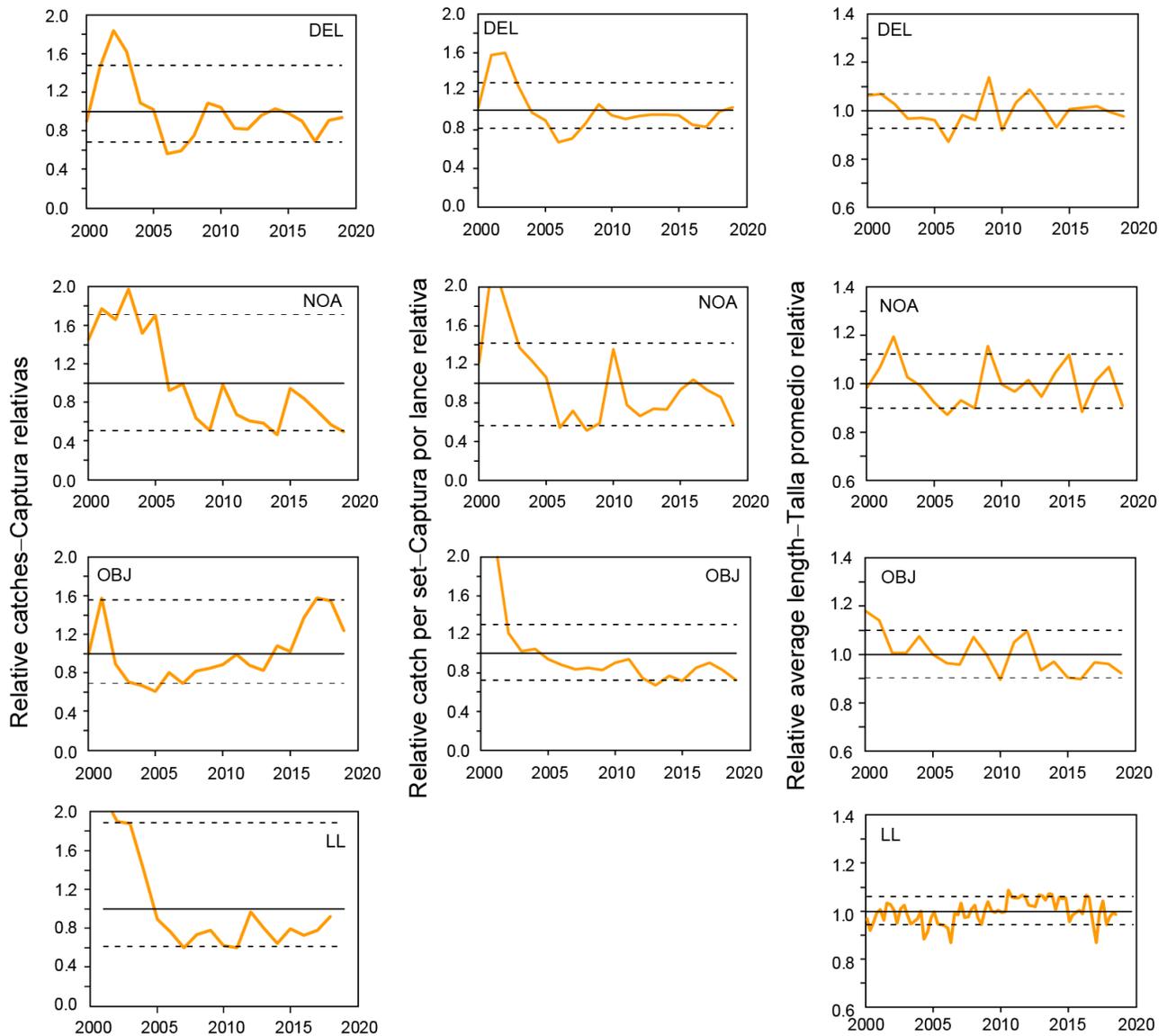
**FIGURE B-1.** Total catches (retained catches plus discards) for the purse-seine fisheries, by set type (DEL, NOA, OBJ), and retained catches for the longline (LL) and other (OTR) fisheries, of yellowfin tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, 1975-2019. The purse-seine catches are adjusted to the species composition estimate obtained from sampling the catches. The 2019 data are preliminary.

**FIGURA B-1.** Capturas totales (capturas retenidas más descartes) en las pesquerías de cerco, por tipo de lance (DEL, NOA, OBJ), y capturas retenidas de las pesquerías de palangre (LL) y otras (OTR), de atún aleta amarilla en el Océano Pacífico oriental, 1975-2019. Se ajustan las capturas de cerco a la estimación de la composición por especie obtenida del muestreo de las capturas. Los datos de 2019 son preliminares.



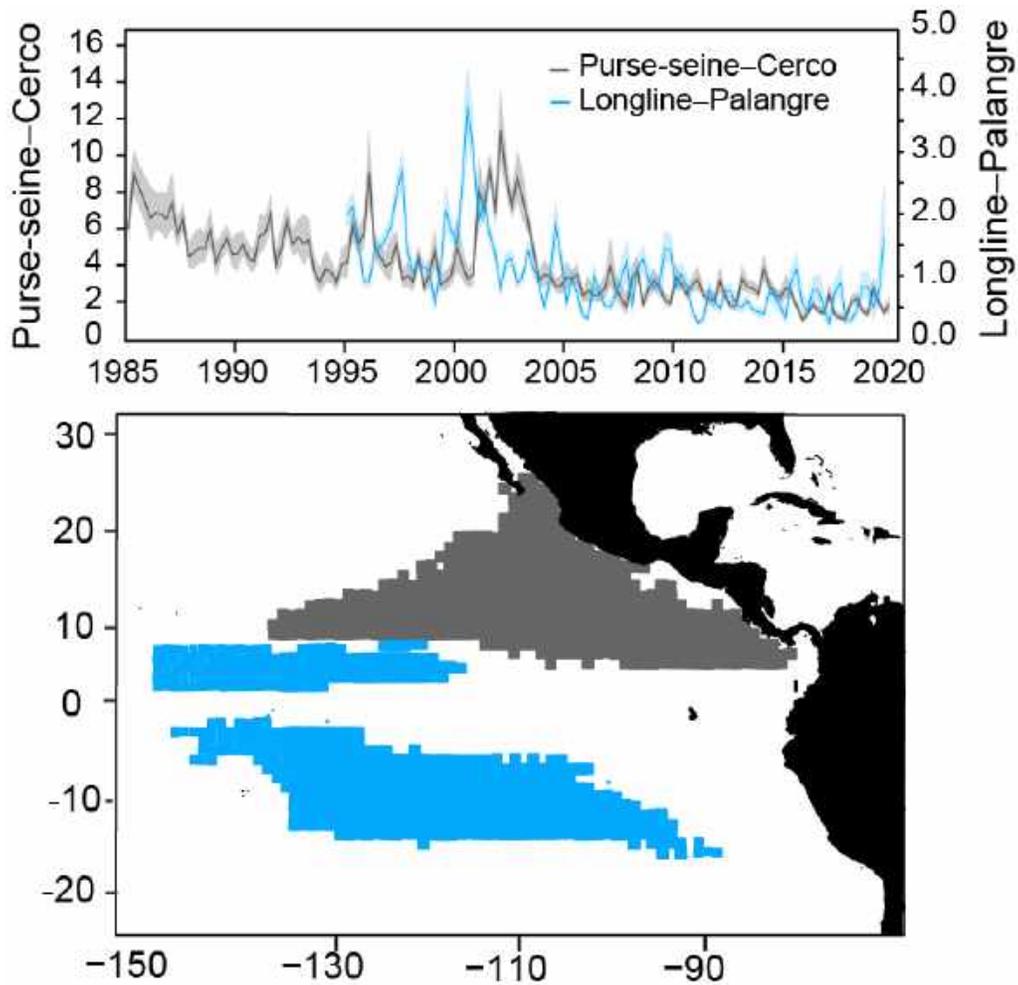
**FIGURE B-2.** Indicators of total effort in the EPO, based on purse-seine data closure-adjusted capacity, 2000-2019; annual total number of sets, by type, 1987-2019) and based on longline data for 2000-2018 (effort reported by all fleets, in total numbers of hooks; proportion of the effort corresponding to Japan). The dashed horizontal lines are the 5th and 95th percentiles, the solid horizontal line is the median.

**FIGURA B-2.** Indicadores del esfuerzo total en el OPO, basados en datos de cerco (capacidad ajustada por veda, 2000-2019; número total anual de lances, por tipo, 1987-2019) y en datos de palangre de 2000-2018 (esfuerzo notificado por todas las flotas, en número total de anzuelos; proporción del esfuerzo correspondiente a Japón). Las líneas horizontales de trazos representan los percentiles de 5 y 95%, y la línea horizontal sólida la mediana.



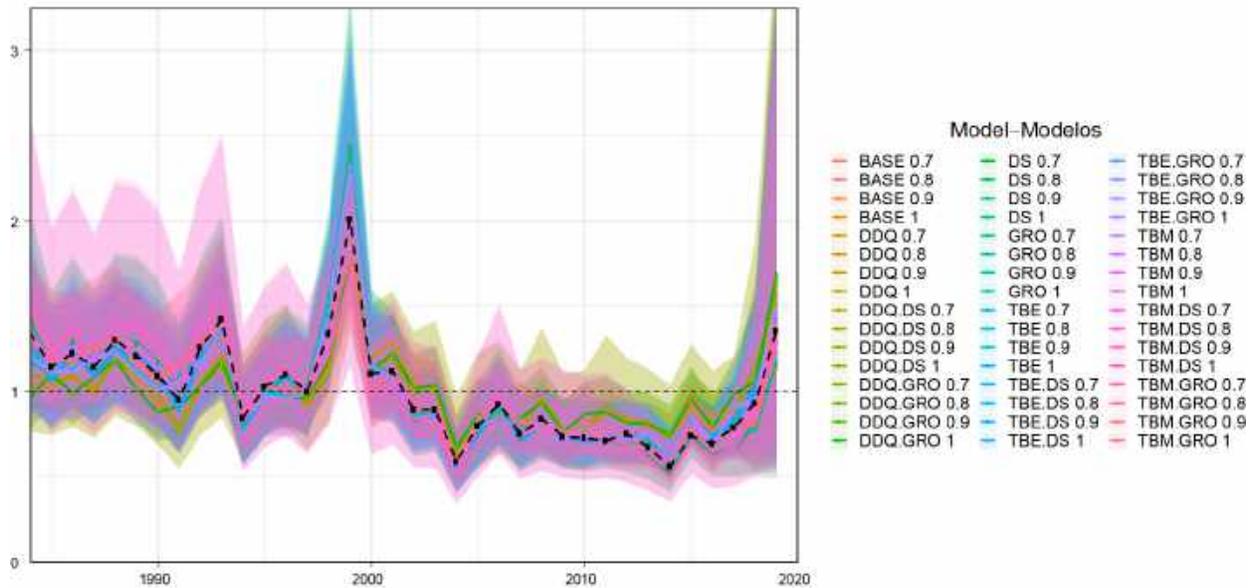
**FIGURE B-3.** Indicators (catch (t and numbers); CPUE (t/day fished); average length (cm)) for the yellowfin tuna stock in the eastern Pacific Ocean, from purse-seine fisheries; relative catch and relative average length, obtained from standardized length composition using spatiotemporal model, from longline fisheries.

**FIGURA B-3.** Indicadores (captura (t); esfuerzo (días de pesca); CPUE (t/día de pesca); talla promedio (cm)) para la población de atún aleta amarilla en el Océano Pacífico oriental, de las pesquerías de cerco Captura relativa y talla promedio relativa de las pesquerías de palangre, obtenidas de la composición por talla estandarizada usando el modelo espaciotemporal, de las pesquerías de palangre.



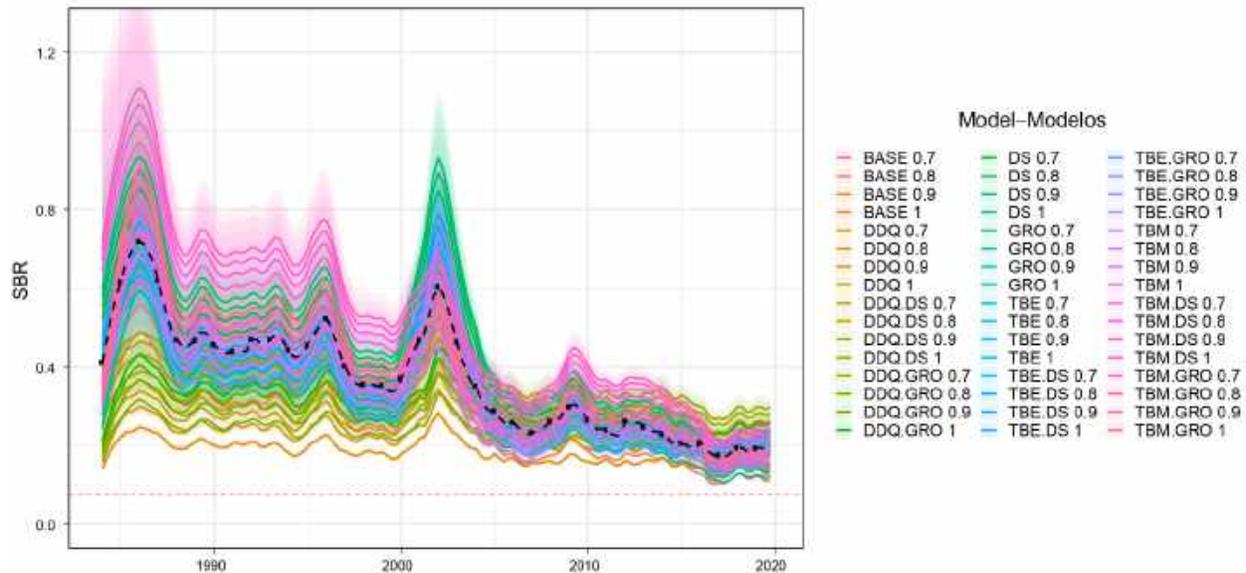
**FIGURE B-4.** Top: Relative abundance indices derived from catch per unit of effort of purse-seine and longline fisheries standardized using spatiotemporal models. Bottom – Spatial domain of the purse-seine and longline derived indices.

**FIGURA B-4.** Arriba: Índices de abundancia relativa derivados de la captura por unidad de esfuerzo de las pesquerías de cerco y de palangre estandarizados mediante modelos espaciotemporales. Abajo: Dominio espacial de los índices derivados de cerco y palangre.



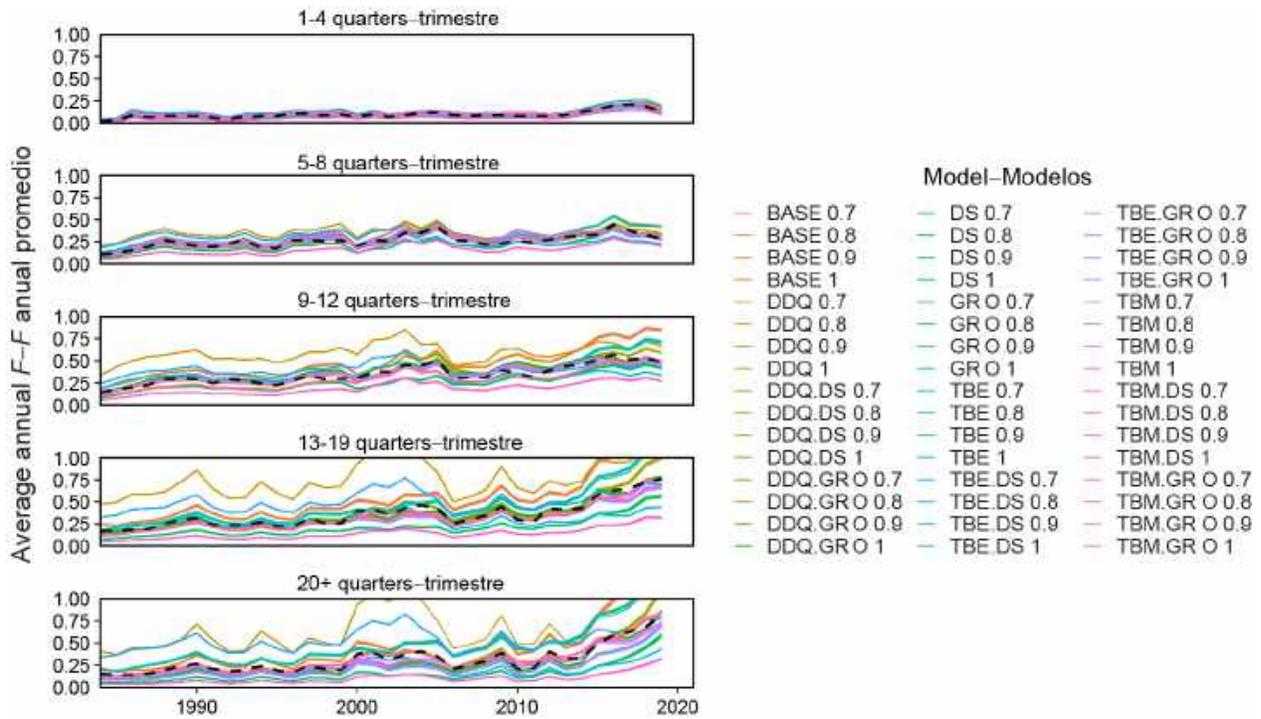
**FIGURE B-5** Annual relative recruitment of yellowfin tuna to the fisheries of the EPO estimated by the 48 models and weighted average (black dashed line). The lines and dots indicate the maximum likelihood estimates of recruitment, and the shaded areas the approximate 95% confidence intervals around the estimates. The estimates are scaled so that the average recruitment is equal to 1.0 (dashed horizontal line). See model descriptions in Table B-1. The weighted average is computed using the weights assigned to each model in SAC-11-INF-J.

**FIGURA B-5.** Reclutamiento anual relativo del aleta amarilla en las pesquerías del OPO estimado por los 48 modelos y media ponderada (línea negra de trazos). Las líneas y puntos indican las estimaciones de máxima verosimilitud (EMV) del reclutamiento, y las áreas sombreadas los intervalos de confianza de 95% aproximados alrededor de las estimaciones. Se ajusta la escala de las estimaciones para que el reclutamiento promedio sea igual a 1.0 (línea de trazos horizontal). Ver descripciones de los modelos en la Tabla B-1. . La media ponderada fue calculada usando los pesos asignados a cada modelo en SAC-11-INF-J.



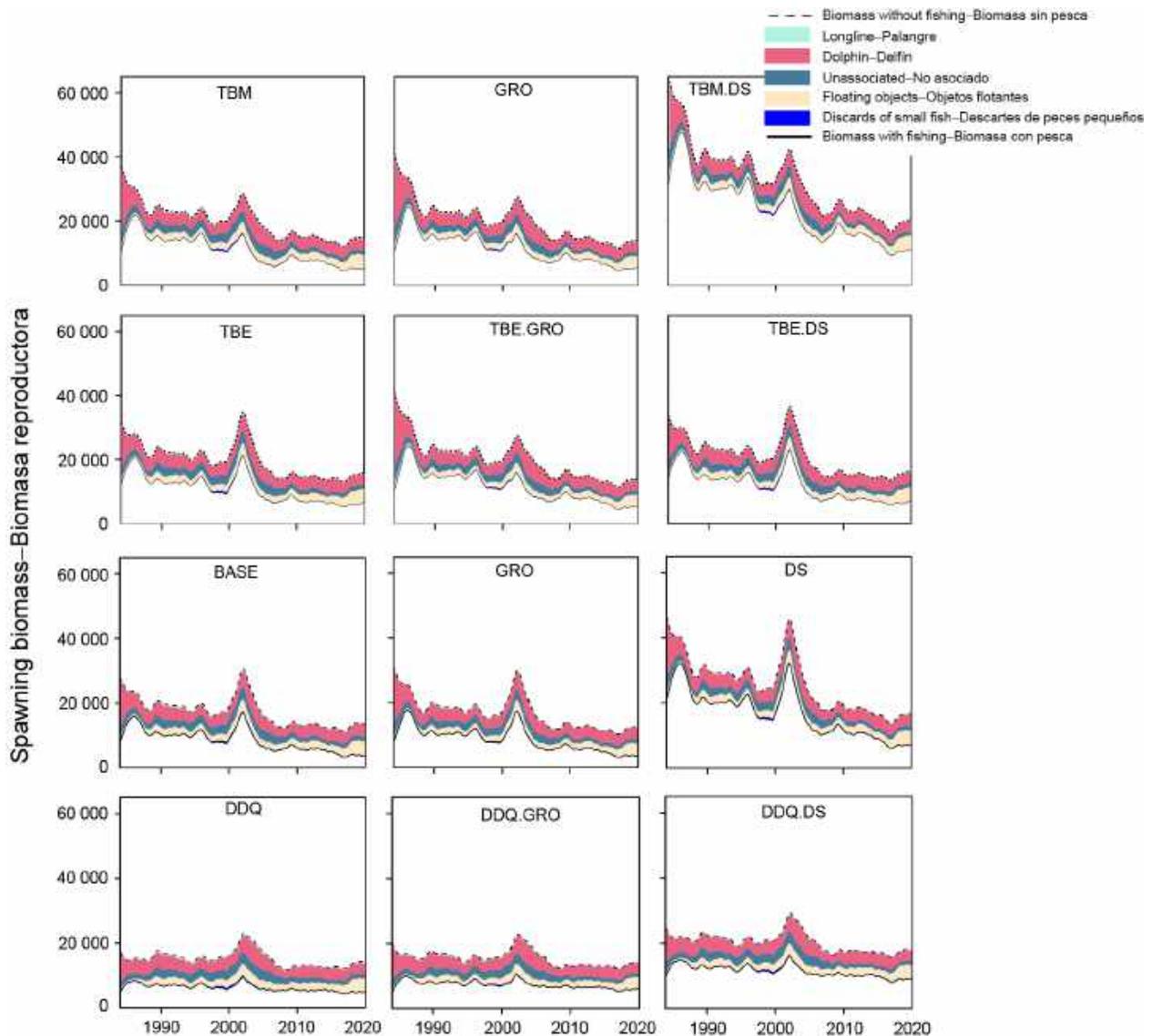
**FIGURE B-6.** Spawning biomass ratios (SBRs) for yellowfin tuna in the EPO, 1985-2019. The solid lines represent the maximum likelihood estimates and the shaded areas the approximate 95% confidence intervals around those estimates estimated by the 48 models and weighted average (black dashed line). The red dashed horizontal line (at 0.077) identifies the SBR at  $S_{LIMIT}$ . See model descriptions in Table B-1. The weighted average was computed using the weights assigned to each model in [SAC-11-INF-J](#).

**FIGURA B-6.** Cocientes de biomasa reproductora (SBR) del aleta amarilla en el OPO, 1985-2019. Las líneas sólidas representan las estimaciones de máxima verosimilitud, las áreas sombreadas son los intervalos de confianza de 95% aproximados alrededor de esas estimaciones para los 48 modelos y media ponderada (línea negra de trazos). La línea de trazos horizontal roja (en 0.077) identifica el SBR en  $S_{LÍMITE}$ . Ver descripciones de los modelos en la Tabla B-1. La media ponderada fue calculada usando los pesos asignados a cada modelo en [SAC-11-INF-J](#).



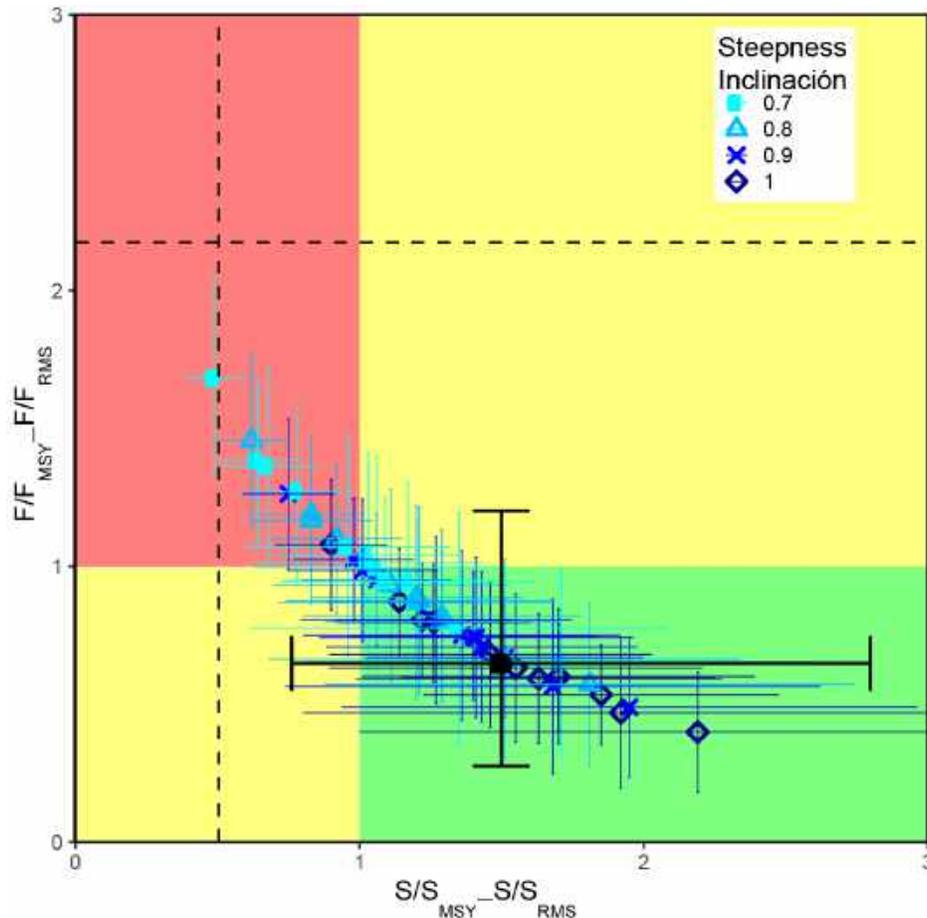
**FIGURE B-7.** Average annual fishing mortality (F) of yellowfin tuna in the EPO, by age group (in quarters), for all gears, estimated by the 48 models and weighted average. See model descriptions in Table B-1. The weighted average was computed using the weights assigned to each model in [SAC-11-INF-J](#).

**FIGURA B-7.** Mortalidad por pesca (F) anual promedio del atún aleta amarilla en el OPO, por grupo de edad (en trimestres), por todas las artes, estimada por los 48 modelos y media ponderada. Ver descripciones de los modelos en la Tabla B-1. La media ponderada fue calculada usando los pesos asignados a cada modelo en [SAC-11-INF-J](#).



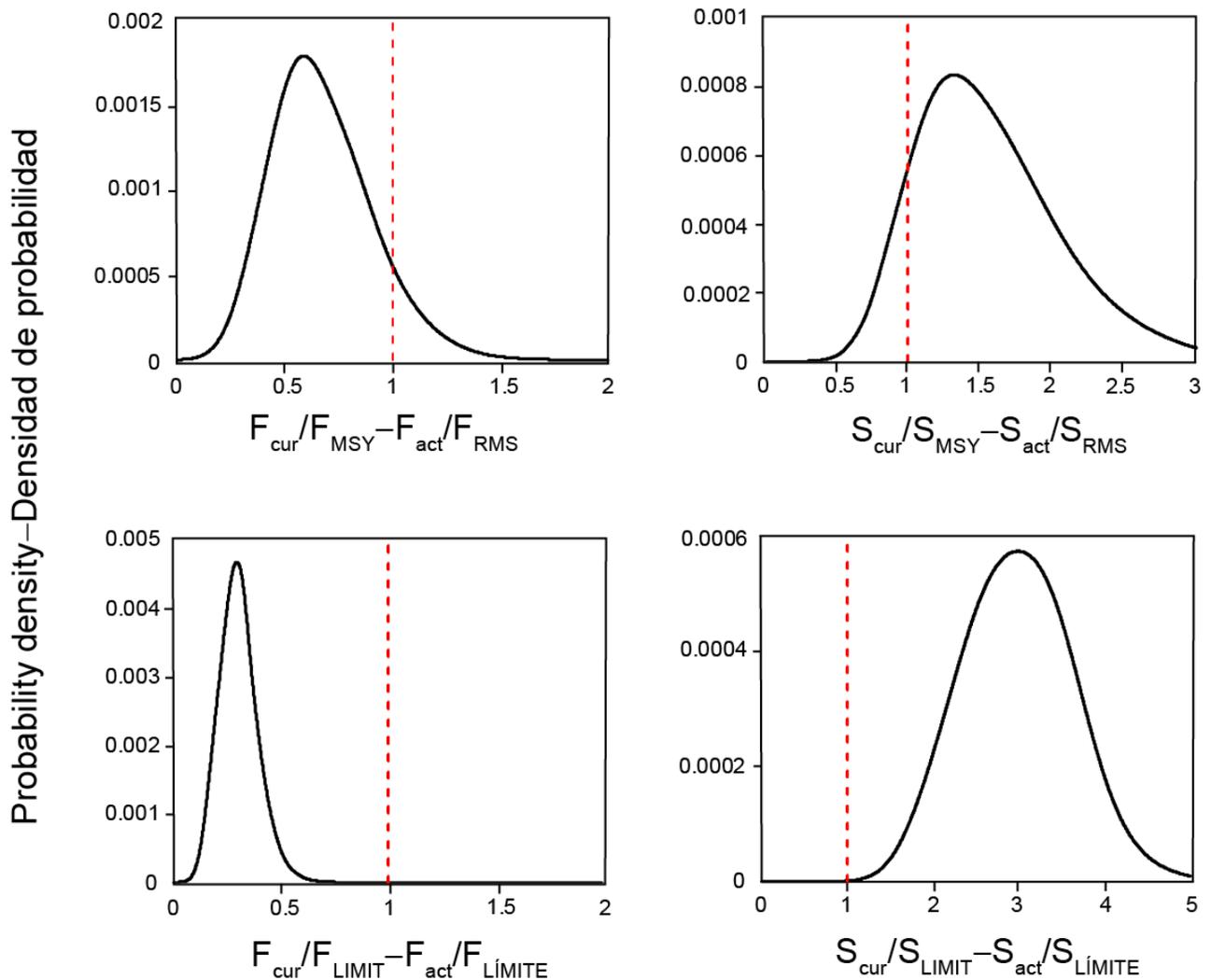
**FIGURE B-8** Impact of fishing, 1985-2019: trajectory of the spawning biomass (a fecundity index, see text for details) of a simulated population of yellowfin tuna that was never exploited (dashed line) and that predicted by each model, with a steepness of 1.0 (solid line). The shaded areas between the two lines show the portions of the impact attributed to each fishing method. See model descriptions in Table B-1.

**FIGURA B-8.** Impacto de la pesca, 1985-2019: trayectoria de la biomasa reproductora (un índice de fecundidad, ver detalles en el texto) de una población simulada de aleta amarilla que nunca fue explotada (línea de trazos) y la trayectoria predicha por cada modelo, con una inclinación de 1.0 (línea sólida). Las áreas sombreadas entre las dos líneas muestran las porciones del impacto atribuido a cada método de pesca. Ver descripciones de los modelos en la Tabla B-1.



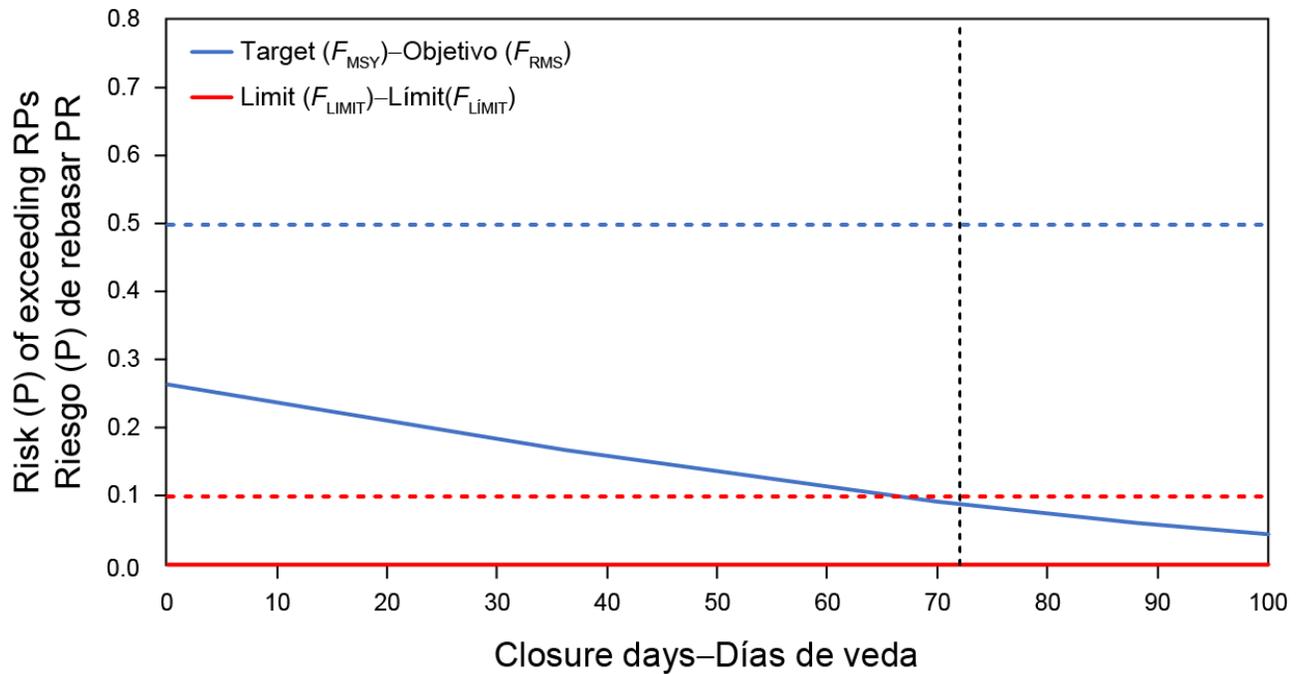
**FIGURE B-9** Kobe (phase) plot of the time series of estimates of spawning stock size ( $S$ ) and fishing mortality ( $F$ ) of yellowfin tuna relative to their MSY reference points. The colored panels are separated by the target reference points ( $S_{MSY}$  and  $F_{MSY}$ ). Limit reference points (dashed lines), which correspond to a 50% reduction in recruitment from its average unexploited level, based on a conservative steepness ( $h$ ) of 0.75 for the Beverton-Holt stock-recruitment relationship, are merely indicative, since they vary by model and are based on all models combined. The center point for each model indicates the current stock status, based on the average fishing mortality ( $F$ ) over the last three years; The solid black circle represents all models combined; to be consistent with the probabilistic nature of the risk analysis and the HCR, it is based on  $P(S_{cur}/S_{LÍMITE} < x) = 0.5$  and  $P(F_{cur}/F_{MSY} > x) = 0.5$ . The lines around each estimate represent its approximate 95% confidence interval.

**FIGURA B-9** Diagrama de Kobe (fase) de la serie de tiempo de las estimaciones del tamaño de la población reproductora ( $S$ ) y de la mortalidad por pesca ( $F$ ) del atún aleta amarilla relativas a sus puntos de referencia de RMS. Los paneles de colores están separados por los puntos de referencia objetivo ( $S_{RMS}$  y  $F_{RMS}$ ). Los puntos de referencia límite (líneas de trazos), que corresponden a una reducción del 50% del reclutamiento de su nivel promedio sin explotación, basados en una inclinación ( $h$ ) cautelosa de 0.75 para la relación población-reclutamiento de Beverton-Holt, son meramente indicativos, ya que varían por modelo y se basan en todos los modelos combinados. El punto central para cada modelo indica la condición actual de la población, con base en la mortalidad por pesca media durante los tres últimos años. El círculo negro sólido representa todos los modelos combinados; para ser consistente con la naturaleza probabilista del análisis de riesgos y la RCE, se basa en  $P(S_{act}/S_{LÍMITE} < x) = 0.5$  y  $P(F_{act}/F_{RMS} > x) = 0.5$ . Las líneas alrededor de cada estimación representan su intervalo de confianza aproximado de 95%.



**FIGURE B-10** Yellowfin probability density functions for  $F_{cur}/F_{MSY}$ ,  $F_{cur}/F_{LIMIT}$  and  $S_{cur}/S_{LIMIT}$  broken down into different components for models developed to address: a) combined; b) issues with the index of abundance; c) misfit to the composition data for the fishery with asymptotic selectivity; and d) different assumptions on steepness ( $h$ ).

**FIGURA B-10** Funciones de densidad de probabilidad para  $F_{act}/F_{RMS}$ ,  $F_{act}/F_{LÍMITE}$  y  $S_{act}/S_{LÍMITE}$  de aleta amarilla divididas en diferentes componentes para modelos implementados para resolver: a) combinada; b) problemas con el índice de abundancia; c) problemas en los ajustes a los datos de composiciones de talla de la pesquería con selectividad asintótica; y d) distintos supuestos sobre la inclinación ( $h$ ).



**FIGURE B-11.** Risk curves showing the probability of exceeding the target and limit reference points (RPs) for different durations of the temporal closure for yellowfin in the EPO.

**FIGURA B-11.** Curvas de riesgo que señalan la probabilidad de rebasar los puntos de referencia (PR) objetivo y límite con diferentes duraciones de la veda temporal para aleta amarilla en el OPO.

### C. SKIPJACK TUNA

This analysis was originally presented in document [SAC-10-09](#).

A major management objective for tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) is to keep stocks at levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yields (MSYs). Management objectives based on MSY or related reference points (*e.g.* fishing mortality that produces MSY ( $F_{MSY}$ ); spawner-per-recruit proxies) are in use for many species and stocks worldwide. However, these objectives require that reference points and quantities to which they are compared be available. The various reference points require different amounts and types of information, ranging from biological information (*e.g.* natural mortality, growth, and stock-recruitment relationship) and fisheries characteristics (*e.g.* age-specific selectivity), to absolute estimates of biomass and exploitation rates. These absolute estimates generally require a formal stock assessment model. For many species, the information required to estimate these quantities is not available, and alternative approaches are needed.

Skipjack tuna is a notoriously difficult species to assess. Due to its high and variable productivity (*i.e.* annual recruitment is a large proportion of total biomass), it is difficult to detect the effect of fishing on the population with standard fisheries data and stock assessment methods. This is particularly true for the stock of the EPO, due to the lack of age-composition data, and especially tagging data, without which a conventional stock assessment of skipjack is not possible. The continuous recruitment and rapid growth of skipjack mean that the temporal stratification needed to observe modes in length-frequency data make the current sample sizes inadequate. Previous assessments have had difficulty in estimating the absolute levels of biomass and exploitation rates, due to the possibility of a dome-shaped selectivity curve, which would mean that there is a cryptic biomass of large skipjack that cannot be estimated. The most recent assessment of skipjack in the EPO is considered preliminary because it is not known whether the catch per day fished for purse-seine fisheries is proportional to abundance. Further analysis of currently available tagging data is unlikely to improve the skipjack stock assessment and a fully length-structured model produced unrealistic estimates. In addition to the problems listed above, the levels of age-specific natural mortality are uncertain, if not unknown, and current yield-per-recruit (YPR) calculations indicate that the YPR would be maximized by catching the youngest skipjack in the model. Therefore, neither the biomass- nor fishing mortality-based reference points, nor the indicators to which they are compared, are available for skipjack in the EPO.

One of the major problems mentioned above is the uncertainty as to whether the catch per unit of effort (CPUE) of the purse-seine fisheries is an appropriate index of abundance for skipjack, particularly when the fish are associated with fish-aggregating devices (FADs). Purse-seine CPUE data are particularly problematic, because it is difficult to identify the appropriate unit of effort. In previous analyses, effort was defined as the amount of searching time required to find a school of fish on which to set the purse seine, and this is approximated by number of days fished. Few skipjack are caught in the longline fisheries or dolphin-associated purse-seine fisheries (Figure C-1), so these fisheries cannot be used to develop reliable indices of abundance for skipjack. Within a single trip, purse-seine sets on unassociated schools are generally intermingled with floating-object or dolphin-associated sets, complicating the CPUE calculations. Maunder and Hoyle (2007) developed a novel method to generate an index of abundance, using data from the floating-object fisheries. This method used the ratio of skipjack to bigeye in the catch and the “known” abundance of bigeye based on stock assessment results. Unfortunately, the method was of limited usefulness, and more research is needed to improve it. Currently, there is no reliable index of relative abundance for skipjack in the EPO. Therefore, other indicators of stock status, such as the average weight of the fish in the catch, should be investigated.

Since the stock assessments and reference points for skipjack in the EPO are so uncertain, developing

alternative methods to assess and manage the species that are robust to these uncertainties would be beneficial. Full management strategy evaluation (MSE) for skipjack would be the most comprehensive method to develop and test alternative assessment methods and management strategies; however, developing MSE is time-consuming, and has not yet been conducted for skipjack. In addition, higher priority for MSE is given to yellowfin and bigeye tuna, as available data indicate that these species are more susceptible to overfishing than skipjack. Therefore, Maunder and Deriso (2007) investigated some simple indicators of stock status based on relative quantities. Rather than using reference points based on  $MSY$ , they compared current values of indicators to the distribution of indicators observed historically. They also developed a simple stock assessment model to generate indicators for biomass, recruitment, and exploitation rate. However, this year catch-per-set by set type replaces the catch-per-day-fished Stock Status Indicators (SSIs) used previously, which are considered unreliable due to possible biases in the method used to assign days fished to set types; also, the model-based indicators used for skipjack are no longer reported because they were based on the same CPDF data. The current SSIs begin in 2000 because the IATTC port-sampling program began the species composition sampling in that year, and it is after the major offshore expansion of the floating-object fishery which started in the mid-1990s. All SSIs are scaled (relative indicators) so that their average equals 1 during the 2000-2019 period. The reference levels were changed from the 5% and 95% percentiles to the 10% and 90% percentiles because extreme percentiles are less reliable with fewer years of data.

Many of the indicator values for recent years are near their reference levels (Figures B-2 and C-2). Exceeding a reference level can have multiple interpretations, and these will depend on the particular SSI being considered and whether the upper or the lower reference level has been exceeded. To interpret trends in SSIs, it may be helpful to take multiple SSIs into consideration simultaneously.

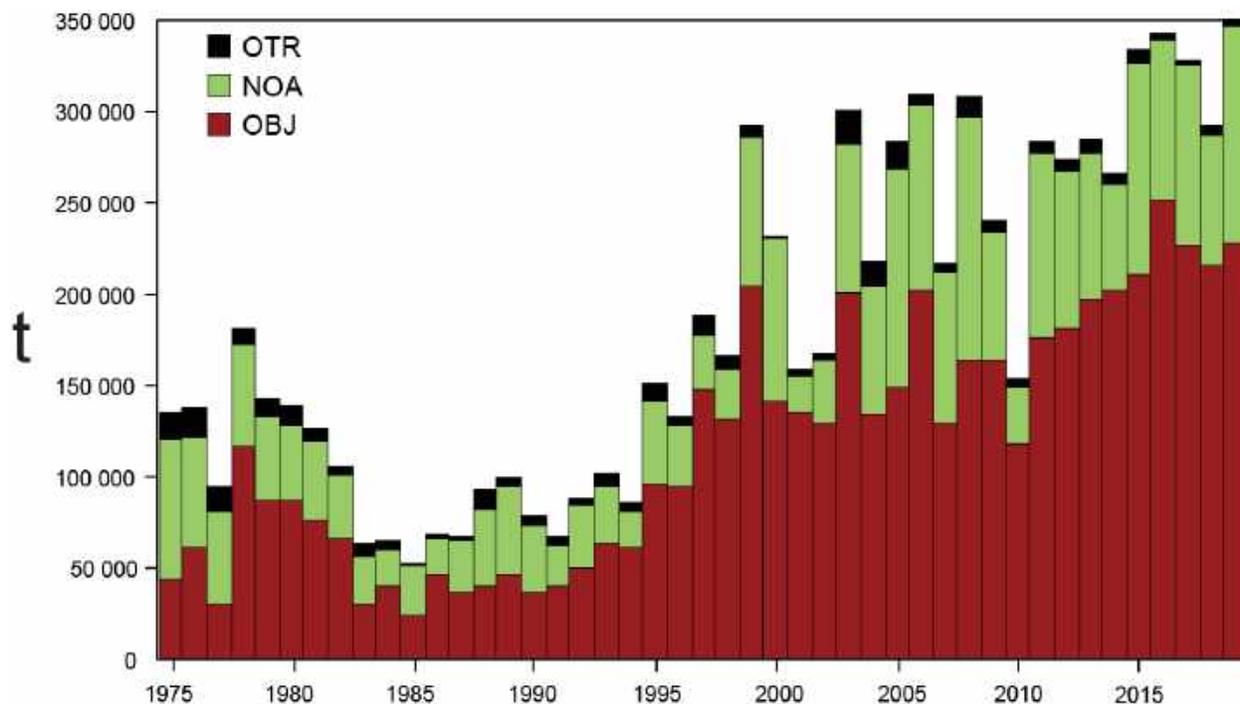
Most floating-object fishery SSIs suggest that the skipjack has potentially been subject to increased fishing mortality, mainly due to the increase in the number of sets in the floating-object fishery. Of particular concern is the constantly increasing trend in the number of floating object sets observed since 2005 (Figure B-2). This is reflected as an increase in catch for skipjack in floating-object sets and a decline in catch-per-set and in average length of the fish in the catch for the floating-object fishery (Figure C-2). The interpretation of increased fishing mortality is supported by trends in average length of skipjack caught in the other set types. On the other hand, trends in catch-per-set for unassociated sets, are not consistent with this interpretation (Figure C-2).

The fact that most SSIs based on the floating-object fishery are consistent with an increase in fishing mortality in that fishery means that precautionary management measures should be considered to prevent further increases.

Productivity and susceptibility analysis (PSA; see [IATTC Fishery Status Report 12](#), Figure L-4) shows that skipjack has substantially higher productivity than bigeye. Biomass ( $B$ ) and the fishing mortality that corresponds to  $MSY$  ( $F_{MSY}$ ) are, respectively, negatively and positively correlated with productivity. Therefore, since skipjack and bigeye have about the same susceptibility, and susceptibility is related to fishing mortality, the status of skipjack can be inferred from the status of bigeye, but only if the fishing mortality of bigeye is below the  $MSY$  level (*i.e.*,  $F < F_{MSY}$ ). Since an assessment of bigeye is available, inferences can be made about the status of skipjack. Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis (PSA; Duffy et al. 2019) for the tropical tuna fishery in the EPO indicated that skipjack and bigeye have about the same susceptibility to purse-seine fishing gear, and that skipjack is much more productive than bigeye. Taking the risk analysis results for bigeye as reference ([SAC-11-08](#)), the staff infers the following about the skipjack stock status in the EPO (Table A):

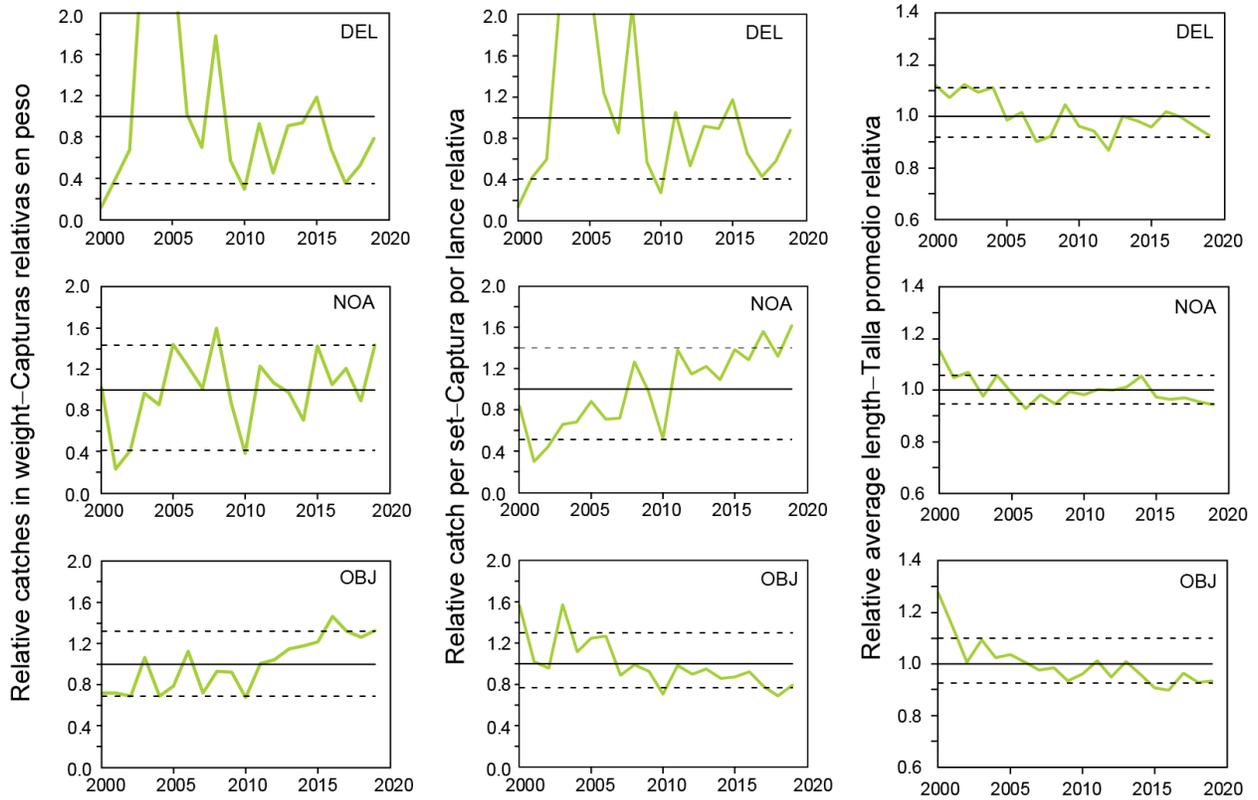
1. There is less than 50% probability that  $F_{MSY}$  has been exceeded ( $P(F > F_{MSY}) < 50\%$ ), and a less than 53% probability that  $S_{cur}$  is below  $S_{MSY}$  ( $P(S < S_{MSY}) < 53\%$ ),
2. There is less than 5% probability that  $F_{LIMIT}$  has been exceeded ( $P(F > F_{LIMIT}) < 5\%$ ), and less than 6% probability that  $S_{LIMIT}$  has been breached ( $P(S > S_{LIMIT}) < 6\%$ ).

These inferences about skipjack stock status from the PSA analysis are interim: direct advice from a skipjack assessment is still needed. The staff is currently conducting a multi-year tagging study of tropical tunas in the EPO aimed at obtaining data that will contribute to, and reduce uncertainty in, tuna stock assessments, particularly for skipjack (Project E.4.a). In addition, an MSE process for tropical tunas, which includes skipjack, is ongoing at IATTC.



**FIGURE C-1.** Total catches (retained catches plus discards) for the purse-seine fisheries, by set type (NOA, OBJ) and retained catches for the other (OTR) fisheries, of skipjack tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, 1975-2019. The purse-seine catches are adjusted to the species composition estimate obtained from sampling the catches. The 2019 catch data are preliminary.

**FIGURA C-1.** Capturas totales (capturas retenidas más descartes) en las pesquerías de cerco, por tipo de lance (NOA, OBJ), y capturas retenidas de las otras pesquerías (OTR), de atún barrilete en el Océano Pacífico oriental, 1975-2019. Se ajustan las capturas de cerco a la estimación de la composición por especie obtenida del muestreo de las capturas. Los datos de captura de 2019 son preliminares.



**FIGURE C-2.** Indicators of stock status for skipjack tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean. OBJ: floating-object fishery; NOA: unassociated fishery; DEL: dolphin associated fishery. All indicators are scaled so that their average equals one.

**FIGURA C-2.** Indicadores de condición de la población de atún barrilete en el Océano Pacífico oriental. OBJ: pesquería sobre objetos flotantes; NOA: pesquería no asociada; CPDP: captura por día de pesca. Se ajusta la escala de todos los indicadores para que su promedio equivalga a uno.

#### D. BIGEYE TUNA

For the full version of this analysis, see documents [SAC-11-05](#), [SAC-11-06](#), [SAC-11-INF-F](#), and [SAC-11-08](#).

Bigeye tuna are distributed in tropical and temperate waters across the Pacific Ocean. In the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), the majority of catch before 1993 was taken by longline fisheries that target large bigeye (Figure D-1). Due to the expansion of purse-seine fisheries associated with floating objects, purse-seine fisheries that target small bigeye have replaced longline fisheries as the dominant fishery type for EPO bigeye since 1996.

In 2020, stock status indicators (SSIs) were developed for bigeye using the data collected in the EPO as a whole ([SAC-11-05](#)). For the floating-object fishery, the main fishery for bigeye since 1993, fishing effort has been continuously increasing (Figure B-2). This increase in fishing effort corresponds to increased catch, decreased catch per set, and decreased average length for the floating-object fishery during the same time (Figure D-2). The fishing effort associated with the longline fishery, in comparison, does not show a noticeable long-term trend and remained around the median level since 2013 (Figure B-2). The longline index of abundance represents adult population trend and is one of the key inputs to the stock assessment model for bigeye. It suggests a long-term decreasing trend in adult population abundance since 2000 (Figure D-3). However, the average length for the longline fishery remained relatively stable since 2000 (Figure D-3).

A workplan to improve the stock assessments for tropical tunas was executed and an [external review for bigeye](#) was completed. The external review panel did not single out a particular model configuration as a replacement for the base case model but suggested a variety of alternatives for the staff to consider. To encompass as many hypotheses as possible, the staff developed a pragmatic risk assessment framework to apply for both species, which included the development of hypotheses, the implementation and weighting of models, and the construction of risk tables based on the combined result across all reference models ([SAC-11-08](#), [SAC-11-INF-F](#), [SAC-11-INF-J](#)).

The reference models for the benchmark assessment of bigeye were built based on three overarching hypotheses ([SAC-11-INF-J](#)). The first overarching hypothesis is about the cause of the apparent recruitment shift which coincides with the expansion of the floating-object fishery, assuming that shift is either real or an artifact of model misspecification. The second overarching hypothesis consists of two levels. The first level represents the cause of the apparent recruitment shift given it is an artifact of model misspecification. It is assumed that mis-specified process is either known (movement, mortality, selectivity, or growth) or unknown (other than those four processes). The second level represents the cause of the misfit to the length composition data from the longline fishery that has asymptotic selectivity. It is assumed that the misfit is due to random observation error or an artifact of model misspecification (in growth, selectivity, or natural mortality). The third overarching hypothesis is about the steepness of the Beverton-Holt stock-recruitment relationship, which was assumed in the reference models to be 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, or 1.0. In total, 44 reference models were retained in the benchmark assessment for bigeye tuna ([SAC-11-06](#)). These reference models on which the management advice is based were combined using relative weights determined by several criteria, including performance on model diagnostics ([SAC-11-INF-J](#)).

The results from the 44 reference models for bigeye show that (1) the recruitment shift is apparent in some but not all models (Figure D-4); (2) all models show a decreasing trend in spawning biomass while the scale of the spawning biomass varies dramatically among models (Figure D-5); (3) since 2000, the fishing mortality on juvenile bigeye (age 1-8 quarters) has increased while that on adult bigeye (age 13-39 quarters) has decreased (Figure D-6). The fishery impact plot shows clearly that the floating-object fishery has the dominant impact on the current spawning biomass of bigeye,

regardless of the model (Figure D-7).

Regarding management quantities (Figure D-8), the 44 reference models estimate that (1) at the beginning of 2020, the spawning biomass of bigeye ranged from 14% to 212% of the level at dynamic MSY; 26 models suggest that it was below that level; (2) at the beginning of 2020, the spawning biomass of bigeye ranged from 51% to 532% of the limit reference level; five models suggest that it was below that limit; (3) during 2017-2019, the fishing mortality of bigeye ranged from 51% to 223% of the level at MSY; 26 runs suggest that it was above that level; (4) during 2017-2019, the fishing mortality of bigeye ranged from 32% to 114% of the limit reference level; three models suggest that it was above that limit.

The results from the 44 reference models are combined in a risk analysis framework to provide management advice ([SAC-11-08](#)). The combined risk curves (Figure D-9) show that (1) the probabilities of fishing mortality during 2017-2019 ( $F_{cur}$ ) being higher than the target and limit reference levels are 50% and 5%, respectively; (2) the probabilities of spawning biomass at the beginning of 2020 ( $S_{cur}$ ) being lower than the target and limit reference levels are 53% and 6%, respectively. Although the combined distribution suggests that the probability of  $F_{cur}$  being higher than the limit reference level is much lower than 10%, the combined probability distribution is bimodal (Figure D-10). This bimodal pattern for bigeye is due to the substantial differences in estimates between two groups of models, one more pessimistic and one more optimistic (Figures D-5 and D-11; Table D-2). It should be noted that the combined risk curve based only on pessimistic models shows that the probability of  $F_{cur}$  being higher than the limit reference level reaches 10% (Figure D-11 and Table D-3), the level beyond which additional management measures shall be established (Resolution [C-16-02](#)). The bimodality complicates the evaluation of the status of the bigeye stock and of the potential outcomes of management actions. This issue needs to be addressed in the future to improve management advice.

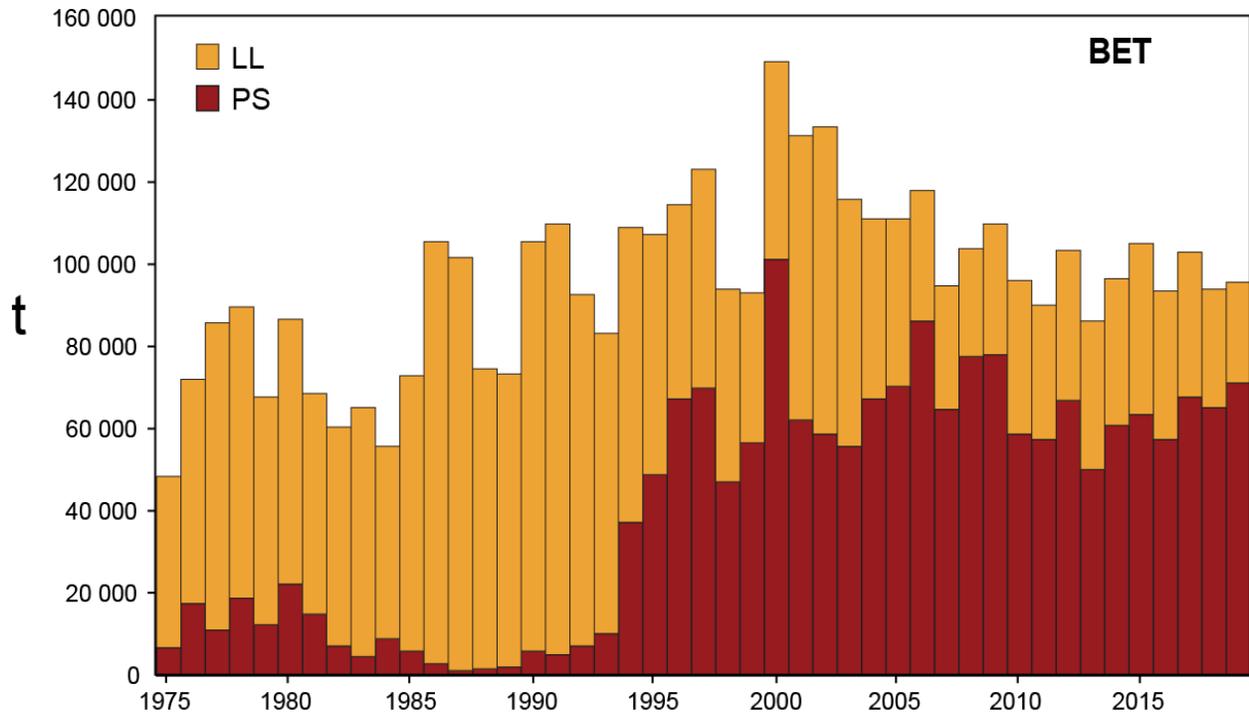
| <b>TABLE D-1. Model configurations (hypotheses) used for bigeye tuna in the EPO.</b> |  |
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| <b>Model</b>   | <b>Description</b>   |
| <b>A. Environment</b>  |  |
| <b>Env</b>   | <i>R</i> shift is real, caused by a change in the environment. Asymptotic selectivity for one longline fishery (F2). Similar to 'base case' model used in previous assessments, except (1) uses Francis method to weight composition data and (2) estimates a parameter representing change in recruitment.  |
| <b>Env-Fix</b>   | Environment, fixed (growth, <i>M</i> not estimated; asymptotic selectivity)  |
| <b>Env-Gro</b>   | Environment, growth estimated  |
| <b>Env-Sel</b>   | Environment, dome-shape selectivity  |
| <b>Env-Mrt</b>   | Environment, adult <i>M</i> estimated  |
| <b>B. Short-term</b>   |  |
| <b>Srt</b>   | Evaluated using 2000-2019 data only (1975-2019 for other models). <i>R</i> shift due to some unknown model misspecification prior to 2000 that cannot be identified/resolved with available data; thus, is not addressed by the other models.  |
| <b>Srt-Fix</b>   | Short-term, fixed (growth, <i>M</i> not estimated; asymptotic selectivity)   |
| <b>Srt-Gro</b>   | Short-term, growth estimated   |
| <b>Srt-Sel</b>   | Short-term, dome-shape selectivity   |
| <b>Srt-Mrt</b>   | Short-term, adult <i>M</i> estimated   |
| <b>C. Pre-adult movement</b>   |  |
| <b>Mov</b>   | Approximates movement of fish to and from the CPO, by applying <i>M</i> starting between ages selected by the PS-OBJ fishery and the longline fishery. Higher/lower <i>M</i> represents fish leaving/entering EPO, respectively. This modified mortality schedule also could capture actual differences in age-specific <i>M</i> driven by a variety of processes.   |
| <b>D. Estimate growth</b>  |  |
| <b>Gro</b>   | Estimating growth: (1) allows a larger biomass, thus reducing <i>R</i> shift (length-composition data for the fishery with asymptotic selectivity contain few fish around the asymptotic length, so model estimates high <i>F</i> , and corresponding low <i>S</i> , to reduce the number of large fish and fit those data); (2) produces low asymptotic length (reducing predicted number of large fish, and fits the length-composition data without increasing <i>F</i> , allowing a larger <i>S</i> ). All four parameters of the Richards growth curve and the two parameters representing the variation of length at age are estimated. The model is fitted to the otolith age data conditioned on length. Can also address the misfit to the length-composition data. |
| <b>E. Dome-shaped selectivity</b>  |  |
| <b>Sel</b>   | Dome-shape selectivity for longline fishery F2: (1) allows a larger biomass, thus reducing <i>R</i> shift (length-composition data for the fishery with asymptotic selectivity contain few fish around the asymptotic length, so model estimates high <i>F</i> , and corresponding low <i>S</i> , to reduce the number of large fish and fit those data); (2) reduces the predicted number of large fish caught, allowing the model to fit the observed length-composition data, but also produces a 'cryptic biomass', increasing the biomass estimate. A double normal selectivity curve is used. This model can also address the misfit to the length composition data.   |
| <b>F. Adult mortality</b>  |  |
| <b>Mrt</b>   | Estimating adult <i>M</i> allows a larger biomass, thus reducing <i>R</i> shift. An increased value of <i>M</i> reduces the <i>F</i> required to fit the length-composition data, thus increasing the biomass for a given level of catch. Can also address the misfit to the length-composition data.  |

**TABLE D-2.** Management quantities for bigeye tuna in the EPO. See explanation of codes in Table D-1. E(x) is the expected value. P=0.5: median of the distributions of  $P(S_{cur}/S_{MSY})$  and  $P(F_{cur}/F_{MSY})$ .

|                        | Env-Fix | Env-Gro | Env-Sel | Env-Mrt | Srt-Fix | Srt-Gro | Srt-Sel | Srt-Mrt | Mov  | Gro  | Sel  | Mrt  | Combined   |      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|
| P(Model)               | 0.01    | 0.13    | 0.05    | 0.02    | 0.04    | 0.22    | 0.11    | 0.07    | 0.01 | 0.24 | 0.09 | 0.02 | E(x) P=0.5 |      |
| Fishing mortality (F)  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |            |      |
| $F_{cur}/F_{MSY}$      | 1.82    | 0.82    | 0.99    | 1.25    | 1.84    | 1.42    | 1.36    | 1.57    | 0.81 | 0.59 | 0.73 | 0.89 | 1.07       | 1.00 |
| $P(F_{cur}>F_{MSY})$   | 1.00    | 0.18    | 0.44    | 0.84    | 1.00    | 0.97    | 0.92    | 0.99    | 0.15 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.25 | 0.50       |      |
| $F_{cur}/F_{LIMIT}$    | 0.96    | 0.47    | 0.58    | 0.69    | 0.97    | 0.78    | 0.77    | 0.84    | 0.47 | 0.34 | 0.43 | 0.50 | 0.60       |      |
| $P(F_{cur}>F_{LIMIT})$ | 0.33    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.01    | 0.38    | 0.07    | 0.06    | 0.14    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05       |      |
| Spawning biomass (S)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |            |      |
| $S_{cur}/S_{MSY,d}$    | 0.34    | 1.32    | 1.02    | 0.69    | 0.32    | 0.56    | 0.59    | 0.45    | 1.31 | 1.85 | 1.53 | 1.16 | 1.09       | 0.92 |
| $P(S_{cur}<S_{MSY})$   | 1.00    | 0.19    | 0.49    | 0.96    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 0.16 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.53       |      |
| $S_{cur}/S_{LIMIT}$    | 0.97    | 3.61    | 2.67    | 2.04    | 0.97    | 1.65    | 1.65    | 1.38    | 3.84 | 5.24 | 4.21 | 3.63 | 3.07       |      |
| $P(S_{cur}<S_{LIMIT})$ | 0.59    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.02    | 0.50    | 0.06    | 0.09    | 0.19    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06       |      |

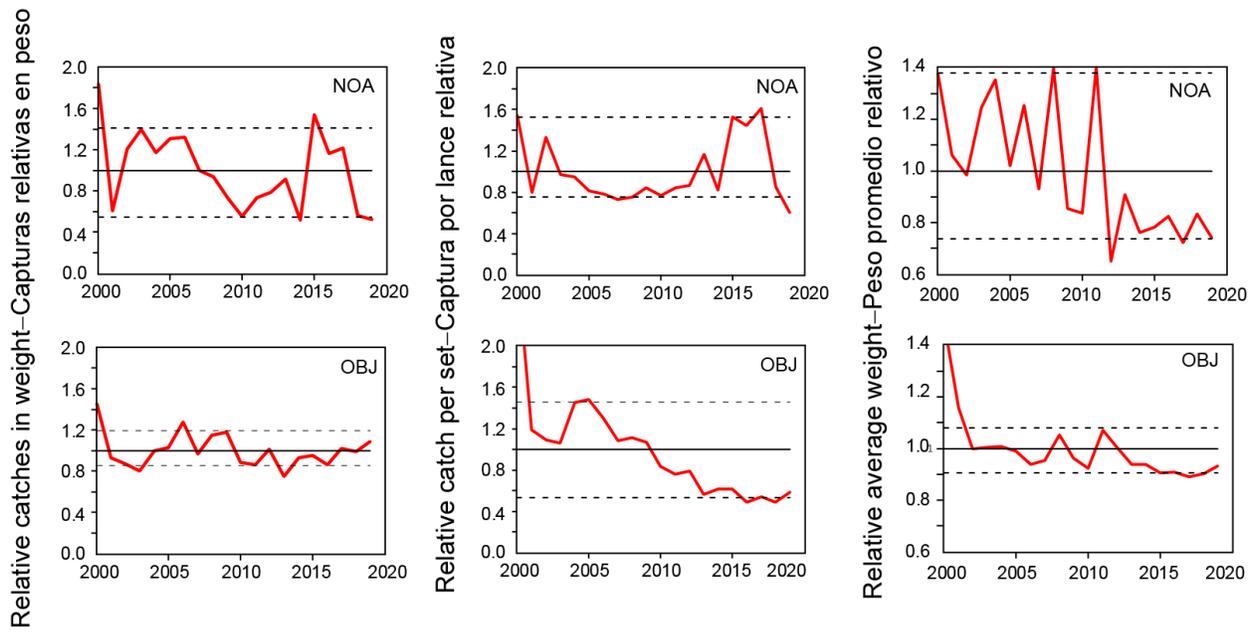
**TABLE D-3.** Decision table for bigeye tuna in the EPO. See explanation of codes in Table D-1.

| Closure days          | Env-Fix | Env-Gro | Env-Sel | Env-Mrt | Srt-Fix | Srt-Gro | Srt-Sel | Srt-Mrt | Mov  | Gro  | Sel  | Mrt  | Comb |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| P(model)              | 0.01    | 0.13    | 0.05    | 0.02    | 0.04    | 0.22    | 0.11    | 0.07    | 0.01 | 0.24 | 0.09 | 0.02 |      |
| Probability ≤50% >50% |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| $P(F>F_{MSY})$        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| 0                     | 1.00    | 0.48    | 0.78    | 0.98    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 0.99    | 1.00    | 0.47 | 0.09 | 0.31 | 0.65 | 0.62 |
| 36                    | 1.00    | 0.32    | 0.63    | 0.93    | 1.00    | 0.99    | 0.97    | 1.00    | 0.30 | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.45 | 0.56 |
| 70                    | 1.00    | 0.19    | 0.44    | 0.84    | 1.00    | 0.97    | 0.92    | 0.99    | 0.15 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.25 | 0.50 |
| 72                    | 1.00    | 0.18    | 0.43    | 0.83    | 1.00    | 0.96    | 0.91    | 0.98    | 0.14 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.49 |
| 88                    | 1.00    | 0.13    | 0.35    | 0.75    | 1.00    | 0.93    | 0.87    | 0.97    | 0.09 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.46 |
| 100                   | 1.00    | 0.09    | 0.28    | 0.67    | 1.00    | 0.88    | 0.81    | 0.95    | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.43 |
| Probability ≤10% >10% |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |      |      |      |      |      |
| 0                     | 0.97    | 0.00    | 0.04    | 0.17    | 0.89    | 0.39    | 0.37    | 0.57    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.21 |
| 36                    | 0.79    | 0.00    | 0.01    | 0.06    | 0.67    | 0.19    | 0.18    | 0.33    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.12 |
| 70                    | 0.33    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.01    | 0.38    | 0.07    | 0.06    | 0.14    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| 72                    | 0.30    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.01    | 0.36    | 0.06    | 0.06    | 0.13    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| 88                    | 0.11    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.25    | 0.03    | 0.03    | 0.08    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| 100                   | 0.04    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.17    | 0.02    | 0.02    | 0.04    | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 |



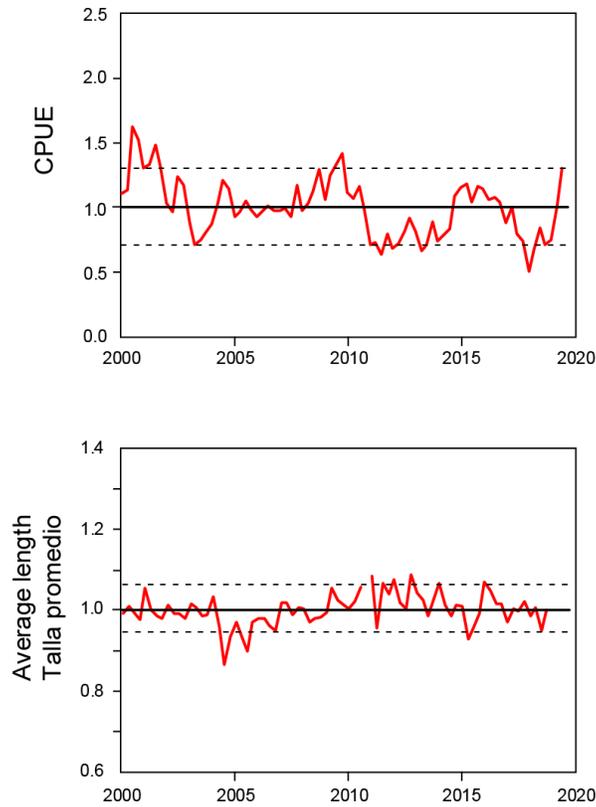
**FIGURE D-1.** Total catches (retained catches plus discards) by the purse-seine (PS) fisheries, and retained catches by the longline (LL) fisheries, of bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, 1975-2019. The purse-seine catches are adjusted to the species composition estimate obtained from sampling the catches. 2019 data are preliminary.

**FIGURA D-1.** Capturas totales (capturas retenidas más descartes) de las pesquerías de cerco (PS), y capturas retenidas de las pesquerías de palangre (LL), de atún patudo en el Océano Pacífico oriental, 1975-2019. Se ajustan las capturas de cerco a la estimación de la composición por especie obtenida del muestreo de las capturas. Los datos de 2019 son preliminares.



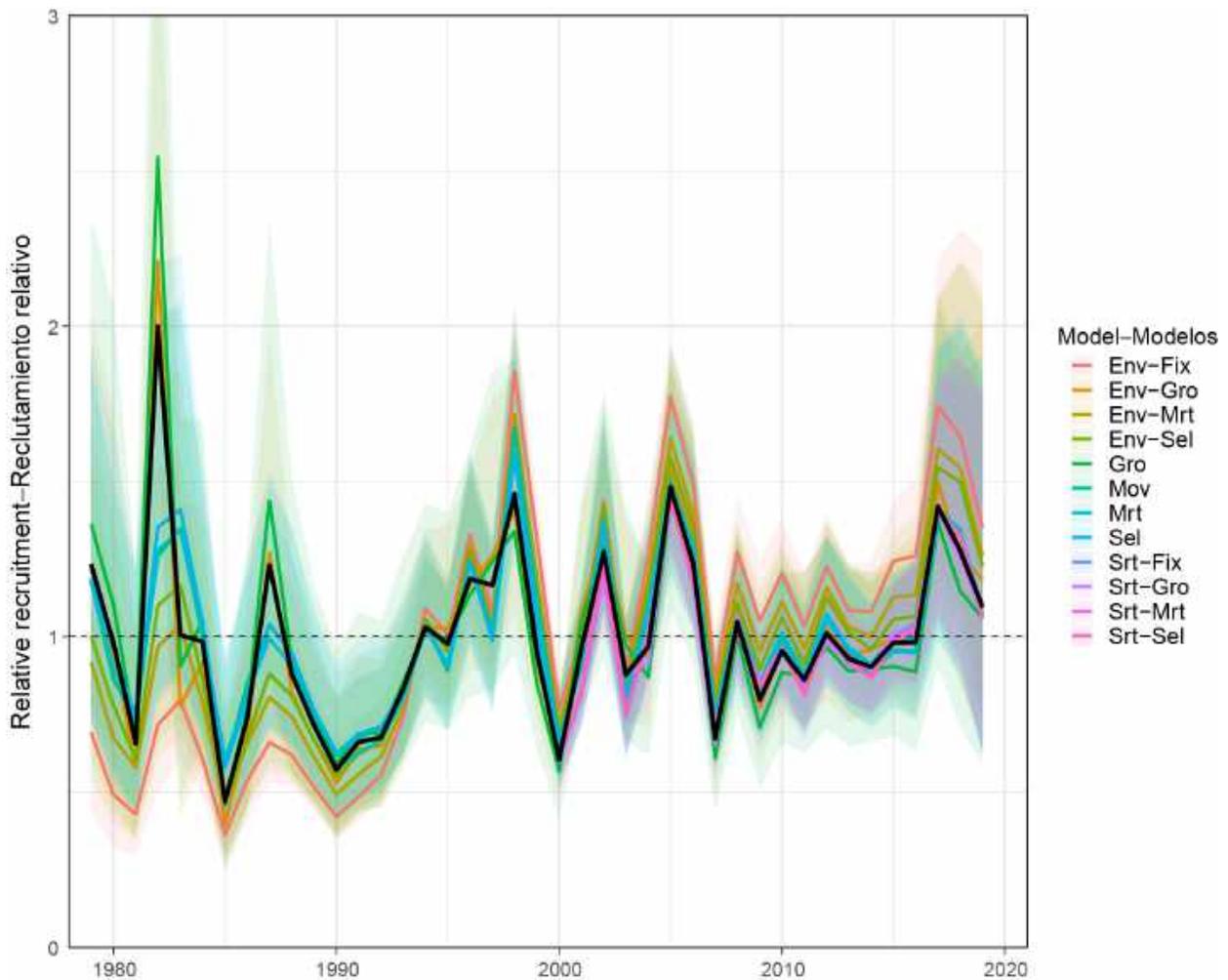
**FIGURE D-2.** Indicators of catch, catch per set, and average length for bigeye tuna in the EPO based on purse-seine data.

**FIGURA D-2.** Indicadores de captura, captura por lance, y talla promedio para el atún patudo en el OPO basados en datos de cerco.



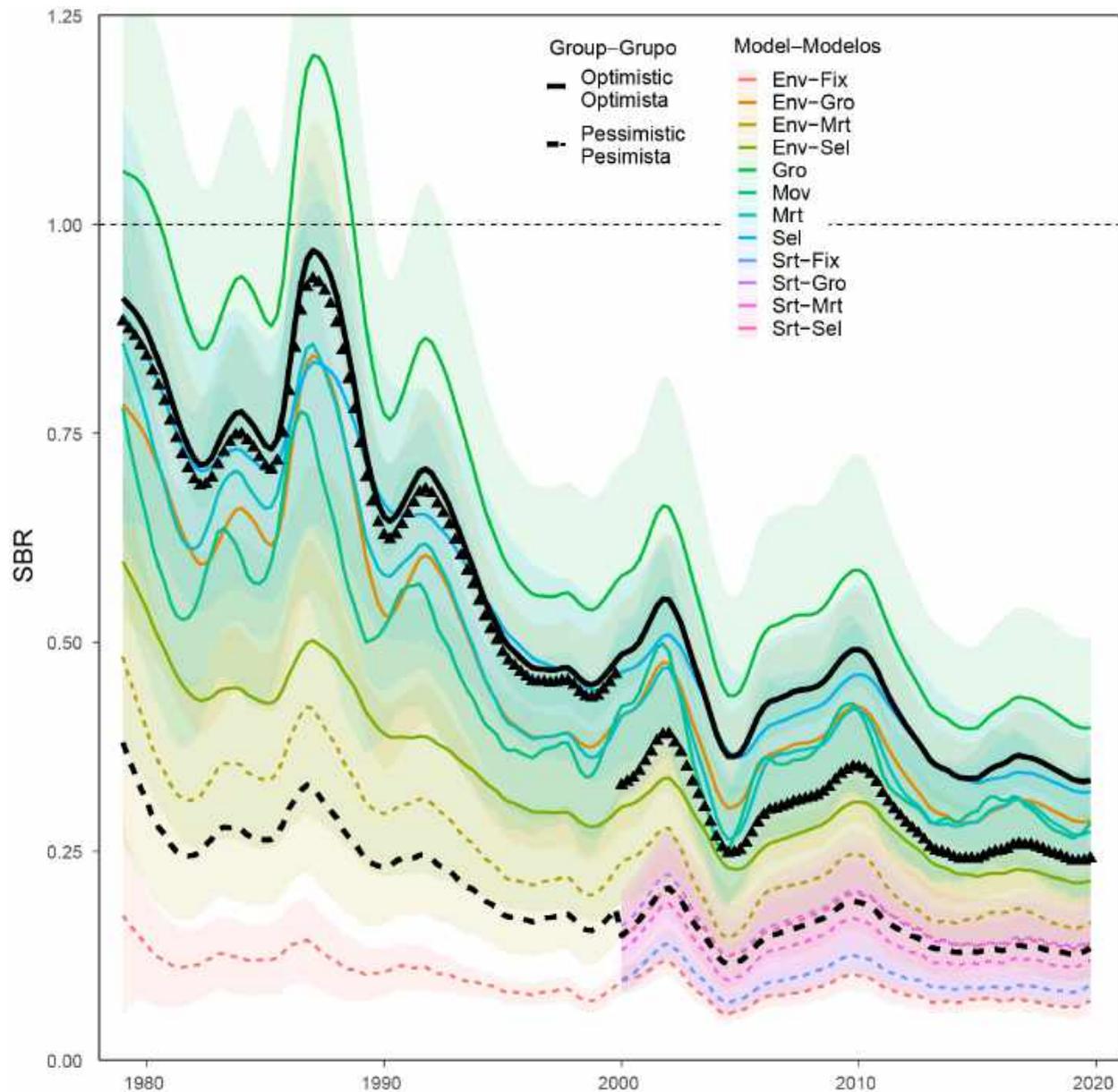
**Figure D-3.** Index of abundance and average length of bigeye in the EPO, based on Japanese longline data for 1975-2019. The dashed horizontal lines are the 5th and 95th percentiles, the solid horizontal line is the median.

**Figura D-3.** Índice de abundancia y talla promedio del patudo en el OPO, basados en datos de palangre japoneses para 1975-2019. Las líneas horizontales de trazos representan los percentiles de 5 y 95%, y la línea horizontal sólida la mediana.



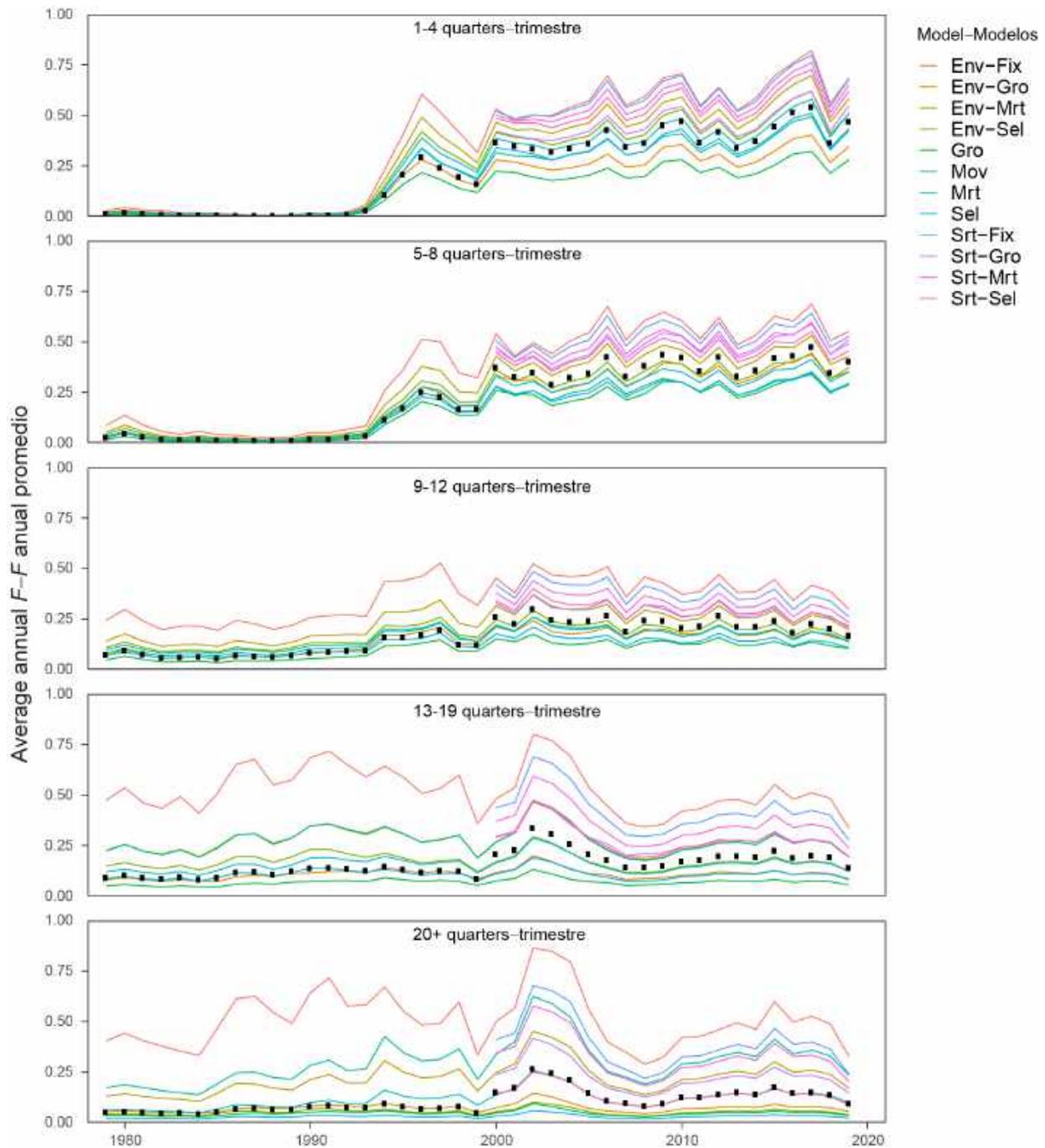
**FIGURE D-4.** Comparison of annual relative recruitment estimates for bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean from the twelve reference models (only the estimates that correspond to steepness = 1.0 are shown). The shaded areas represent the 95% confidence intervals and the black line represents the combined estimates across the twelve models.

**FIGURA D-4.** Comparación de las estimaciones de reclutamiento relativo anual de atún patudo en el Océano Pacífico oriental de los doce modelos de referencia (se muestran solamente las estimaciones que corresponden a la inclinación = 1.0). Las áreas sombreadas representan los intervalos de confianza de 95% y la línea negra representa las estimaciones combinadas de los doce modelos.



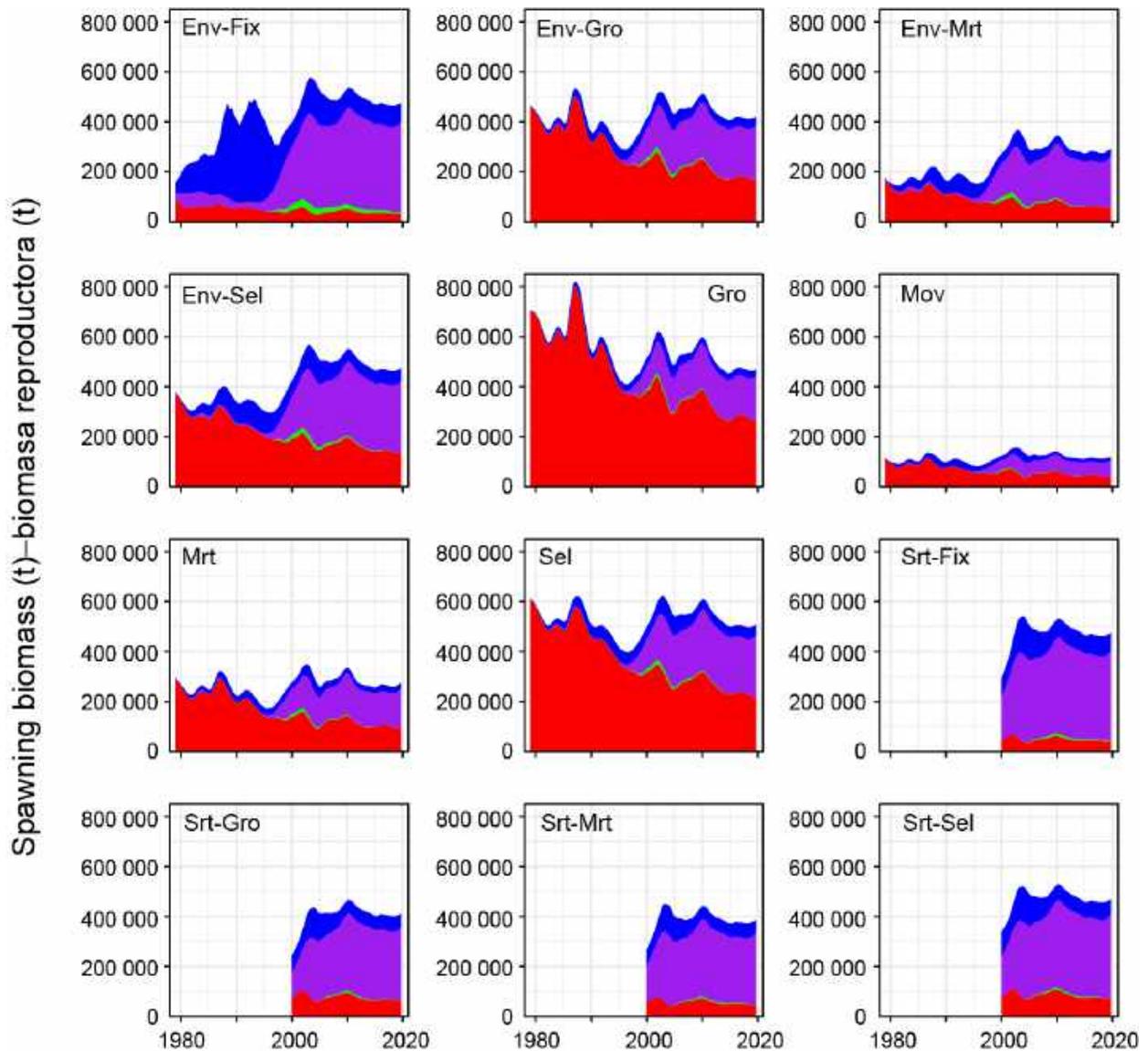
**FIGURE D-5.** Comparison of spawning biomass estimates for bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean from the twelve reference models (only the estimates that correspond to steepness = 1.0 are shown). The shaded areas represent the 95% confidence intervals and the two black lines represent the combined estimates across the two groups of reference models. Black triangles mark the combined estimates across all reference models.

**FIGURA D-5.** Comparación de las estimaciones de biomasa reproductora del atún patudo en el Océano Pacífico oriental de los doce modelos de referencia (se muestran solamente las estimaciones que corresponden a la inclinación = 1.0). Las áreas sombreadas representan los intervalos de confianza de 95% y las dos líneas negras representan las estimaciones combinadas de los dos grupos de modelos de referencia. Los triángulos negros marcan las estimaciones combinadas de todos los modelos de referencia.



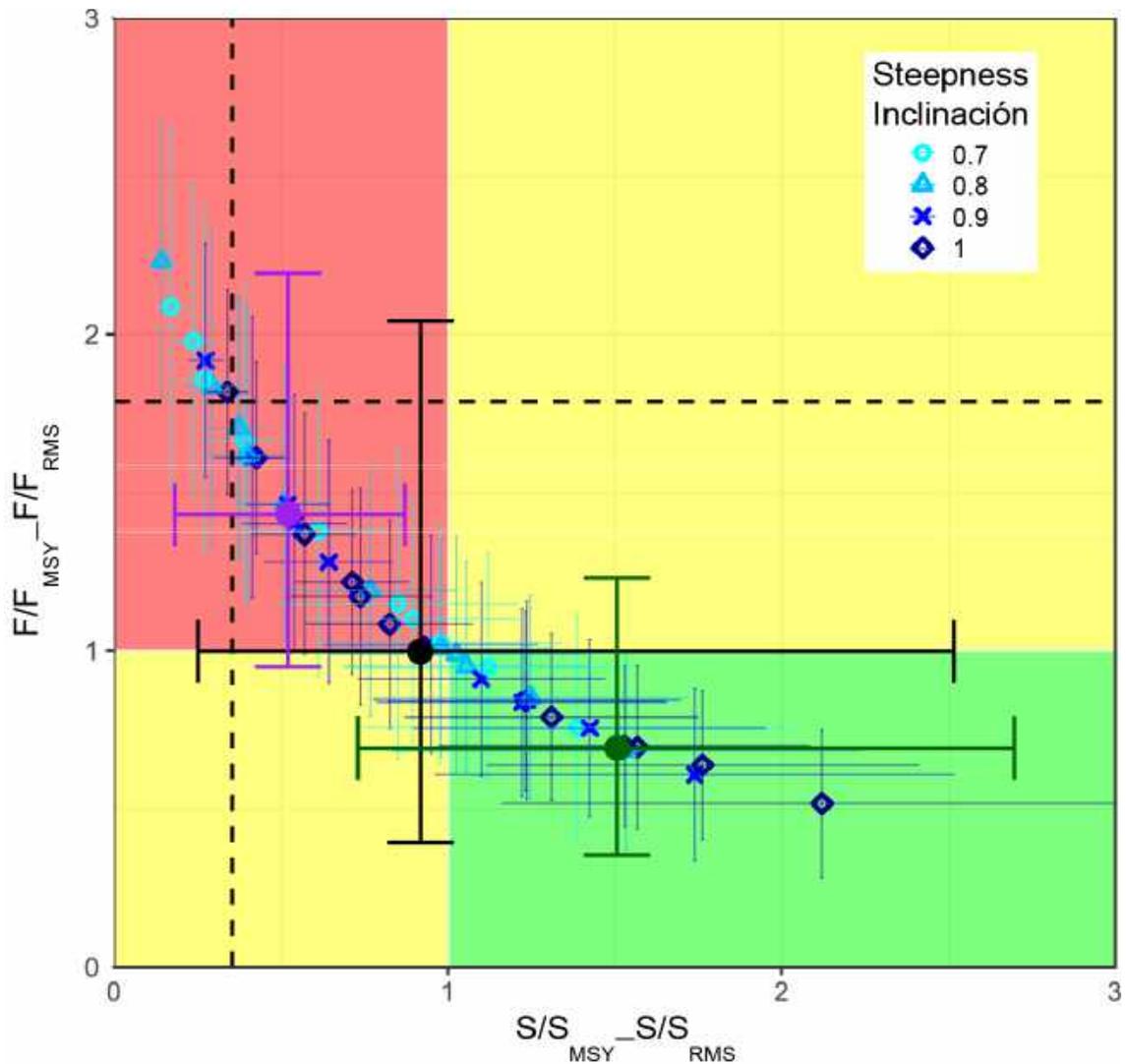
**FIGURE D-6.** Comparison of average annual fishing mortality, by age groups, of bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean (only the estimates that correspond to steepness = 1.0 are shown). The black dots show the combined values across all models with a steepness of 1.0.

**FIGURA D-6.** Comparación de la mortalidad por pesca anual promedio, por grupos de edad, del atún patudo en el Océano Pacífico oriental (se muestran solamente las estimaciones que corresponden a la inclinación = 1.0). Los puntos negros muestran los valores combinados de todos los modelos con una inclinación de 1.0.



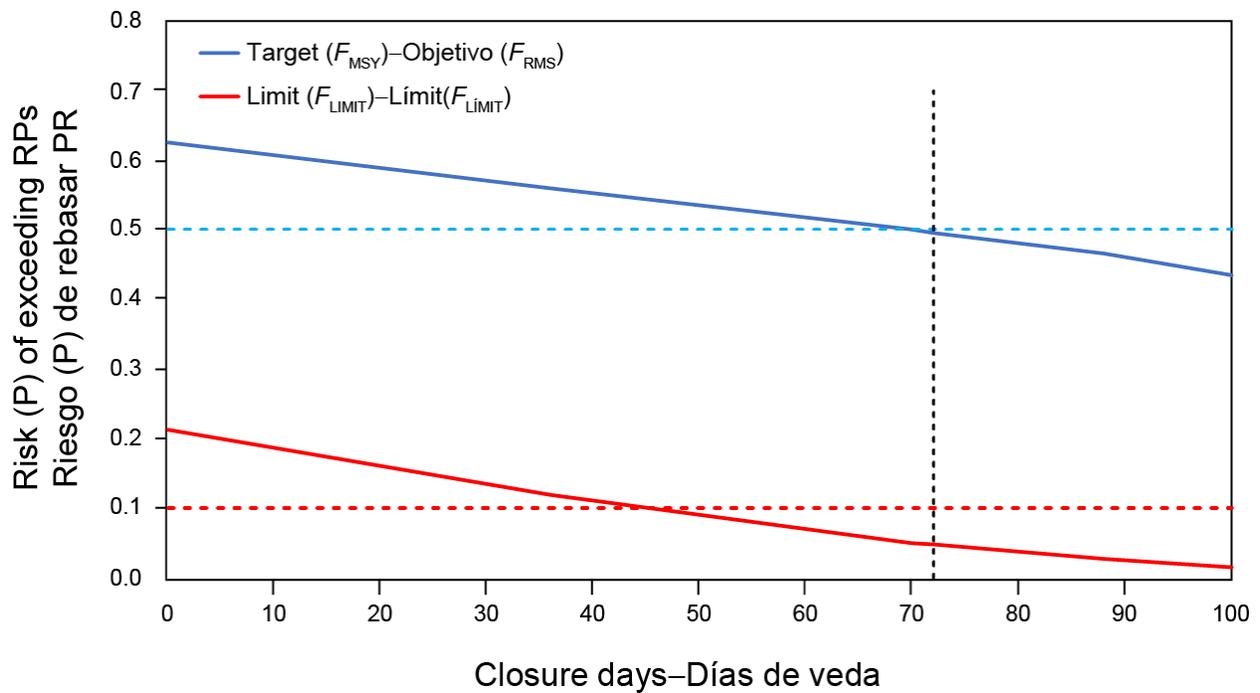
**Figure D-7.** Comparison of spawning biomass trajectory of a simulated population of bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean that was never exploited (top line) and that predicted by the stock assessment model (bottom line). The shaded green, purple, and blue areas between the two lines show the portions of the impact attributed to the discard fishery, purse-seine fisheries, and longline fisheries, respectively. Only the simulation trajectories that correspond to steepness = 1.0 are shown.

**Figura D-7.** Comparación de la trayectoria de la biomasa reproductora de una población simulada de atún patudo en el Océano Pacífico oriental que nunca fue explotada (línea superior) y la trayectoria predicha por el modelo de evaluación (línea inferior). Las áreas sombreadas en verde, morado y azul entre las dos líneas muestran las porciones del impacto atribuido a la pesquería de descarte, las pesquerías cerqueras, y las pesquerías palangreras, respectivamente. Se muestran solamente las trayectorias de simulación que corresponden a la inclinación = 1.0.



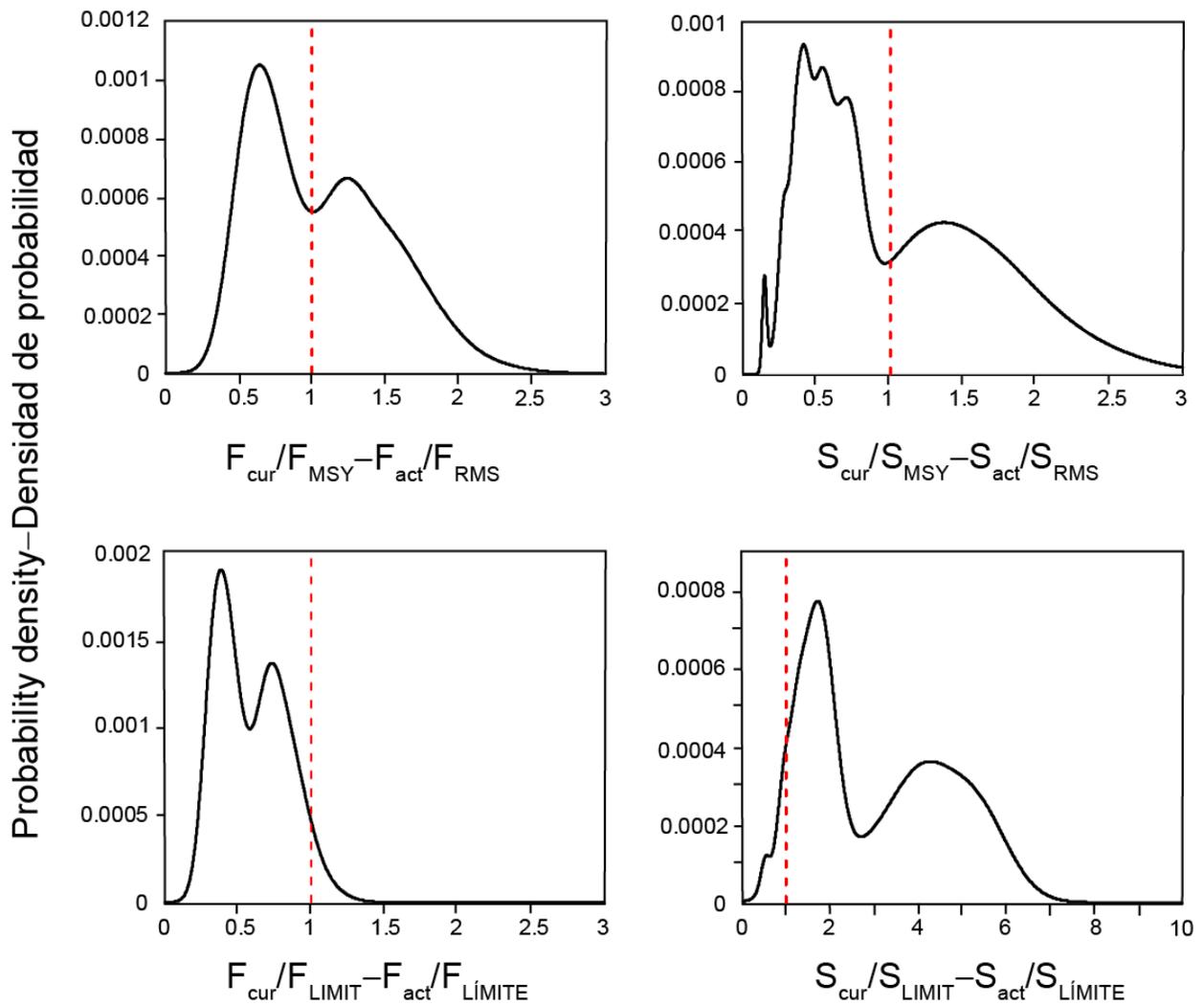
**FIGURE D-8.** Kobe plot of the most recent estimates of spawning biomass ( $S$ ) and fishing mortality ( $F$ ) relative to their MSY reference points ( $S_{MSY\_d}$  and  $F_{MSY}$ ) estimated by the 44 converged reference model runs (see Table 4). Each dot is based on the average  $F$  over the most recent three years. The dashed lines represent the limit reference points averaged for the 44 converged reference model runs. The error bars represent the 95% confidence interval of the estimates. The black, purple, and green dots are the combined estimates across all models, all pessimistic models, and all optimistic models, respectively.

**Figura D-8.** Gráfica de Kobe de las estimaciones más recientes de biomasa reproductora ( $S$ ) y mortalidad por pesca ( $F$ ) con respecto a sus puntos de referencia de RMS ( $S_{RMS\_d}$  y  $F_{RMS}$ ) estimados por las 44 ejecuciones convergentes de los modelos de referencia (ver Tabla 4). Cada punto se basa en la  $F$  promedio de los últimos tres años. Las barras de error representan el intervalo de confianza de 95% de las estimaciones. Los puntos negros, morados y verdes son las estimaciones combinadas de todos los modelos, todos los modelos pesimistas, y todos los modelos optimistas, respectivamente.

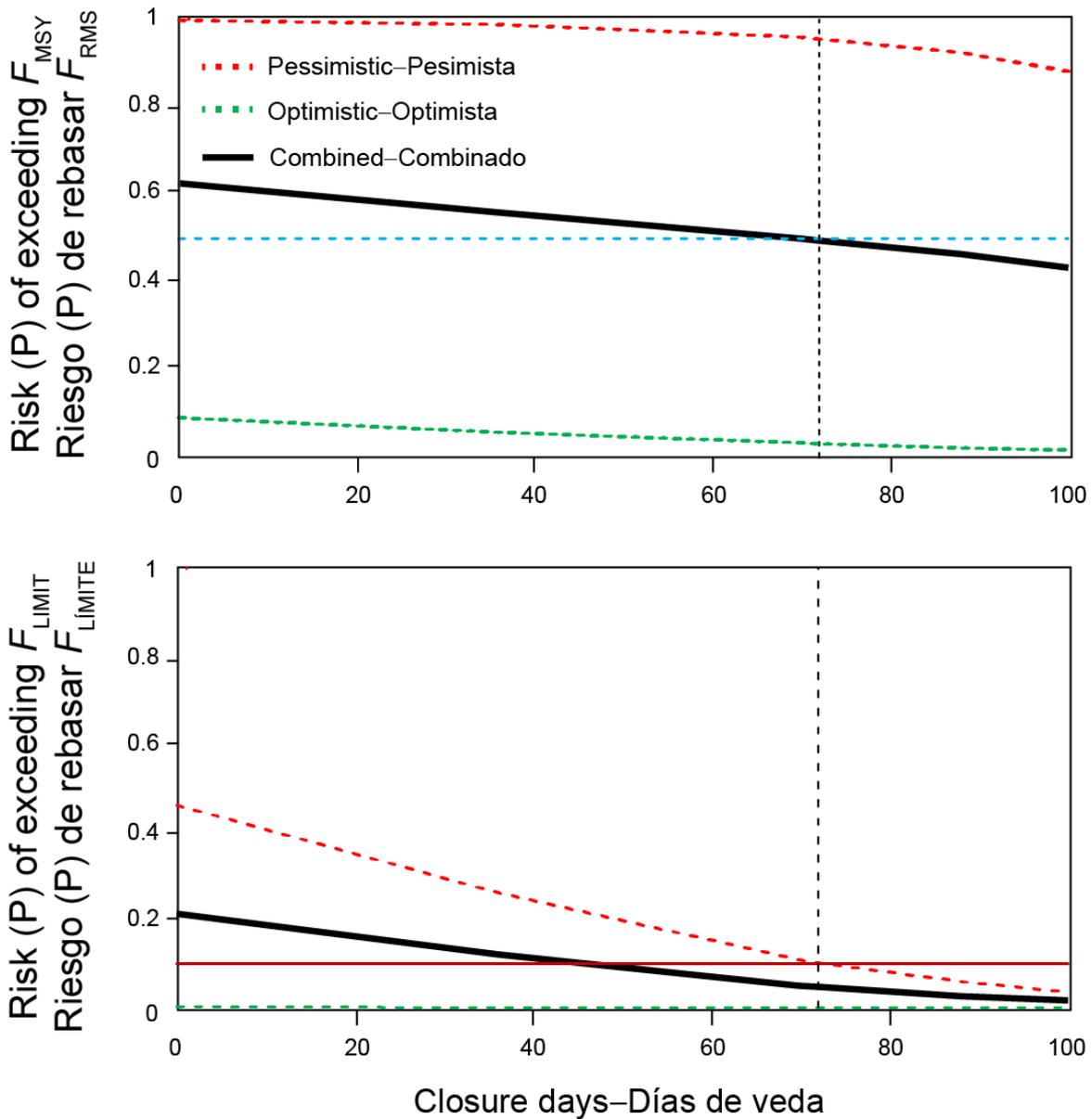


**FIGURE D-9.** Risk curves showing the probability of exceeding the target (blue) and limit (red) reference points for different durations of the temporal closure.

**FIGURA D-9.** Curvas de riesgo que señalan la probabilidad de rebasar los puntos de referencia objetivo (azul) y límite (rojo) para diferentes duraciones de la veda temporal.



**FIGURE D-10.** Combined bigeye probability density function for  $F_{cur}/F_{MSY}$ ,  $F_{cur}/F_{LIMIT}$ ,  $S_{cur}/S_{MSY}$ , and  $S_{cur}/S_{LIMIT}$ .  
**FIGURA D-10.** Función de densidad de probabilidad combinada para  $F_{act}/F_{RMS}$ ,  $F_{act}/F_{LÍMITE}$ ,  $S_{act}/S_{RMS}$ , y  $S_{act}/S_{LÍMITE}$  de patudo.



**Figure D-11.** Risk curves showing the probability of exceeding the target (top) and limit (bottom) reference points for bigeye with different durations of the temporal closure, combined by pessimistic and optimistic models resulting from the bimodal combined distribution.

**Figura D-11.** Curvas de riesgo que señalan la probabilidad de rebasar los puntos de referencia objetivo (arriba) y límite (abajo) con diferentes duraciones de la veda temporal, combinados por modelos pesimistas y optimistas que resultan de la distribución combinada bimodal.

## E. PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

Tagging studies have shown that there is exchange of Pacific bluefin between the eastern and western Pacific Ocean. Larval, post larval, and early juvenile bluefin have been caught in the western Pacific Ocean (WPO), but not in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), so it is likely that there is a single stock of bluefin in the Pacific Ocean (or possibly two stocks in the Pacific Ocean, one spawning in the vicinity of Taiwan and the Philippines and the other spawning in the Sea of Japan).

Most of the commercial catches of bluefin in the EPO are taken by purse seiners. Nearly all of the purse-seine catches have been made west of Baja California and California, within about 100 nautical miles of the coast, between about 23°N and 35°N. Ninety percent of the catch is estimated to have been between about 60 and 100 cm in length, representing mostly fish 1 to 3 years of age. Aquaculture facilities for bluefin were established in Mexico in 1999, and some Mexican purse seiners began to direct their effort toward bluefin during that year. During recent years, most of the catches have been transported to holding pens, where the fish are held for fattening and later sale to sashimi markets. Lesser amounts of bluefin are caught by recreational, gillnet, and longline gear. Bluefin have been caught in the EPO during every month of the year, but most of the fish are taken from May through October.

Bluefin are exploited by various gears in the WPO from Taiwan to Hokkaido, Japan. Age-0 fish, about 15 to 30 cm in length, are caught by the Japanese troll fishery during July-October south of Shikoku Island and south of Shizuoka Prefecture. During November-April, age-0 fish about 35 to 60 cm in length are taken in troll fisheries south and west of Kyushu Island. Age-1 and older fish are caught by purse seining, mostly during May-September, between about 30°-42°N and 140°-152°E. Bluefin of various sizes are also caught by traps, gillnets, and other gear, especially in the Sea of Japan. Additionally, small amounts of bluefin are caught near the southeastern coast of Japan by longlining. The Chinese Taipei small-scale longline fishery, which has expanded since 1996, takes bluefin tuna more than 180 cm in length from late April to June, when they are aggregated for spawning in the waters east of the northern Philippines and Taiwan.

The high-seas longline fisheries are directed mainly at tropical tunas, albacore, and billfishes, but small amounts of Pacific bluefin are caught by these fisheries. Small amounts of bluefin are also caught by Japanese pole-and-line vessels on the high seas.

Tagging studies, conducted with conventional and archival tags, have revealed a great deal of information about the life history of bluefin. Some fish apparently remain their entire lives in the WPO, while others migrate to the EPO. These migrations begin mostly during the first and second years of life. The first- and second-year migrants are exposed to various fisheries before beginning their journey to the EPO. Then, after crossing the ocean, they are exposed to commercial and recreational fisheries off California and Baja California. Eventually, the survivors return to the WPO.

Bluefin more than about 50 cm in length are most often found in waters where the sea-surface temperatures (SSTs) are between 17° and 23°C. Fish 15 to 31 cm in length are found in the WPO in waters where the SSTs are between 24° and 29°C. The survival of larval and early juvenile bluefin is undoubtedly strongly influenced by the environment. Conditions in the WPO probably influence recruitment, and thus the portions of the juvenile fish there that migrate to the EPO, as well as the timing of these migrations. Likewise, conditions in the EPO probably influence the timing of the return of the juvenile fish to the WPO.

The total catches of bluefin have fluctuated considerably during the last 50 years ([Figure E-1](#)). The consecutive years of above-average catches (mid-1950s to mid-1960s) and below-average catches (early 1980s to early 1990s) could be due to consecutive years of above-average and below-average recruitments. The estimated impact of the fisheries on the bluefin population for the entire time period modeled (1952-2016) is substantial ([Figure E-2](#)). The WPO fisheries have had a greater impact than the

EPO fisheries, and their impact increased starting in 1980s only leveling off in 2000s.

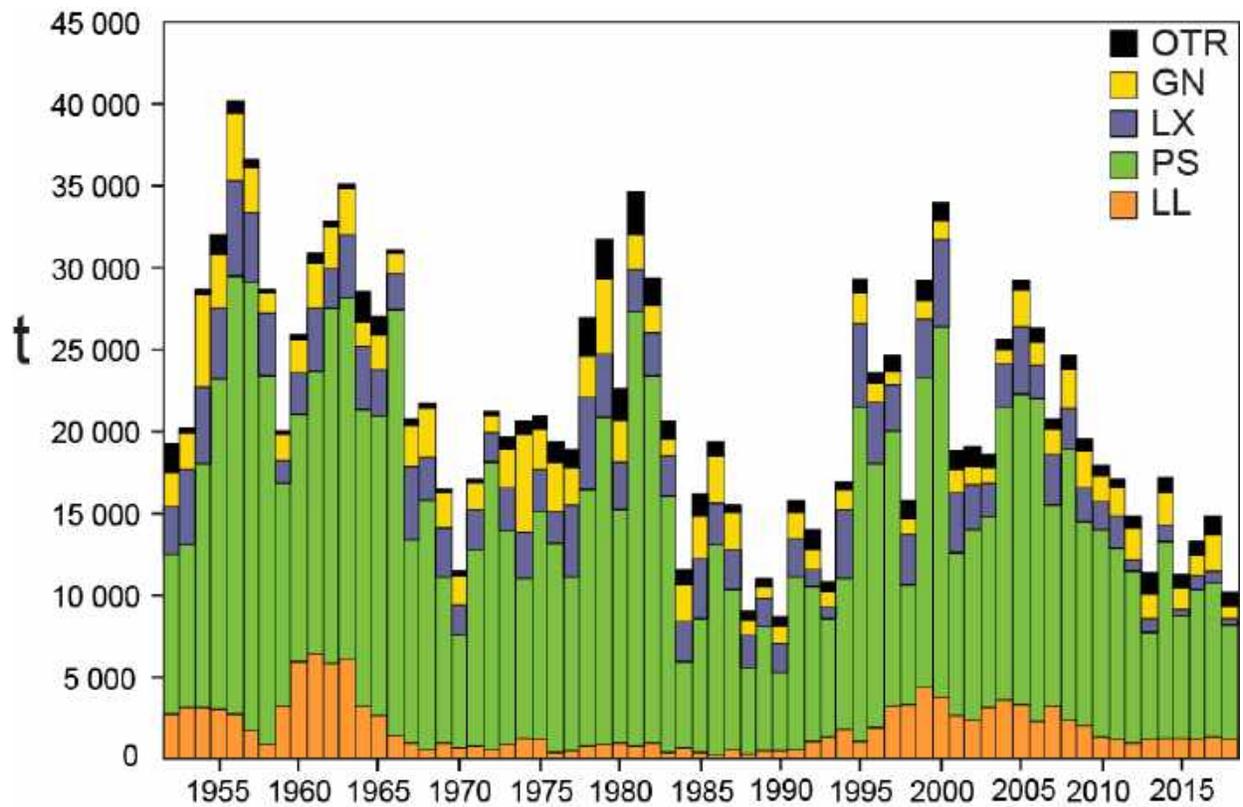
An update stock assessment was carried out by the Pacific Bluefin Working Group of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) in 2020. The assessment was conducted with Stock Synthesis 3, an integrated statistical age-structured stock assessment model. The base-case model results show that: (1) spawning stock biomass (SSB) fluctuated throughout the assessment period (fishing years 1952-2018); (2) the SSB steadily declined from 1996 to 2010; (3) the slow increase of the stock biomass continues since 2011; (4) total biomass in 2018 exceeded the historical median with an increase in immature fish; and (5) fishing mortality ( $F\%SPR$ ) declined from a level producing about 1% of SPR in 2004-2009 to a level producing 14% of SPR in 2016-2018. Historical recruitment estimates have fluctuated since 1952 without an apparent trend. Relatively low recruitment levels estimated in 2010-2014 were of concern in the 2016 assessment. The 2015 recruitment estimate is lower than the historical average while the 2016 recruitment estimate is higher than the historical average. The recruitment estimates for 2017 and 2018, which are based on fewer observations and more uncertain, are below the historical average. A substantial decrease in estimated  $F$  is observed in ages 0-2 in 2016-2018 relative to the previous years. Note that stricter management measures in WCPFC and IATTC have been in place since 2015.

The point estimate of the 2018 SSB was 4.5% of the SSB in the absence of fishing ( $4.5\%SSB_{F=0}$ ), and the recent (2016-2018) fishing mortality ( $F$ ) corresponds to  $F14\%SPR$ . Because the harvest strategy contains catch limits, fishing mortality is expected to decline, *i.e.*,  $Fx\%SPR$  will increase as biomass increases. No biomass-based limit or target reference points have been adopted to evaluate whether Pacific bluefin is overfished. However, the stock is overfished relative to common target reference points and to the IATTC limit reference point used for tropical tunas. Also, no fishing intensity-based limit or target reference points have been adopted to evaluate whether overfishing of Pacific bluefin is occurring, but the stock is subject to overfishing relative to most common fishing intensity-based reference points.

Resolution C-16-08 states that the Commission recognizes that the management objective of the IATTC is to maintain or restore fish stocks at levels capable of producing MSY, and shall implement a provisional rebuilding plan in part by adopting an initial (first) rebuilding target of  $SSB_{med, 1952-2014}$  (the median point estimate for 1952-2014) to be achieved by 2024 with at least 60% probability. The IATTC has adopted resolutions to restrict the catch of bluefin tuna in the EPO. Resolution C-16-08 limits the commercial catches in the IATTC Convention Area by all CPCs to a combined total of 6,600 t during 2017-2018, respectively. No CPC shall exceed 3,500 t in 2017. In the event that the total actual catch in 2017 is either above or below 3,300 t, the catch limit for 2018 shall be adjusted accordingly to ensure that the total catch for both years does not exceed 6,600 t. Resolution C-16-08 requires that in 2018, and taking into account the outcomes of the 2nd IATTC-WCPFC NC Joint Working Group Meeting, the Commission shall adopt a second rebuilding target, to be achieved by 2030. Resolution C-16-08 also requires that no later than the IATTC meeting in 2018, taking into account the outcomes of the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group, the Commission shall consider and develop reference points and harvest control rules for the long-term management of Pacific bluefin tuna, which should be comparable to those adopted by the WCPFC.

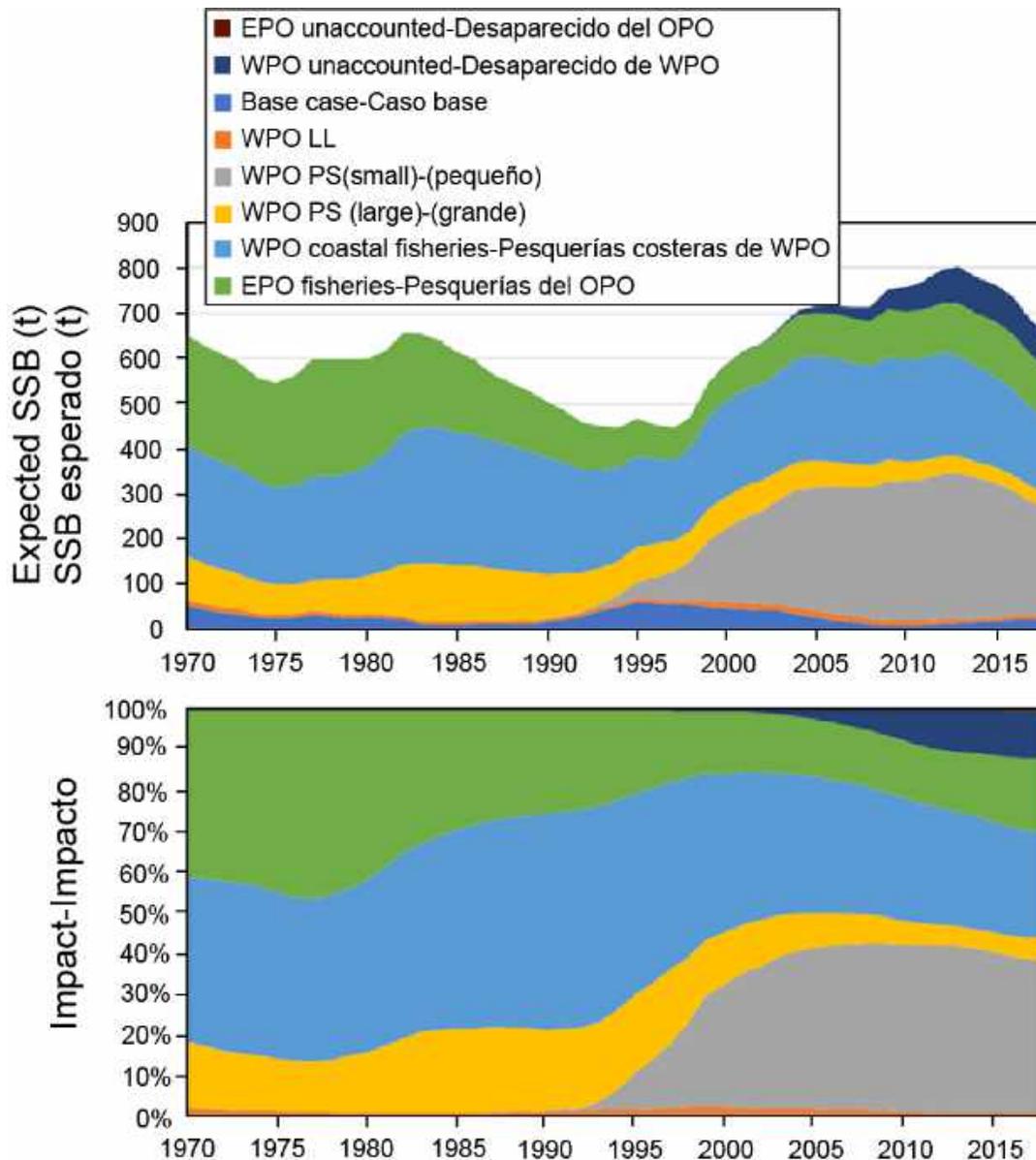
The harvest strategy proposed at the Joint WCPFC NC-IATTC WG meeting guided projections conducted by the ISC to provide catch reduction options if the projection results show that the initial rebuilding target will not be achieved with at least 60% probability by 2024 or to provide relevant information for a potential increase in catch if the probability of achieving the initial rebuilding target exceeds 75% by 2024. The projection based on the base-case model mimicking the current management measures by the WCPFC (CMM 2017-08) and IATTC (C-16-08) under the low recruitment scenario resulted in an estimated 100% probability of achieving the initial rebuilding target by 2024. This estimated probability is above the threshold (75% or above in 2024) prescribed by the harvest strategy. The low recruitment scenario is more

precautionary than the recent 10 years recruitment scenario. In the harvest strategy, the recruitment scenario is switched from the low recruitment to the average recruitment scenario beginning in the year after achieving the initial rebuilding target. The estimated probability of achieving the second rebuilding target 10 years after the achievement of the initial rebuilding target or by 2034, whichever is earlier, is 99%. This estimate is above the threshold (60% or above in 2034) prescribed by the harvest strategy.



**FIGURE E-1.** Retained catches of Pacific bluefin tuna, by gear, 1952-2018. GN: gillnet; LL: longline; LX: hook and line; OTR: other; PS: purse seine.

**FIGURA E-1.** Capturas retenidas de atún aleta azul del Pacífico, por arte, 1952-2018. GN: red agallera; LL: palangre; LX: sedal y anzuelo; OTR: otras; PS: red de cerco.



**FIGURE E-2.** Estimates of the impact on the Pacific bluefin tuna population of fisheries in the EPO and in the WPO (upper panel). The dashed line represents the estimated hypothetical unfished spawning biomass, and the solid line the estimated actual spawning biomass. The shaded areas indicate the impact attributed to each fishery. The lower panel presents the proportion of impact attributed to the EPO and WPO. (Figure from the draft Executive Summary of ISC 2020 stock assessment; subject to change and approval by the ISC Plenary.)

**FIGURA E-2.** Estimaciones del impacto sobre la población de atún aleta azul del Pacífico de las pesquerías en el OPO y en el WPO (panel superior). La línea de trazos representa la biomasa reproductora no pescada hipotética estimada, y la línea sólida la biomasa reproductora real estimada. Las áreas sombreadas indican el impacto atribuido a cada pesquería. El panel inferior ilustra la proporción del impacto atribuida al OPO y al WPO. (Figura del borrador de resumen ejecutivo de la evaluación de 2020 del ISC; sujeta a cambio y aprobación por la plenaria del ISC.)

## F. ALBACORE TUNA

There are two stocks of albacore in the Pacific Ocean, one in the northern hemisphere and the other in the southern hemisphere. Albacore are caught by longline gear in most of the North and South Pacific, but not often between about 10°N and 5°S, by trolling gear in the eastern and central North and South Pacific, and by pole-and-line gear in the western North Pacific. In the North Pacific, about 40% of the catch is taken by pole-and-line and troll fisheries that catch smaller, younger albacore, and about 50% was taken by longline. In the South Pacific, almost all the albacore was taken by longline. The total annual catches of South Pacific albacore ranged from about 25,000 to 50,000 t during the 1980s and 1990s but increased after that and are currently at the highest levels. During 2016-2018, the albacore catches in the south Pacific averaged about 81,000 t ([Figure F-1a](#)), of which about 30% was taken in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). The total annual catches of North Pacific albacore peaked in 1976 at about 125,000 t, declined to about 38,000 t in 1991, and then increased to about 122,000 t in 1999 ([Figure F-1b](#)). They declined again in the early 2000s, then recovered, but since 2012 they have declined from about 92,000 to about 57,000 t in 2018, averaging about 58,000 t in 2016-2018, of which 23% was taken in the EPO. Those declines in catches coincide with decline in effort in the north EPO ([Figure F-2](#))

Juvenile and adult albacore are caught mostly in the Kuroshio Current, the North Pacific Transition Zone, and the California Current in the North Pacific and in the Subtropical Convergence Zone in the South Pacific, but spawning occurs in tropical and subtropical waters, centering around 20°N and 20°S latitudes. North Pacific albacore are believed to spawn between March and July in the western and central Pacific.

The movements of North Pacific albacore are strongly influenced by oceanic conditions, and migrating albacore tend to concentrate along oceanic fronts in the North Pacific Transition Zone. Most of the catches are made in water temperatures between about 15° and 19.5°C. Details of the migration remain unclear, but juvenile fish (2- to 5-year-olds) are believed to move into the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) in the spring and early summer, and return to the western and central Pacific, perhaps annually, in the late fall and winter, where they tend to remain as they mature. This pattern may be complicated by sex-related movements of large adult fish (fork length >125 cm), which are predominately male, to areas south of 20°N. The significance of such movements for the demographic dynamics of this stock are uncertain at present.

Less is known about the movements of albacore in the South Pacific Ocean. The juveniles move southward from the tropics when they are about 35 cm long, and then eastward along the Subtropical Convergence Zone to about 130°W. When the fish approach maturity they return to tropical waters, where they spawn. Recoveries of tagged fish released in areas east of 155°W were usually made at locations to the east and north of the release site, whereas those of fish released west of 155°W were usually made at locations to the west and north of the release site.

The most recent published stock assessments for the South and North Pacific stocks of albacore are from 2018 and 2020, respectively. The assessments indicate that it is not likely that either stock is overfished or that overfishing is taking place.

### South Pacific albacore

The [assessment of South Pacific albacore](#) carried out in 2018 by scientists of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, using MULTIFAN-CL, covered the 1960-2016 period, and incorporated catch-and-effort, length-frequency, and tagging data, and information on biological parameters. As in the [2015 assessment](#), the eastern boundary is at 130°W, so not all the catches from the EPO are included. A summary of the conclusions can be found [here](#). The changes from the previous assessment include simplifying the regional structure (from eight to five regions), the inclusion of abundance indices based on standardized

operational-level longline data (including Japan) using indices of abundance derived from CPUE standardized using spatiotemporal models and updates maturity at length. Results were reported for a diagnostic case and for an uncertainty grid, which considers key sensitivities. Contradictory signals about stock status were found: a strong signal in the size data that fishing has no impact, and a strong signal in the CPUE data that abundance is declining. The results in the uncertainty grid were highly variable, but no model suggested overfishing or an overfished state, according to the WCPFC [limit reference point](#) of 20% of the spawning stock biomass (SSB) in the absence of fishing ( $20\%SSB_{F=0}$ ). Fishing mortality ( $F$ ) generally increased up to about 2012, but has declined sharply in recent years, and is below the MSY level ( $F_{2012-2015}/F_{MSY}$  ranged from 0.06 to 0.53). The SSB has declined over time, but increased slightly recently, and in 2016 was above the MSY level (base case  $SSB_{2016}/SSB_{MSY}$  ranged from 1.45 to 10.74). It is important to note that  $SSB_{MSY}$  is lower than the WCPFC limit reference point ( $SSB_{MSY}/SSB_{F=0}$  ranges from 0.06 to 0.22). Notwithstanding these results, the assessment recommended that the WCPFC consider reducing longline fishing mortality and longline catches to avoid a decline in the vulnerable biomass and maintain economically viable catch rates. The IATTC staff plans to undertake an assessment of south Pacific albacore in collaboration with the SPC during 2021-2022 ([SAC-11-01a](#)).

### North Pacific albacore

A new stock assessment was completed in 2020 by the Albacore Working Group (ALBWG) of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) ([ISC/20/Annex/12](#), [SAC-11-INF-1](#)). The north Pacific albacore tuna stock has been exploited for a long time, the catches were the highest in 1976 (about 127,000 t) and the lowest in 1991 (about 37,000 t). During the assessment period (1994-2018), the highest catches were in 1999 (about 119,000 t) and the lowest in 2018 (about 52,000 t). About 2/3 of the catches come from surface fisheries (troll and pole-and-line) that harvest mainly juveniles, and the rest from longline fisheries. On average, about 20% of the catches are taken within the area of application of the Antigua Convention.

The assessment was done using the “best model” approach. The working group concluded that the stock was not experiencing overfishing and was probably not overfished ([Figure F-2](#), [Table F-1](#)). The current depletion is 0.46 ( $SSB_{2018}/SSB_d$ , where  $SSB_d$  is the dynamic spawning stock biomass without fishing for 2018). The ratio of  $SSB_{2018}/S_{MSY} = 3.01$ . The relative current fishing mortality is  $F_{2015-2017}/F_{50\%} = 1$ ,  $F_{2015-2017}/F_{20\%} = 0.62$ ,  $F_{2015-2017}/F_{MSY} = 0.60$  (Table 1). Ten years projections with either constant catch (average of 2013-2017, 69,000 t) or constant fishing mortality (at the  $F_{2015-2017}$  level) predicted an increase in the female spawning biomass.

The current IATTC conservation and management measures for north Pacific albacore (Resolutions [C-05-02](#), [C-13-03](#) and [C-18-03](#)) are based on maintaining the fishing effort below the 2002-2004 levels. The effort levels in eastern Pacific Ocean for 2017-2019 are 72% and 69% of those in 2002-2004, for vessel-days and number of vessels respectively ([Figure F-2](#)).

The Working Group is currently undertaking a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for the North Pacific albacore stock. The first round of the MSE was concluded and reported during the 4<sup>th</sup> ISC ALB MSE workshop in March 2019 ([ISC/19/ANNEX/06](#)). Several operating models were developed, and equal weights was assumed for all alternative operating models when evaluating the HCRs. The results indicated that total allowed effort (TAE) control rules performed better than total allowed catch (TAC). In TAE control, catches adjusted quickly, without management interventions, in response to changes in biomass between assessment periods. Across target reference points (TRPs), there was no single best-performing HCR for all performance metrics (PMs). Trade-offs were evident between relative catch and relative biomass, catch stability, and odds of no fishery closure. HCRs with the lowest fishing intensity TRP (F50), maintained the population at a higher level than those with the highest fishing intensity TRP (F30),

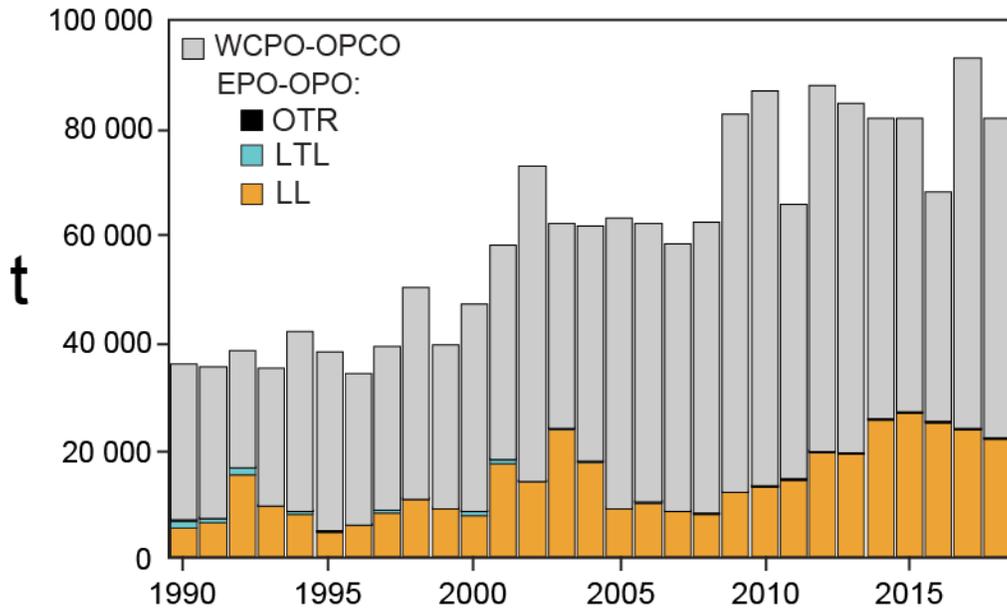
requiring less management intervention and resulting in lower catch variability between years but had the lowest catches. However, rules with an intermediate TRP of F40 had comparable or higher relative catch than F30 rules despite lower fishing intensity because of fewer closures and higher catch stability. The results of the first round were deemed useful to understand the tradeoffs and potential performance of candidate reference points and harvest control rules by the participants. Additional work was deemed necessary to test all proposed HCR, and to include new operating models. There is a plan to continue into a second round of the MSE. The workshop participants developed a focused list of candidate reference points and harvest control rules to be examined during the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of MSE, planned to be completed still in 2020. A 5<sup>th</sup> ISC ALB MSE Workshop is planned for the end 2020, when the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the MSE should be presented ([ISC/20/PLENARY/02](#)).

The following management objectives for the North Pacific albacore tuna were developed in the context of the MSE process:

Overarching objective: maintain the viability and sustainability of the current NPALB stock and fisheries.

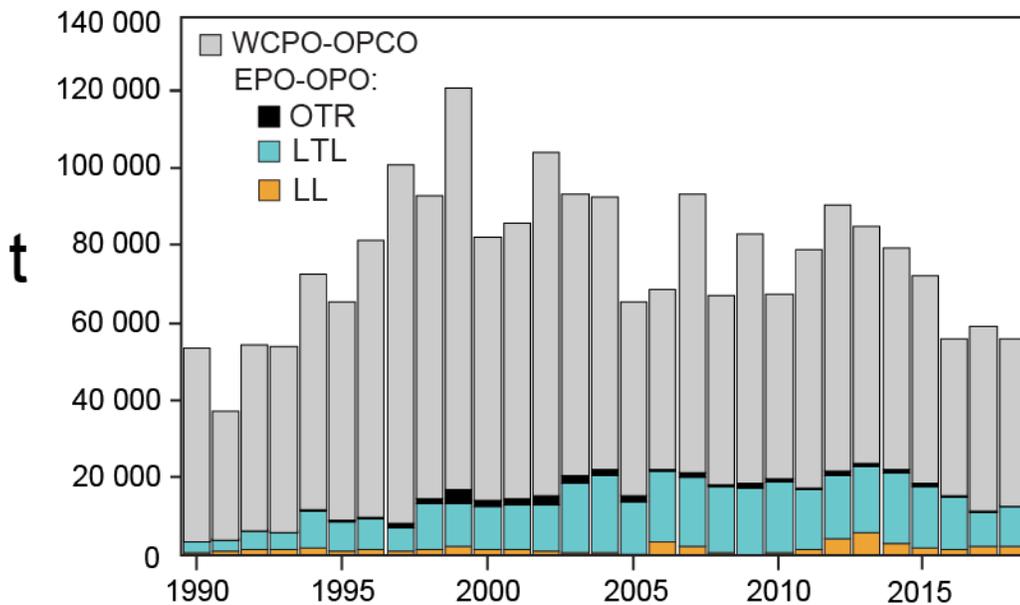
1. Maintain spawning biomass above the limit reference point
2. Maintain total biomass, with reasonable variability, around the historical average depletion of total biomass
3. Maintain harvest ratios by fishery (fraction of fishing impact with respect to SSB) at historical average
4. Maintain catches by fishery above average historical catch
5. If a change in total allowable effort and/or total allowable catch occurs, the rate of change should be relatively gradual
6. Maintain  $F$  at the target value with reasonable variability

Given the relative stability in the biomass and fishing mortality in recent years, and in view of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of MSE, the staff considers that the current resolutions should be continued and that the recommendations from the 4<sup>th</sup> ISC ALB MSE workshop be adopted. The staff recommends that the management objectives for the North Pacific albacore tuna developed in the context of the MSE process be adopted, then prioritized, ranked, or weighted, to advice the ongoing North Pacific albacore MSE process.



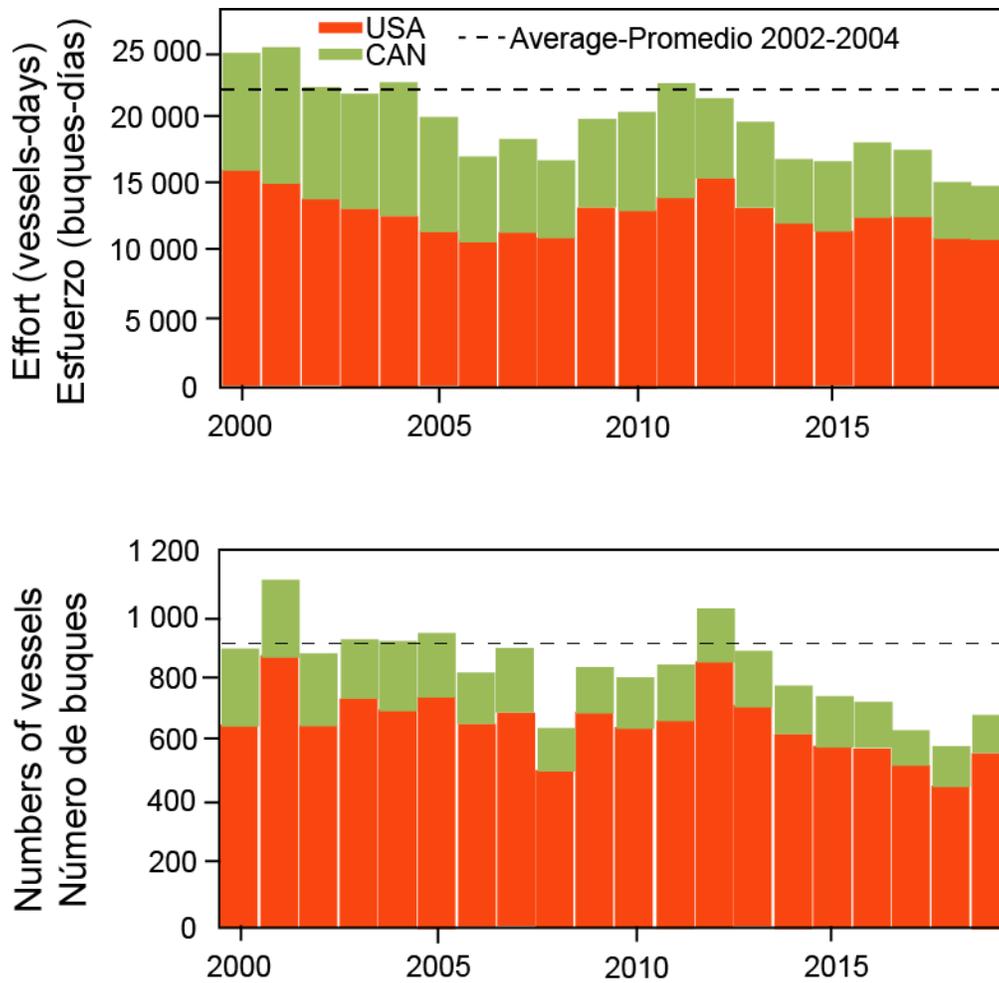
**FIGURE F-1a.** Retained catches of South Pacific albacore, by region. EPO catches broken down by gear: LL: longline; LTL: troll; OTR: other

**FIGURA F-1a.** Capturas retenidas de albacora del Pacífico sur, por región. Capturas del OPO desglosadas por arte: LL: palangre; LTL: curricán; OTR: otro.



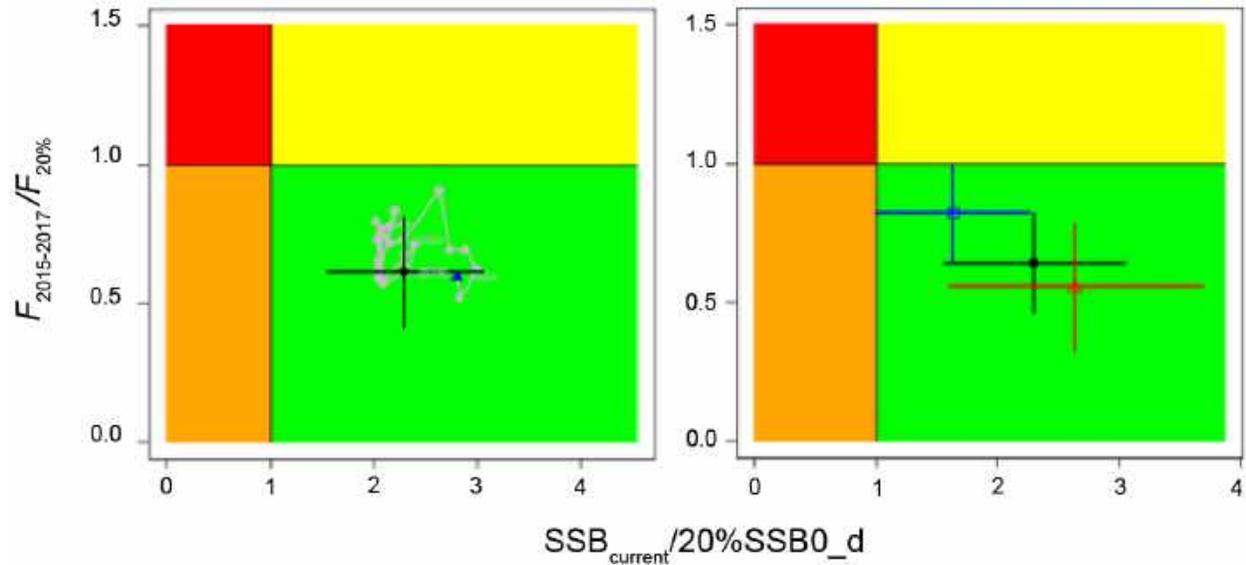
**FIGURE F-1b.** Retained catches of North Pacific albacore, by region. EPO catches broken down by gear: LL: longline; LTL: troll; OTR: other.

**FIGURA F-1b.** Capturas retenidas de albacora del Pacífico norte, por región. Capturas del OPO desglosadas por arte: LL: palangre; LTL: curricán; OTR: otro.



**Figure F-2** Effort in vessel-days and number of vessels for the North Pacific albacore tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

**Figura F-2.** Esfuerzo en días de buque y número de buques para el atún albacora del Pacífico norte en el Océano Pacífico oriental.



**Figure F-3.** Kobe plot showing the status of the north Pacific albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) stock relative to the 20% of the dynamic spawning biomass with no fishing and corresponding fishing intensity ( $F_{20\%}$ ), with 95% confidence intervals: (A) Base-case trajectory (start year, 1994, is a triangle and terminal year, 2018, is a circle). (B) Final year for base-case model (black), sensitivity model with different growth assumptions (blue), update of the 2017 model to 2020 data (red) ([SAC-11-INF-I](#)).

**Figura F-3.** Gráfica de Kobe que muestra la condición de la población de atún albacora del Pacífico norte (*Thunnus alalunga*) con respecto al 20% de la biomasa reproductora dinámica sin pesca y la intensidad de pesca correspondiente ( $F_{20\%}$ ), con intervalos de confianza de 95%: (A) Trayectoria del caso base (el año de inicio, 1994, es un triángulo y el año terminal, 2018, es un círculo). (B) Año final para el modelo de caso base (negro), modelo de sensibilidad con diferentes supuestos de crecimiento (azul), actualización del modelo de 2017 a los datos de 2020 (rojo) ([SAC-11-INF-I](#)).

**Table F-1.** Estimates of maximum sustainable yield (MSY), female spawning biomass (SSB), and fishing intensity (F) based reference point ratios for north Pacific albacore tuna for: 1) the base case model; 2) sensitivity model with different growth assumptions; and 3) update of the 2017 model to 2020 data. 20%SSB<sub>0\_d</sub> is 20% of the dynamic female spawning biomass with no fishing.

**Tabla F-1.** Estimaciones del rendimiento máximo sostenible (RMS), la biomasa reproductora de las hembras (SSB) y la intensidad de pesca (F) basadas en los cocientes de puntos de referencia para el atún albacora del Pacífico norte para: 1) el modelo de caso base; 2) el modelo de sensibilidad con diferentes supuestos de crecimiento; y 3) la actualización del modelo de 2017 a los datos de 2020. 20%SSB<sub>0\_d</sub> es el 20% de la biomasa reproductora dinámica sin pesca.

|   |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| MSY (t) <sup>A</sup>                                    | 102,236 | 84,385  | 113,522 |
| SSB <sub>MSY</sub> (t) <sup>B</sup>                     | 19,535  | 16,404  | 21,431  |
| SSB <sub>0</sub> (t) <sup>B</sup>                       | 136,833 | 113,331 | 152,301 |
| SSB <sub>2018</sub> (t) <sup>B</sup>                    | 58,858  | 34,872  | 77,077  |
| SSB <sub>2018</sub> /20%SSB <sub>0_d</sub> <sup>B</sup> | 2.30    | 1.63    | 2.63    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub>                                  | 0.50    | 0.64    | 0.43    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>MSY</sub>                | 0.60    | 0.77    | 0.52    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>0.1</sub>                | 0.57    | 0.75    | 0.49    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>10%</sub>                | 0.55    | 0.71    | 0.48    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>20%</sub>                | 0.62    | 0.80    | 0.54    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>30%</sub>                | 0.71    | 0.91    | 0.62    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>40%</sub>                | 0.83    | 1.06    | 0.72    |
| F <sub>2015-2017</sub> /F <sub>50%</sub>                | 1.00    | 1.27    | 0.86    |

A – MSY includes male and female juvenile and adult fish

B – Spawning stock biomass (SSB) refers to mature female biomass only.

Source: [SAC-11-INF-1](#)

## G. SWORDFISH

Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) occur throughout the Pacific Ocean (PO) between about 50°N and 50°S. In the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), they are caught mostly by the longline fishery—80% of the catch in weight on average 2009-2018—by distant water fleets of Far East and Western Hemisphere nations. Lesser amounts are taken by drifting gillnets (~20%), mainly in South America, and minimal amounts by other gillnets and harpoons. They are seldom caught in the recreational fishery in the EPO.

Swordfish grow in length very rapidly, with both males and the faster-growing females reaching lower-jaw-fork lengths of more than a meter during their first year. Swordfish begin reaching maturity at about two years of age, when they are about 150 to 170 cm in length, and by age four all are mature. They probably spawn more than once per season. For fish greater than 170 cm in length, the proportion of females increases with increasing length.

Swordfish tend to inhabit waters further below the surface during the day than at night, and they tend to inhabit frontal zones. Several of these occur in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), including areas off California and Baja California, off Ecuador, Peru, and Chile, and in the equatorial Pacific. Swordfish tolerate temperatures of about 5° to 27°C, but their optimum range is about 18° to 22°C, and larvae have been found only at temperatures exceeding 24°C.

There is strong evidence that swordfish in the Pacific comprises multiple stocks, especially in the northern EPO. Several specific spawning regions are known, and analyses of fisheries, tagging and genetic data suggest that there is only limited exchange of swordfish between geographical areas, including between the eastern and western, and the northern and southern, Pacific Ocean. As many as six stocks may exist in the PO, but the exact boundaries of these stocks, as well as their exchange rates—for the purposes of stock assessment—is currently uncertain. A [sex-specific age-structured stock assessment](#) of swordfish in the Pacific Ocean north of the equator from 2007 indicated that, at level of fishing effort of that time 2007, there was negligible risk of the spawning biomass decreasing to less than 40% of its unfished level. The results of a North Pacific swordfish stock assessment for 2002 for the area north of 10°N and west of 140°W ([ISC3/SWO-WG/02/04](#)) indicated that stock biomass has been stable and well above 50% of unexploited levels, indicating that the stock was not overexploited at current levels of fishing effort. In the early 2000's, the IATTC produced [indicators for swordfish](#), in five areas of the EPO: two areas north of 10°N, separated at 125°W, a central area between 10°N and 5°S, and two areas south of 5°S, separated at 90°W.

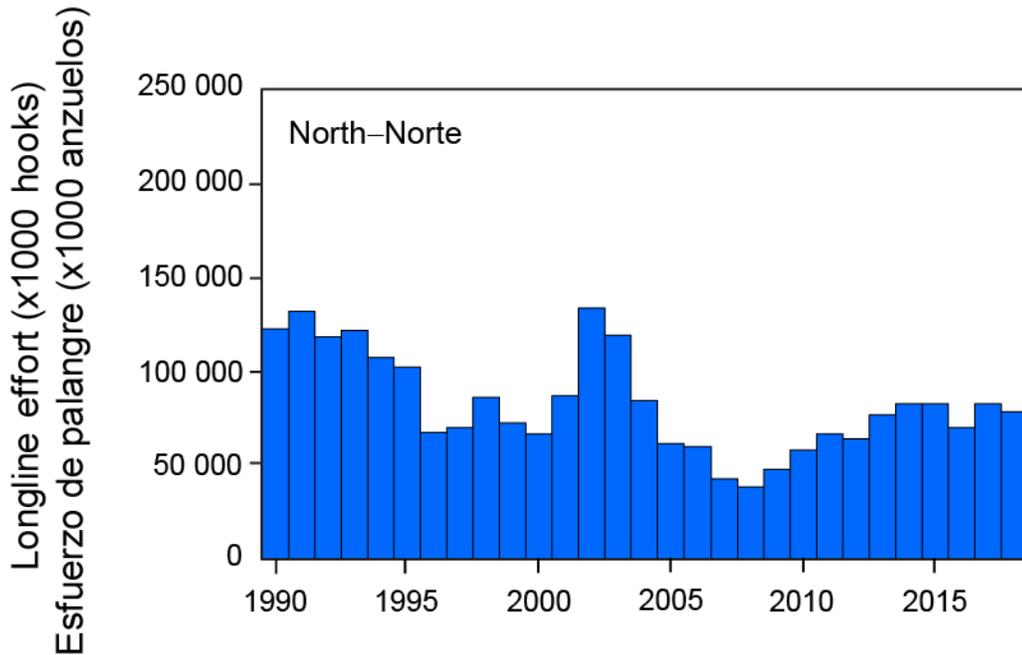
The annual longline fishing effort in the north EPO increased from about 43 million hooks in 2007 to about 66 million hooks in 2011 ([Figure G-1](#)). However, the 78 million hooks set in 2018 remains significantly below the 2001-2003 average of 113 million hooks.

Based on these considerations, and the long period of relatively stable catches that have average 3,231 mt over the past 10 years ([Figure G-2](#)), swordfish are probably not overfished and overfishing is most likely not occurring in the North EPO.

For the South PO, three assessments are noteworthy, with partially overlapping boundaries. In 2017, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) undertook an assessment of the southern hemisphere swordfish stock. The assumed stock included the entire western and central PO and, in the EPO, extended southward from 4°S and eastward to 130°W ([SC13-SA-WP-13](#)), which is the overlapping area between the IATTC and the WCPFC jurisdictions. Considerable catch of swordfish east of 130°W, was not part of that assessment. In 2010, an exploratory stock assessment of swordfish for Chilean EEZ was undertaken and integrating partial information from distant water fleets ([IFOP 2010](#)). In 2011, the IATTC performed a south EPO assessment of the area south of 5°S ([SAC-02-09](#)), which is the most recent assessment done by the IATTC in the south EPO. The key results from that assessment conducted using Stock Synthesis were that (1) the swordfish stock in the

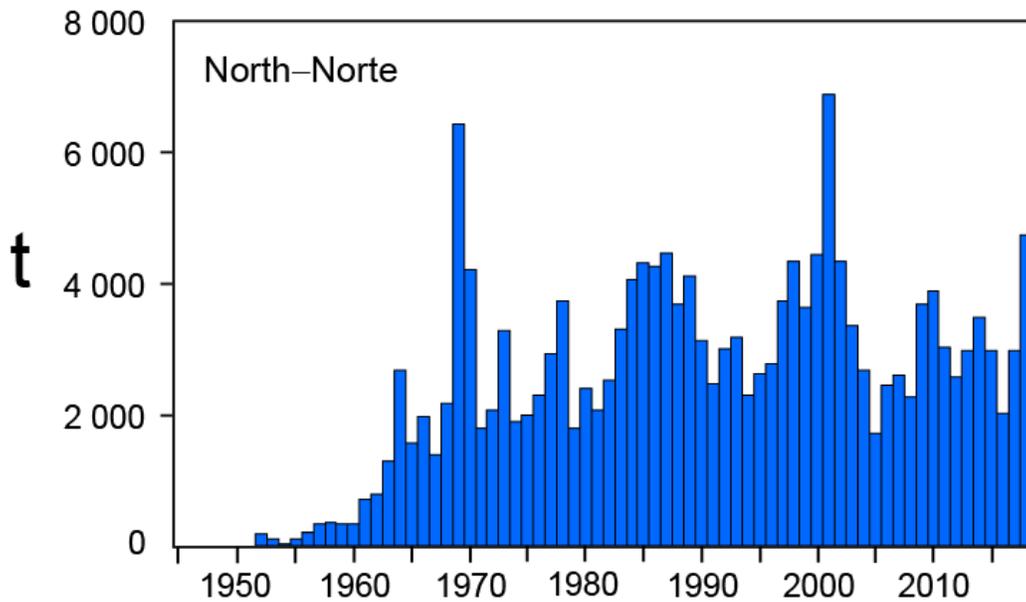
South EPO was not experiencing overfishing and was not overfished; and (2) the spawning biomass ratio was about 1.45, indicating that the spawning biomass was about 50% above the carrying capacity, and substantially above the level expected to produce catch at the MSY level. There was no indication of a significant impact of fishing on this stock. The results of the assessment did suggest an expansion of the fishery to components of the stock that were previously not, or only lightly, exploited.

The annual longline fishing effort in the South EPO in the last 30 years was the highest in 1991 (260 million hooks), declined steadily to about half that in 2000, increasing again to an average of 220 million hooks in 2001-2003, decreasing to about 70 million hooks in 2008. In the past 5 years the total effort has been relatively stable, averaging 116 million hooks (2014–2018) ([Figure G-3](#)). In the South EPO catches have been steadily increasing since about 2005, reaching a peak catch of 29,036 mt in 2016, after which catches declined to 24,649 mt and 23,213 mt in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Nonetheless, the average annual catch over the past 5 years (during 2014–2018) was 25,999 mt, which is in the vicinity of the estimated MSY (~25,000 t) ([Figure G-4](#)). The IATTC staff plans to undertake a new benchmark stock assessment for the South EPO in 2021 in collaboration with the main longline fishing nations that operate in the EPO.



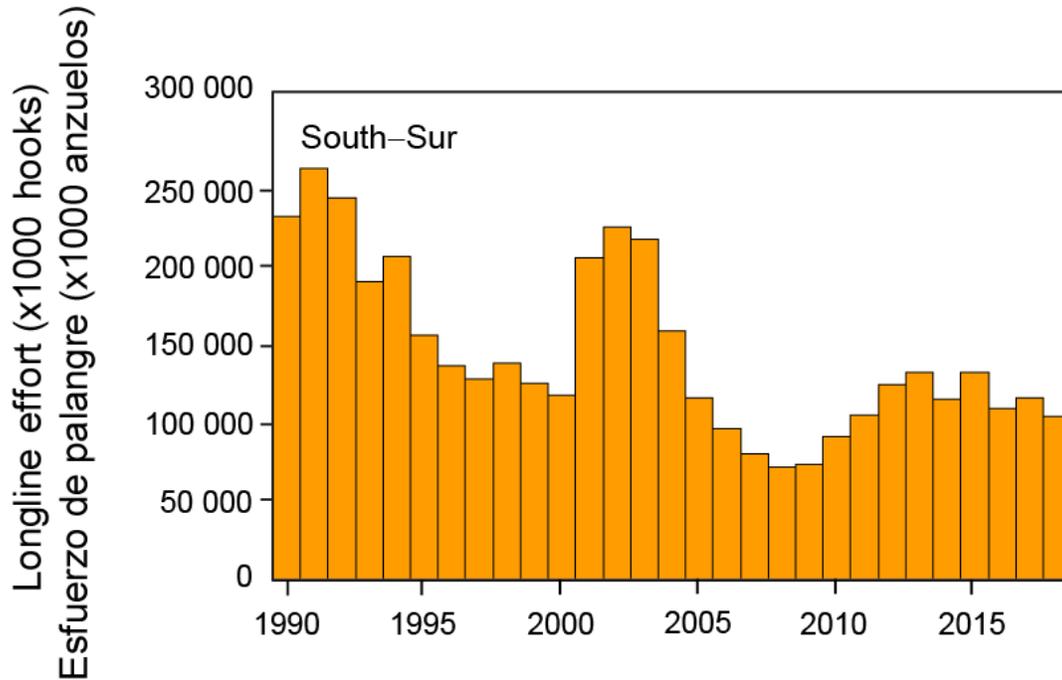
**FIGURE G-1.** Longline fishing effort (in millions of hooks) in the North EPO for the main longline fleets (Table A-9).

**FIGURA G-1.** Esfuerzo de pesca de palangre (en millones de anzuelos) en el OPO Norte para las principales flotas palangreras (Tabla A-9).



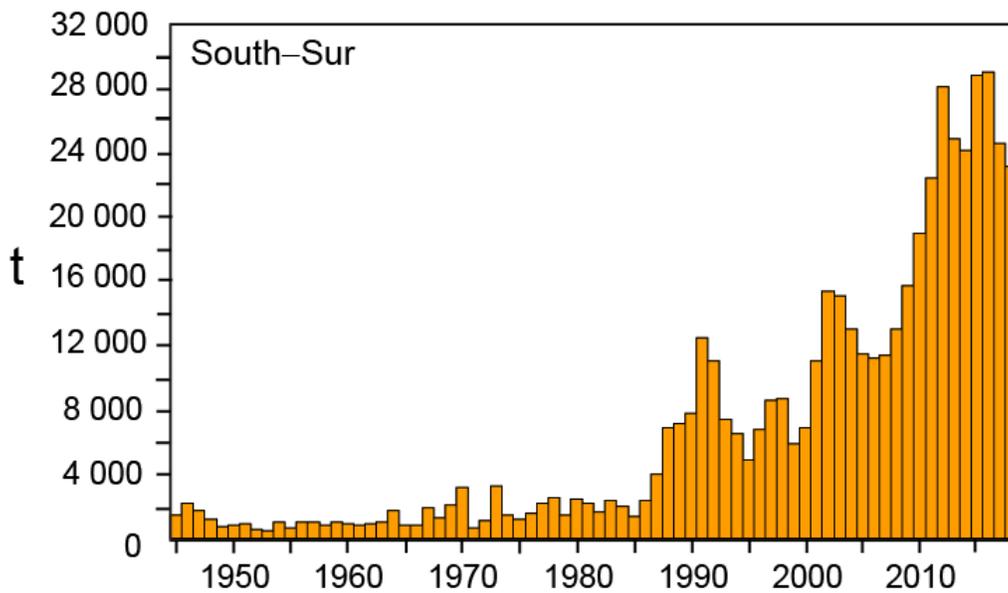
**FIGURE G-2.** Retained catches of swordfish in the North EPO.

**FIGURA G-2.** Capturas retenidas de pez espada en el OPO Norte.



**FIGURE G-3.** Longline fishing effort (in millions of hooks) in the South EPO for the main longline fleets (Table A-9).

**FIGURA G-3.** Esfuerzo de pesca de palangre (en millones de anzuelos) en el OPO Sur para las principales flotas palangreras (Tabla A-9).



**FIGURE G-4.** Retained catches of swordfish in the South EPO.

**FIGURA G-4.** Capturas retenidas de pez espada en el OPO Sur.

## H. BLUE MARLIN

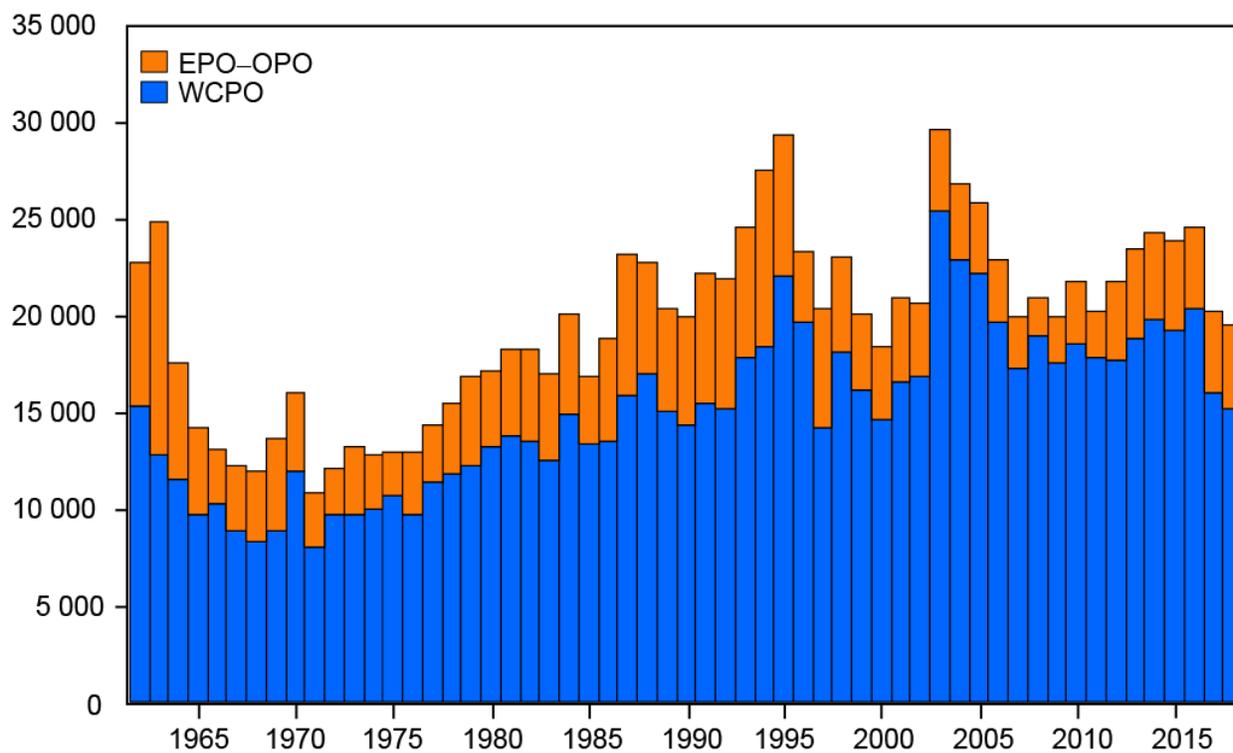
The best information currently available indicates that blue marlin constitutes a single world-wide species (*Makaira nigricans*) and a single stock in the Pacific Ocean. For this reason, statistics on catches ([Figure H-1](#)) are compiled, and analyses of stock status are made, for the entire Pacific Ocean.

Blue marlin are taken mostly in longline fisheries for tunas and billfishes between about 30°N and 30°S. Lesser amounts are taken by recreational fisheries and by various other commercial fisheries, such as purse-seine.

Small numbers of blue marlin have been tagged with conventional dart tags, by researchers. In contrast, over 50,000 blue marlin have been tagged by recreational fishers among the world's five largest volunteer gamefish tagging programs, with over 600 fish being recaptured. While a small number of tagged fish have been recaptured long distances from their release locations (4,000–15,000 km), the majority of tagged fish have been recaptured less than 1000 km from their release location, despite being at liberty for over 3 years. Blue marlin have been tagged in studies of post-release survival and movement, mostly in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, using electronic pop-up satellite tags (PSATs) that collected data over periods of about 30–180 days. A number of similar studies are currently being undertaken in the Pacific Ocean as part of the International Gamefish Association's "Great Marlin Race" tagging program.

Blue marlin usually inhabit regions where the sea-surface temperatures (SSTs) are greater than 24°C, and spend about 90% of their time at depths with temperatures within 1° to 2° of the SSTs.

The most recent full assessment of the status and trends of the species was conducted in 2013, with an update assessment being undertaken in 2016, which included data through 2014. It indicated that blue marlin in the Pacific Ocean were near full exploitation, *i.e.* that the population is harvested at levels producing catches near the top of the yield curve, but is neither overfished nor subject to overfishing. Over the past seven years (2012–2018), however, annual catches increased in the EPO, averaging 4,332 t, indicating that catches may currently be in the vicinity of MSY.



**FIGURE H-1.** Retained catches of blue marlin in the Pacific Ocean, by region.

**FIGURA H-1.** Capturas retenidas de marlín azul en el Océano Pacífico, por región.

## I. STRIPED MARLIN

Striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*) occur throughout the Pacific Ocean between about 45°N and 45°S. The assessment on which this report is based is for the stock of striped marlin in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) north of 10°S, east of about 145°W north of the equator, and east of about 165°W south of the equator. Although not included in the assessment model, there may be limited exchange of fish between this stock and stocks in adjacent regions.

Significant effort has been devoted to understanding the stock structure of striped marlin in the Pacific Ocean, which is moderately well known. It is clear that there are a number of stocks. Information on movement from research studies deploying conventional dart tags is limited, although over 40,000 striped marlin have been tagged by various volunteer recreational fisher tagging programs. Although reported recapture rates are below 1%, recapture data show that striped marlin are capable of moving long distances (5,000–6,000 km), however, most recaptures have occurred reasonably close to the release location. In the EPO specifically, fish tagged off the tip of Baja California were generally recaptured near where they were tagged, but some were recaptured around the Revillagigedo Islands, a few around Hawaii, and one near Norfolk Island, off Australia. Tagging studies in the Pacific, using pop-off satellite tags, indicated that there is essentially no mixing among tagging areas, and that striped marlin maintain site fidelity. Analyses of fisheries and genetic data indicate that the northern EPO supports a single stock, though there may be a seasonal low-level presence of juveniles from a more westerly Hawaii/Japan stock.

Historically, the majority of the catch in the EPO was taken by longline fisheries, which began expanding into the EPO in the mid-1950s, and extended throughout the region by the late 1960s. Except for a few years in the late 1960s to early 1970s in the northern EPO, these fisheries did not target billfish. More recently, catches by recreational fisheries have become important, although most fish caught are released ([Figure I-1](#)). However, the survival rate of released fish is little understood.

Fishing by artisanal longline vessels targeting tuna and other species off Central America, for which data availability is limited, appears to have increased, over the past decade at least. The shifting patterns of areas fished and targeting practices increase the difficulties encountered when using fisheries data in analyses of stock status and trends. These difficulties are exacerbated when analyzing species which are not principal targets of the fishery, and further exacerbated when the total catch of the species by all fisheries is not known.

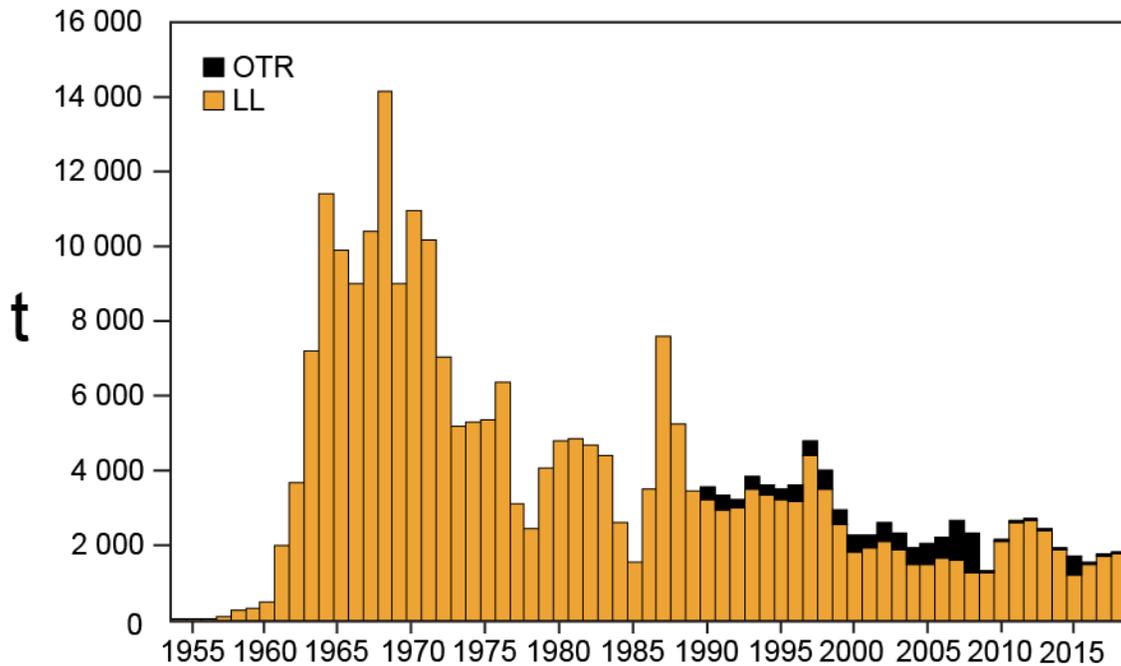
The last full assessment of striped marlin was conducted in 2008, using Stock Synthesis, and later updated with data through October 2010. Key results were that (1) the stock was not overfished; (2) overfishing was not occurring; and (3) the spawning stock biomass was above the level that would support MSY. More recently, average annual catches during 2014–2018 (1,659 t) were at about half the estimated MSY level in 2010. If fishing effort and catches continue at the 2010 level (2,129 t), it is expected that the biomass of the stock will continue to increase over the near term.

The fishing effort by large longline vessels in the North EPO has increased by about 20% since 2010, but the catch of striped marlin has remained largely unchanged. In 2019, the ISC completed a full assessment of the North Pacific stock of striped marlin for the period 1975–2017. This assessment showed a decline in the estimated spawning stock biomass from 17,000 mt in 1975 to 6,000 mt in 2017. Despite a marked reduction in fishing mortality for 2015–2017, the stock was deemed to be overfished and subject to overfishing relative to MSY-based reference points.

The recreational fishery has increased its contribution to the total annual reported catches of striped marlin in the EPO, particularly in the North EPO, from around 10% in 1990 to 64% and 84% in 2007 and 2008, respectively. However, a paucity of reported data since 2009 probably means that the catches of striped marlin in the EPO have been significantly underestimated since this time. Also, it appears that catches of

billfishes, including striped marlin, by the artisanal longline fishery operating off Central America are not reported, at least not to the IATTC, or are incomplete. Therefore, the total catch of striped marlin in the EPO, and thus the total impact of fishing on the stock since about 2009, are not known.

Efforts continue to obtain reliable catch data from all fisheries. Until the data are available and updated, and a review of the status of striped marlin in the EPO is completed, it is recommended that, as a precautionary measure, fishing effort by fisheries that take the majority of the striped marlin catch in the EPO not be increased.



**FIGURE I-1.** Total reported catches of striped marlin in the North EPO by longline (LL) and other (OTR) fisheries (primarily recreational, 1954–2018. Due to unreported catches by recreational fisheries, estimates for 2009–2018 are minimums.

**FIGURA I-1.** Capturas totales reportadas de marlín rayado en el OPO Norte por las pesquerías palangreras (LL) y otras (OTR, principalmente recreativas), 1954–2018. Debido a capturas no reportadas por pesquerías recreativas, las estimaciones de 2009–2018 son mínimas.

## J. SAILFISH

The stock structure of sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*) in the Pacific Ocean is well known. The species is most abundant in waters relatively near the continents and the Indo-Pacific land masses bordering the Pacific, and less frequently encountered in the high seas separating them. The populations in the EPO and in the western Pacific are genetically distinct.

The centers of sailfish distribution along the coast of the Americas shift in response to seasonal changes in surface and mixed-layer water temperature. Sailfish are found most often in waters warmer than about 28°C, and are present in tropical waters nearer the equator in all months of the year. Sailfish have among the largest number of conventional tag deployment of all billfishes, mainly attributed to their high importance to recreational fisheries worldwide. At least 126,000 sailfish have been tagged among the world's five largest volunteer gamefish tagging programs, although less than 2,000 fish (1.5%) have been recaptured. The data complement genetic information in that there appears to be high population substructure with fish often moving less than 500 km from their release locations. However, there are several instances where sailfish have moved reasonably long distances (2,000–3,500 km) over periods of less than a year, however, these distances can be considered small in comparison to movements of other billfish species in the EPO.

Spawning takes place off the coast of Mexico during the summer and fall, and off Costa Rica during winter, and perhaps year-round in areas with suitable conditions. The sex ratio is highly skewed towards males during spawning. The known shifts in sex ratios among spawning areas, and the spatial-temporal distributions of gonad indices and size-frequency distributions, which show smaller fish offshore, suggest that there may be maturity-dependent patterns in the distribution of the species in the EPO. Sailfish can reach an age of about 11 years in the EPO.

The principal fisheries that capture sailfish in the EPO include the large-scale tuna longline fishery primarily consisting of China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, and Korea; the smaller-vessel longline fisheries targeting tuna and other species, particularly those operating off Central America; and the artisanal and recreational fisheries of Central and South America. Sailfish are also taken occasionally in the purse-seine fisheries targeting tropical tunas, particularly in more coastal regions.

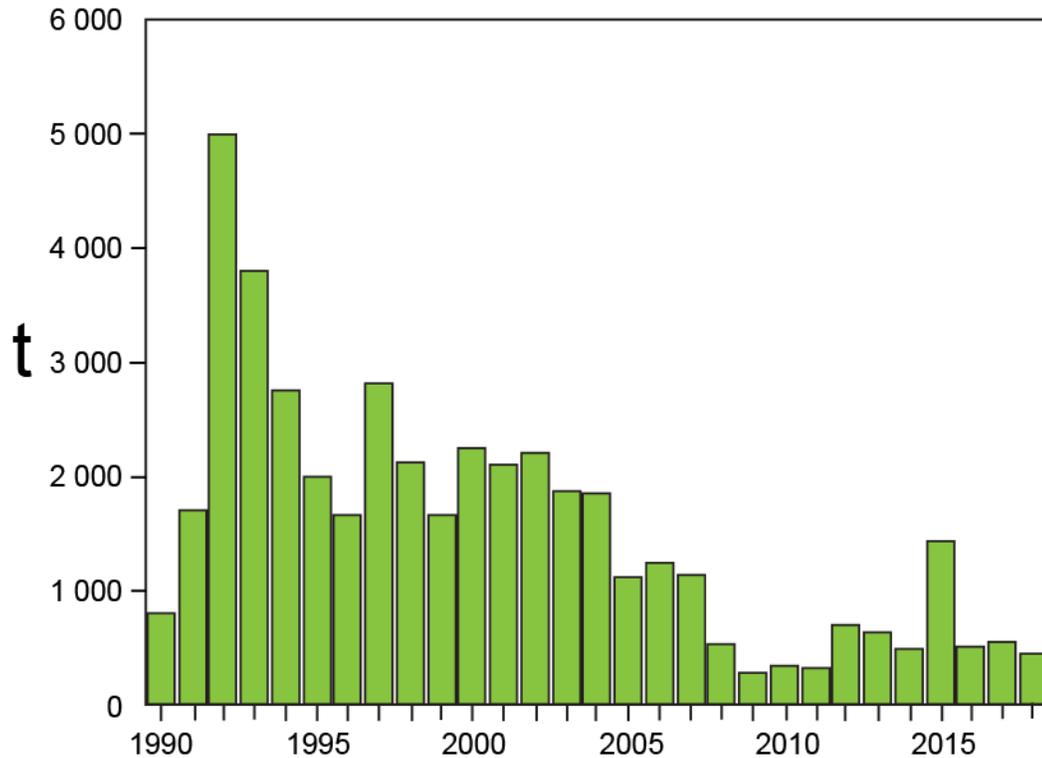
The first assessment of sailfish in the EPO was conducted in 2013. Initial analyses indicated that either this stock had uncharacteristically low productivity and high standing biomass, or—more probably—that a large amount of catch was missing in the data compiled for the assessment. We were unable to identify a means to satisfactorily estimate this catch in order to obtain reliable estimates of stock status and trends using Stock Synthesis, the preferred model for assessments. As a result, the assessment was conducted using a surplus production model, which provided results consistent with those obtained with Stock Synthesis and simplified the illustration of the issues in the assessment.

### Key results:

1. It is not possible to determine the status of the sailfish stock in the EPO with respect to specific management parameters, such as maximum sustained yield (MSY), because the parameter estimates used in making these determinations in this case cannot be derived from the model results.
2. Average annual reported catches during 2013–2018 were 746 t ([Figure J-1](#)), significantly less than the 1993–2007 average of 2,057 t.
3. Sailfish abundance trended downward during 1994–2009, since then it has been relatively constant or slightly increasing ([Figure J-2](#)).
4. Model results suggest that there are significant levels of unreported catch, and the actual catch in

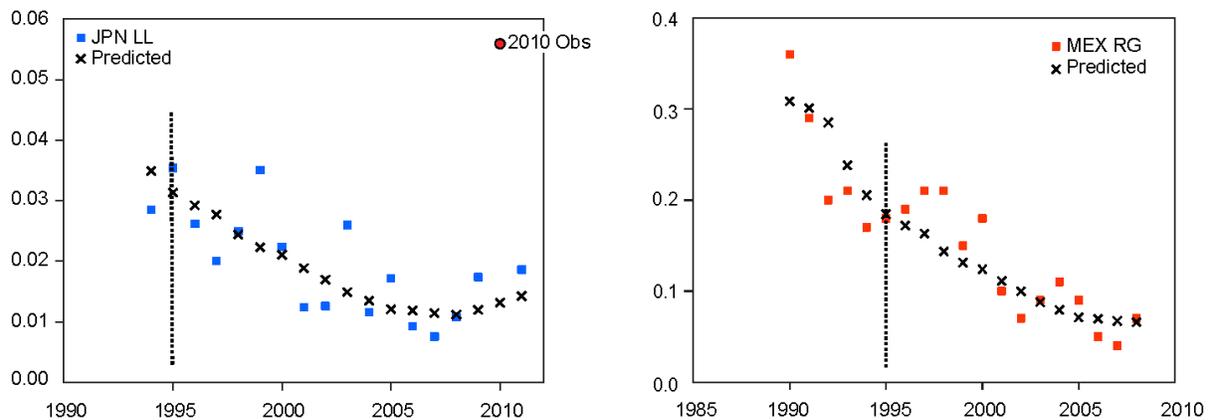
earlier years was probably higher than those reported for 1993–2007. Assuming that this level of harvest has existed for many years, it is expected that the stock condition will not deteriorate if catch is not increased above current levels.

5. A precautionary approach that does not increase fishing effort directed at sailfish, and that closely monitors catch until sufficient data are available to conduct another assessment, is recommended.
6. A reliable assessment of the sailfish resources in the EPO cannot be obtained without reliable estimates of catch. It is therefore recommended that:
  - a. historical data on catches of sailfish be obtained wherever possible
  - b. fisheries currently reporting sailfish catches commingled with other species be required to report catches by species.
  - c. existing data from small-scale fisheries, such as local longline fleets, artisanal and recreational fisheries, be compiled and that, where necessary, catch monitoring programs to identify catches by species be implemented.



**FIGURE J-1.** Total reported catches of sailfish in the EPO, 1990–2018. (The actual catches were probably greater.)

**FIGURA J-1.** Capturas totales reportadas de pez vela en el OPO, 1990–2018. (Las capturas reales fueron probablemente mayores).



**FIGURE J-2.** Observed and predicted indices of relative abundance of sailfish in the EPO from Japanese longline (JPN LL) and Mexican recreational (MEX RG) fisheries. The 2010 observation in the JPN LL series was not included in the analyses.

**FIGURA J-2.** Índices observados y predichos de abundancia relativa del pez vela en el OPO, basados en las pesquerías palangrera japonesa (JPN LL) y recreacional mexicana (MEX RG). No se incluyó en los análisis la observación de 2010 en la serie JPN LL.

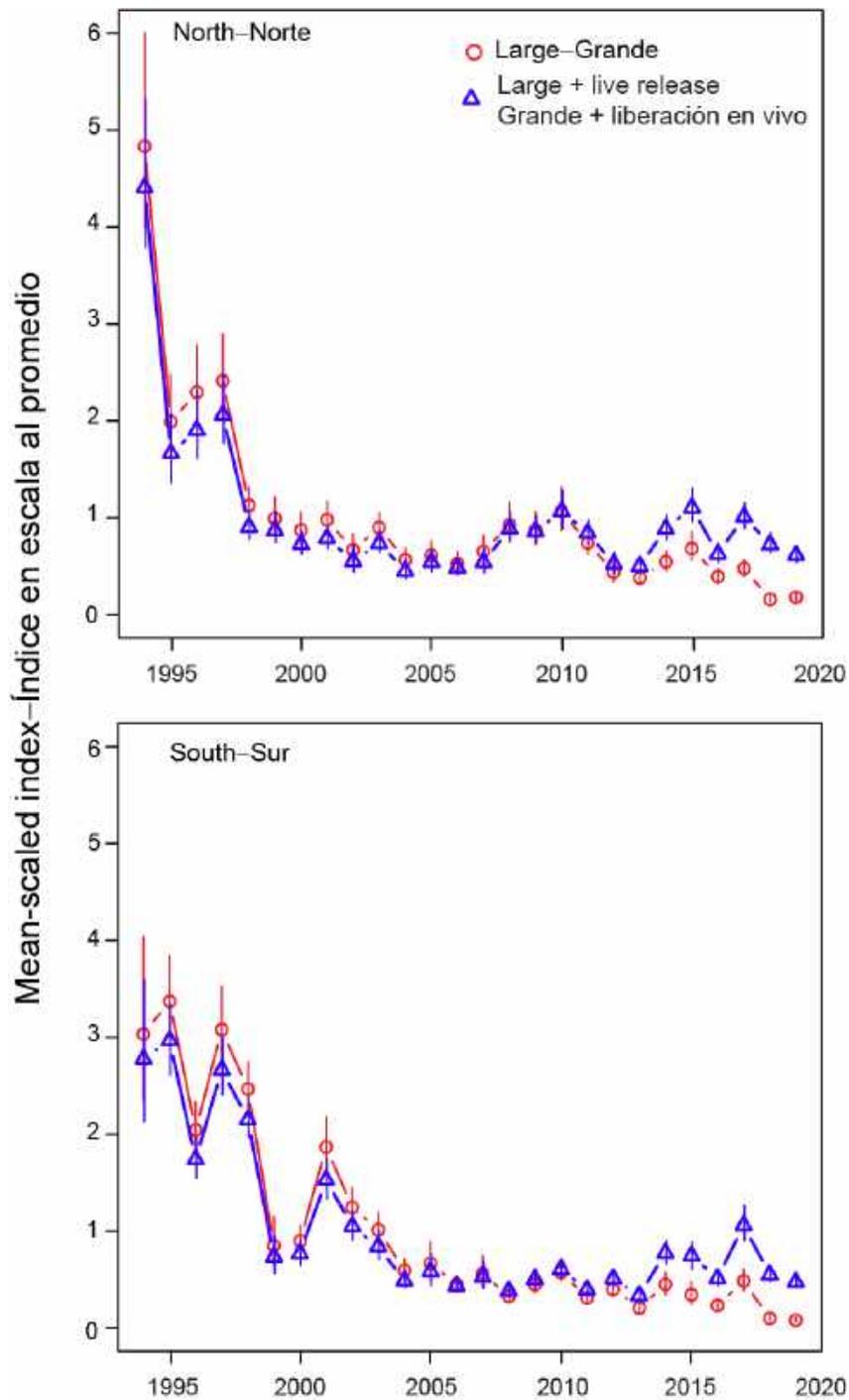
## K. SILKY SHARK

### Updated stock status indicators for silky sharks in the eastern Pacific Ocean (1994-2019)

The indices for large silky sharks, based on data from the purse-seine fishery on floating objects, have been updated through 2019 for the north and south EPO ([Figure K-1; BYC-10 INF A](#)). Previous analyses (SAC-08-08a(i)) identified a correlation between north EPO indices, particularly those for small and medium silky sharks, and interannual variability in oceanographic conditions, and thus the indices for those size categories, and for all silky sharks, were not updated because of concerns about bias. Because of recent increases in the live release of silky sharks, two sets of indices for large silky sharks were computed, one including live release data and the other not. Taken together, the two sets of indices likely bracket the trend that would have resulted in both the north and south EPO if “finning”<sup>6</sup>, shark handling, and data recording practices had continued unchanged since 1994. The real trend is considered to be closer to the index based on dead + live releases because sharks recorded as released alive in recent years would probably have been recorded as dead previously, and thus the dead + live release is likely a more consistent indicator. The terminal point of these indices suggests a relatively stable abundance level for over a decade, with the 2019 values at, or slightly below, the 2018 values, and thus no changes to management measures are recommended. However, the stock status is uncertain, and an assessment has not been possible due to the paucity of data, especially for the longline fleets of coastal nations, which are believed to have the greatest impact on the stock ([SAC-05-11a](#)). Thus, the IATTC staff reiterates its previous recommendation ([SAC-07-06b\(i\)](#), [SAC-07-06b\(iii\)](#), [SAC-08-11](#)) that improving shark fishery data collection in the EPO is critical. This will facilitate the development of other stock status indicators and/or conventional stock assessments to better inform the management of the silky shark and other co-occurring shark species.

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<sup>6</sup> Cutting the fins off sharks and discarding the carcass.



**FIGURE K-1.** Mean-scaled standardized silky shark bycatch-per-set (BPS; in numbers of sharks per set) in sets on floating objects for large sharks, with and without live release, in the north (top) and south (bottom) EPO. Vertical bars indicate pointwise approximate 95% confidence intervals.

**FIGURA K-1.** Captura incidental por lance (CIPL, en número de tiburones por lance) estandarizada en lances sobre objetos flotantes de tiburones sedosos grandes, con y sin liberación en vivo, en el OPO norte (arriba) y sur (abajo). Las barras verticales indican los intervalos de confianza de 95% puntuales aproximados.

## L. ECOSYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past two decades, the scope of management of many fisheries worldwide has broadened to take into account the impacts of fishing on non-target species in particular, and the ecosystem generally. This ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) is important for maintaining the integrity and productivity of ecosystems while maximizing the utilization of commercially-important fisheries resources, but also ecosystem services that provide social, cultural and economic benefits to human society.

EAFM was first formalized in the 1995 *FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries*, which stipulates that “*States and users of living aquatic resources should conserve aquatic ecosystems*” and that “*management measures should not only ensure the conservation of target species, but also of species belonging to the same ecosystem or associated with or dependent upon the target species*”. In 2001, the Reykjavik Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem elaborated these principles with a commitment to incorporate an ecosystem approach into fisheries management.

The IATTC’s Antigua Convention, which entered into force in 2010, is consistent with these instruments and principles. Article VII (f) establishes that one of the functions of the IATTC is to “*adopt, as necessary, conservation and management measures and recommendations for species belonging to the same ecosystem and that are affected by fishing for, or dependent on or associated with, the fish stocks covered by this Convention, with a view to maintaining or restoring populations of such species above levels at which their reproduction may become seriously threatened*”. Prior to that, the 1999 Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) introduced ecosystem considerations into the management of the tuna fisheries in the EPO. Consequently, for over twenty years the IATTC has been aware of ecosystem issues, and has moved towards EAFM in many of its management decisions (*e.g.* [SAC-10 INF-B](#)). Within the framework of the Strategic Science Plan (SSP), the IATTC staff is conducting novel and innovative ecological research aimed at obtaining the data and developing the practical tools required to implement EAFM in the tuna fisheries of the EPO. Current and planned ecosystem-related work by the staff is summarized in the SSP ([IATTC-93-06a](#)) and the Staff Activities and Research report (SAC-11-01).

Determining the ecological sustainability of EPO tuna fisheries is a significant challenge, given the wide range of species with differing life histories with which those fisheries interact. While relatively good information is available for catches of tunas and billfishes across the entire fishery, this is not the case for most bycatch species (see section 2). Furthermore, environmental processes that operate on a variety of time scales (*e.g.* El Niño-Southern Oscillation, Pacific Decadal Oscillation, ocean warming, anoxia and acidification) can influence the distribution, abundance and availability of species to different degrees, which in turn affects their potential to be impacted by tuna fisheries.

Biological reference points, based on estimates of fishing mortality, spawning stock biomass, recruitment, and other biological parameters, have been used for traditional single-species management of target species, but the reliable catch and/or biological data required for determining such reference points, or

alternative performance measures, are unavailable for most non-target species. Similarly, given the complexity of marine ecosystems, there is no single indicator that can completely represent their structure and internal dynamics and thus be used to monitor and detect the impacts of fishing and the environment.

The staff has presented an *Ecosystem Considerations* report for many years, but this report is significantly different from its predecessors, in content, structure, and purpose. Its primary purpose is to complement the annual report on the fishery ([SAC-11-03](#)) with information on non-target species and on the effect of the fishery on the ecosystem, and to describe how ecosystem research can contribute to management advice and the decision-making process. It also describes some important advances in research related to assessing ecological impacts of fishing and the environment on the EPO ecosystem.

## 2. DATA SOURCES

In this report, catches of bycatch species were obtained from observer data for the large-vessel purse-seine fishery<sup>7</sup>, while gross annual removals by the longline fishery were obtained from data reported to the IATTC. Purse-seine data were available through 2019, with data from the last 2 years considered preliminary as of March 2020. Longline data were available through 2018 as the deadline for data reporting for the previous year occurs after the 2019 SAC meeting. Each data source is described in detail below.

### 2.1. Purse-seine

Data from the purse-seine fishery are compiled from 3 data sources: 1) IATTC and National Program observer data, 2) vessel logbook data extracted by staff at the Commission's field offices in Latin American tuna ports, and 3) cannery data. The observer data from the large-vessel fishery are the most comprehensive in terms of bycatch species. Observers of the IATTC and the various National Programs provide detailed bycatch data by species, catch, disposition and effort for the exact fishing position (*i.e.*, the latitude and longitude of the purse-seine set). Both the logbook and cannery datasets contain very limited data on bycatch species as captains and crew of the vessels who record the logbook data are primarily focused on reporting aspects of the commercially important tuna species. The logbook data, like the purse seine, includes the exact fishing position, but limited effort data are recorded with only one entry per day. The cannery (or "unloading") data do not have an exact fishing position but rather a grouped position (*e.g.*, the eastern Pacific or western Pacific Ocean). These data contain bycatch species only if they were retained in a purse-seine well during the fishing operation.

Because the smaller (Class 1-5) purse-seine vessels are not required to carry observers, logbook records and the port sampling program are the primary data sources for these vessels. As such, the data are limited and contain little or no information on interactions with bycatch species. Some detailed operational data are available from a recent voluntary scheme in Ecuador in which several smaller vessels carried observers, from a small number of Class-5 vessels that have been required to carry observers for limited periods under the AIDCP, and a current IATTC pilot project trialing the efficacy of electronic monitoring methodologies ([SAC-11-10](#)). An analysis is planned to evaluate whether such voluntary data may be representative of the fleet as a whole and therefore included in future iterations of this report.

Therefore, in this report we focus on the comprehensive observer dataset from large purse-seine vessels to provide catch data for bycatch species. Under the AIDCP program, an observer is placed on a large purse-seine vessel prior to each trip. The bycatch data provided by the observers is used to estimate total catches, by set type (*i.e.* floating objects (OBJ), unassociated tunas (NOA), and dolphins (DEL))<sup>3</sup>. The numbers

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<sup>7</sup> Size class 6 purse-seine vessels with a carrying capacity > 363 t

of sets of each type made in the EPO during 2004–2019 are shown in Table A-7 of Document [SAC-11-03](#).

Despite the observer requirement, some sets are known to have taken place, based on logbooks and other sources, but were not observed. For example, at the start of bycatch data collection in 1993, about 46% of sets were observed, increasing to 70% in 1994. From 1994 to 2008, the average percent of sets observed was around 80%. From 2009 onwards, nearly 100% of sets were observed. Catch-per-day data for both target and non-target bycatch species are extrapolated<sup>8</sup> to account for such instances.

## 2.2. Longline

The considerable variability in reporting formats of longline data has hindered the staff's ability to estimate EPO-wide catches for bycatch species ([SAC-08-07b](#), [SAC-08-07d](#), [SAC-08-07e](#)). Bycatch data for longline fisheries reported here were obtained using data of gross annual removals (*i.e.* the total annual catch by species estimated by each CPC reported to the IATTC in summarized form). This is the same data source used to compile annual longline estimates for principal tuna and tuna-like species in [SAC-11-03](#). Because there is uncertainty in whether the IATTC is receiving all bycatch data from the longline fishery of each CPC, these data are considered incomplete, or “sample data”, and are therefore regarded as minimum annual reported catch estimates for 1993–2018. A staff-wide collaboration is underway to revise the data provision Resolution [C-03-05](#) to improve the quality of data collection, reporting, and analysis to align with IATTC's responsibilities set forth in the Antigua Convention and the SSP.

During this process, the staff were able to determine that the longline catches of sharks, reported by CPCs were several times higher than previously reported catches for the longline fishery. A review of the data revealed that a high proportion of shark catches were assigned to “other gears” in the staff's annual [Fishery Status Reports](#) since 2006 but were in fact taken by longline. Therefore, the resulting transfer of catch data from “other gears” to “longline” significantly increased the longline catches of sharks from 2006 onwards (see Table A2c in [SAC-11-03](#)).

Longline data reporting has been improving since the adoption of Resolution [C-19-08](#). The staff is receiving detailed set-by-set operational level observer data for some CPCs, although the current mandated observer coverage of 5% of the total number of hooks or “effective days fishing” continues to be significantly lower than the 20% coverage recommended by the staff, the Working Group on Bycatch, and the Scientific Advisory Committee. As of August 2020, the staff had received longline observer data from eight CPCs (Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the United States, and the EU (Portugal) and EU (Spain)), and exploratory analyses of the data were initiated to identify how representative they are of the activities of the total fleet. The results of these analyses will be presented to the SAC in 2021. As longline data reporting continues to improve, IATTC staff will seek to provide estimates of longline catches in the EPO based on observer data.

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<sup>8</sup> The observed data is aggregated by species, year, flag and set type. The number of known unobserved sets is taken from logbooks and other sources. Additionally, there are known EPO trips for which the staff do not know the number and type of sets made. Therefore, known bycatch-per-day from observer data is calculated by species, year, flag and set type, and applied to the number of days-at-sea for each trip to estimate the bycatch.

In some instances, there may be unobserved sets or days-at-sea data by a flag that have no equivalent observer data for that year to facilitate a reliable estimation of catch. For these trips, yearly data from a proxy flag is used. The proxy flag is determined by subsequent 5 trips made by the vessel where an observer was onboard, and adopting the predominant flag used for those trips as the proxy flag. Then the bycatch-per-set or day of the known proxy flag for the year in question is applied to the data for the unrepresented flag.

### 3. FISHERY INTERACTIONS WITH SPECIES GROUPS

#### 3.1. Tunas and billfishes

Data on catches of the principal species of tunas and bonitos of the genera *Thunnus*, *Katsuwonis*, *Euthynnus*, and *Sarda*, and of billfishes in the Istiophoridae and Xiphiidae families, are reported in Document [SAC-11-03](#). The staff has developed [stock assessments](#) and/or [stock status indicators \(SSIs\)](#) for bigeye ([SAC-11-06](#), [SAC-11-05](#)), yellowfin ([SAC-11-07](#), [SAC-11-05](#)), and skipjack ([SAC-11-05](#)) tunas and has collaborated in the assessments of [Pacific bluefin](#) and [albacore](#) tunas led by the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC).

#### 3.2. Marine mammals

Marine mammals, especially spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), spinner dolphins (*S. longirostris*), and common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), are frequently found associated with yellowfin tuna in the EPO. Purse-seine fishers commonly set their nets around herds of dolphins and the associated schools of yellowfin tuna, and then release the dolphins while retaining the tunas. The incidental mortality of dolphins was high during the early years of the fishery, but declined dramatically in the early 1990s, and has remained at low levels since then ([Figure L-1](#)).

Incidental mortality of dolphins and other marine mammals in the purse-seine fishery during 1993-2019 is shown in [Table L-1](#). In 2019, the stock of dolphins with the highest incidental mortality was the eastern spinner ( $n=270$ ), followed by the western-southern spotted ( $n=220$ ), whitebelly spinner ( $n=142$ ), and northeastern spotted dolphins ( $n=104$ ). Common dolphins were least impacted by the fishery, with mortalities of 25 northern, 3 central, and 2 southern common dolphins.

Marine mammals have not been reported in the longline data, although with new observer data, estimates may be able to be provided in future.

#### 3.3. Sea turtles

Sea turtles are occasionally caught in the purse-seine fishery in the EPO, usually when associated with floating objects that are encircled, although they are sometimes also caught by happenstance in sets on unassociated tunas or tunas associated with dolphins. They can also become entangled in the webbing under fish-aggregating devices (FADs) and drown, or be injured or killed by fishing gear.

[Figure L-2](#) shows sea turtle mortalities and interactions recorded by observers on large purse-seine vessels, by set type, during 1993–2019. Interactions were defined from observer information recorded as fate on the dedicated turtle form as: entangled, released unharmed, light injuries, escaped from net, observed but not involved in the set and other/unknown. The olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) is, by far, the species of sea turtle most frequently caught, with a total of 19,104 interactions and 874 mortalities during 1993-2019, but only 368 interactions and 1 mortality in 2019 ([Table L-2](#)). In 2019, in 110 reported interactions with eastern Pacific green turtles, 70 with loggerheads, 9 with hawksbills, and none with leatherback turtles, only one mortality was recorded, of an unidentified turtle.

In the longline fishery, sea turtles are caught when they swallow a baited hook, are accidentally hooked, or drown after becoming entangled in the mainline, floatlines or branchlines and cannot reach the surface to breathe. They are also caught in coastal pelagic and bottom-set gillnet fisheries, where they become enmeshed in the net or entangled in the floatlines or headrope. Although very few data on incidental mortality of turtles due to longline and gillnet fishing are available, the mortality rates in the EPO industrial longline fishery are likely to be lowest in “deep” sets (around 200-300 m) targeting bigeye tuna, and highest in “shallow” sets (<150 m) for albacore and swordfish. There is also a sizeable fleet of artisanal longline and gillnet fleets from coastal nations that are known to catch sea turtles, but limited

data are available.

Data on sea turtle interactions and mortalities in the longline fishery have not been available ([SAC-08-07b](#)), although they are expected to improve with the submission of operational-level observer data for longline vessels >20 m beginning in 2019 pursuant to Resolution [C-19-08](#). Recalling the observer coverage for longline vessels is only 5%, compared to 100% of observed trips in the large-vessel purse-seine fishery, the observer data provided in national reports for 2019 (SAC-11-INF-A(a-j)) include 115 turtle interactions, of which eight (7%) resulted in mortalities. The reported interactions/mortalities by species were loggerhead (39/1), green (31/0), olive ridley (29/4), leatherback (13/2), and Kemp's ridley (1/1), plus unidentified sea turtles (2/0). The staff hopes to use the new operational observer data submissions required under [C-19-08](#) to report the first total longline fleet catch estimate for sea turtle species in 2021.

Various IATTC resolutions, most recently [C-19-04](#), have been intended to mitigate fishing impacts on sea turtles and establish safe handling and release procedures for sea turtles caught by purse-seine and longline gears.

A vulnerability assessment was conducted for the eastern Pacific stock of leatherback turtles for 2018, using the Ecological Assessment of Sustainable Impacts of Fisheries (EASI-Fish) approach (see section 5) and a document has been prepared for the meeting of the Bycatch Working Group ([BYC-10 INF-B](#)). In brief, the status of the stock was determined to be "most vulnerable" in 2018, while scenario modelling showed that the implementation of improved handling and release practices by the longline fleet would reduce post-release mortality to the extent that the population might be considered "least vulnerable".

### 3.4. Seabirds

There are approximately 100 species of seabirds in the tropical EPO. Some of them associate with epipelagic predators, such as fishes (especially tunas) and marine mammals, near the ocean surface; for some, feeding opportunities are dependent on the presence of tuna schools feeding near the surface. Some seabirds, especially albatrosses and petrels, are caught on baited hooks in pelagic longline fisheries.

The IATTC has adopted one resolution on seabirds ([C-11-02](#)); also, the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) and BirdLife International have updated their maps of seabird distribution in the EPO, and have recommended guidelines for seabird identification, reporting, handling, and mitigation measures ([SAC-05 INF-E](#), [SAC-07-INF-C\(d\)](#), [SAC-08-INF-D\(a\)](#), [SAC-08-INF-D\(b\)](#), [BYC-08 INF J\(b\)](#)). Additionally, ACAP has reported on the conservation status of albatrosses and large petrels ([SAC-08-INF-D\(c\)](#); [BYC-08 INF J\(a\)](#)).

As with sea turtles, data on seabird interactions and mortalities in the longline fishery have been unavailable ([SAC-08-07b](#)), although they are expected to improve with the submission of operational-level observer data for longline vessels >20 m beginning in 2019. The observer data available in national reports for 2019 (SAC-11 INF-A(a-j)) include seven interactions with unidentified seabirds, all recorded as dead, and one black-footed albatross (*Phoebastria nigripes*), released alive. The staff hopes to report the first total longline fleet catch estimate for seabird species in 2021 using the operational observer data.

### 3.5. Sharks

Sharks are caught as bycatch in EPO tuna purse-seine fisheries and as either bycatch or a target in longline and multi-species and multi-gear fisheries of the coastal nations.

Stock assessments or stock status indicators (SSIs) are available for only four shark species in the EPO: silky (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) (Lennert-Cody *et al.* 2018; [BYC-10 INF-A](#)), blue (*Prionace glauca*) ([ISC Shark Working Group](#)), shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) ([ISC Shark Working Group](#)), and common thresher (*Alopias vulpinus*) ([NMFS](#)). As part of the [FAO Common Oceans Tuna Project](#), Pacific-wide assessments of

the porbeagle shark (*Lamna nasus*) in the southern hemisphere (Clarke 2017) and the bigeye thresher shark (*Alopias superciliosus*) (Fu *et al.* 2018) were completed in 2017, and for the silky shark (Clarke 2018a) in 2018, as well as a risk assessment for the Indo-Pacific whale shark population (Clarke 2018b) also in 2018. Whale shark interactions with the tuna purse-seine fishery in the EPO are summarized in Document [BYC-08 INF-A](#). The impacts of tuna fisheries on the stocks of other shark species, not previously mentioned, in the EPO are unknown.

Catches (t) of sharks in the large-vessel purse-seine fishery (1993–2019) and minimum reported catch estimates<sup>9</sup> by longline fisheries (1993–2018) are provided in [Table L-3](#), while catches of the most frequently caught species, discussed below, are shown in [Figure L-3](#). Total longline catch estimates for 2019 were not available at the time of this report and reporting of many shark species began in 2006. The silky shark (family Carcharhinidae) is the species of shark most commonly caught in the purse-seine fishery with annual catches averaging 559 t—primarily from sets on floating objects ([Figure L-3](#))—and being 430 t in 2019. In contrast, minimum reported annual catch in the longline sample data for 2006–2018 averaged 11,813 t and was 15,072 t in 2018. Annual catch for the oceanic whitetip shark (Carcharhinidae) in the purse-seine fishery averaged 61 t (also primarily from sets on floating objects) and was 5 t in 2019. The minimum reported annual catch in the longline fishery averaged 79 t and was 19 t in 2018. Catches of oceanic whitetip have declined in the purse-seine fishery since the early 2000s, while catches have been variable in the longline fishery ([Figure L-3](#)). Minimum annual reported catch of blue shark in the longline fishery averaged 5,382 t and was 12,064 t in 2018. By contrast, the annual catch in the purse-seine fishery averaged only 1.9 t, with 1 t caught in 2019.

Other important species of sharks caught in the purse-seine and longline fisheries include the smooth hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*), the pelagic thresher (*Alopias pelagicus*), and mako sharks (*Isurus* spp.) ([Table L-3](#)). Catch estimates for the smooth hammerhead shark in the purse-seine fishery averaged 22 t (primarily caught in floating-object sets) and was 18 t in 2019, while in the longline fishery minimum annual reported catch averaged 496 t (2006–2018) and was 851 t in 2018 ([Figure L-3](#)). In contrast, the pelagic thresher was caught primarily in unassociated tuna school sets in the purse-seine fishery with estimated annual catch averaging 4.8 t and was 2 t in 2019 ([Figure L-3](#)). Minimum annual reported catch of the pelagic thresher in the longline fishery averaged 1,042 t and was 464 in 2018. Catch estimates for the mako sharks in the purse-seine fishery were lower than the aforementioned shark species averaging 2.6 t and was 1 t in 2019. However, in the longline fishery the minimum annual reported catch averaged 1,263 t and was 2,882 t in 2018.

The small-scale artisanal longline fisheries of the coastal CPCs target sharks, tunas, billfishes and dorado (*Coryphaena hippurus*), and some of these vessels are similar to industrial longline fisheries in that they operate in areas beyond national jurisdictions (Martínez-Ortiz *et al.* 2015). However, essential shark data from these longline fisheries are often lacking, and therefore conventional stock assessments and/or stock status indicators cannot be produced (see data challenges outlined in [SAC-07-06b\(iii\)](#)). An ongoing project is being undertaken to improve data collection on sharks, particularly for Central America, for the longline fleet through funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) under the framework of the ABNJ Common Oceans program ([SAC-07-06b\(ii\)](#), [SAC-07-06b\(iii\)](#)). A one-year pilot study was completed in 2019, collecting shark-fishery data and developing and testing sampling designs for a long-term sampling program for the shark fisheries throughout Central America (Phase 2 of the project). A progress report on the FAO-GEF ABNJ project has been prepared ([SAC-11-13](#)). Data obtained from this

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<sup>9</sup> Sharks caught by longline vessels are recorded using different weight metrics (e.g. round, trunk or whole weight) and thus, total annual reported catch estimates may contain a mix of these weight metrics. The staff is working harmonizing shark data collection to improve the reliability of total catch estimates (e.g. [SAC-11-13](#)).

project may be included in future iterations of the *Ecosystem Considerations* report to provide improved catch estimates for sharks by the various longline fleets.

### 3.6. Rays

Estimated annual catches of manta rays (Mobulidae) and stingrays (Dasyatidae) by the large-vessel purse-seine (1993–2019) and minimum reported annual catches by longline (1993–2018) fisheries are provided in [Table L-4](#), while catches of key species are shown in [Figure L-4](#). These rays are primarily caught by the purse-seine fishery, with low catches reported only for the monk’s devil ray (2009: 6 t, 2010: 118 t) and Dasyatidae spp. (16 t over a 6-year period), with half the catches made in 2007 by the longline fishery ([Table L-4](#)). The giant manta had the largest average catches in the purse-seine fishery (19.4 t), followed by the spinetail (13.9 t), and smoothtail (8.7 t) mobulid rays. Catches of these species in 2019 were 8, 19, and 5 t, respectively. Catches of the pelagic stingray were low, averaging only 2.5 t and being 2 t in 2019 ([Table L-4](#)). Although catches of these rays can be variable by set type, they have been highest in unassociated sets, followed by dolphin sets, and lowest in floating-object sets ([Figure L-4](#)).

### 3.7. Other large fishes

Large pelagic fishes caught by the large-vessel purse-seine, primarily on floating-object sets, (1993–2019) and longline (1993–2018) fisheries are shown in [Table L-5](#), with time series of catches of key species presented in [Figure L-5](#). The most commonly-caught pelagic fishes in both fisheries is dorado (Coryphaenidae) with the estimated average annual catch for the purse-seine fishery being 1,309 t (1,237 t in 2019) and the minimum reported annual catch for the longline fishery averaging 5,997 t (3,499 t in 2018). Dorado is also one of the most important species caught in the artisanal fisheries of the coastal nations of the EPO ([SAC-07-06a\(i\)](#)). Recommendations for potential reference points and harvest control rules for dorado in the EPO can be found in document [SAC-10-11](#).

Other key species caught by the purse-seine fishery include wahoo (Scombridae) and rainbow runner (Carangidae). Wahoo had an estimated average annual catch of 386 t, although catches have declined from a peak of 1,025 t in 2001 to 202 t in 2019 ([Figure L-5](#)). Minimum reported annual catch of wahoo by the longline fishery have averaged 149 t and was 313 t in 2018. No catches of rainbow runner have been reported by the longline fishery. However, in the purse-seine fishery estimated average annual catches of rainbow runner have been 48 t, peaking in 2007 at 158 t and declining thereafter to 21 t in 2019 ([Figure L-5](#)).

Pelagic fishes commonly reported by the longline fishery include opah (Lampridae), snake mackerels (Gempylidae) and pomfrets (Bramidae). Minimum reported annual catches for these species averaged 324 t, 182 t, and 49 t, respectively. Catches of all these species have increased after the mid-2000s ([Figure L-5](#)). For the most recent year (2018), there were 1,024 t, 227 t, and 125 t of opah, snake mackerels, and pomfrets reported, respectively ([Table L-5](#)).

### 3.8. Forage species

A large number of taxa occupying the middle trophic levels in the EPO ecosystem—generically referred to as “forage” species—play a key role in providing a trophic link between primary producers at the base of the food web and the upper-trophic-level predators, such as tunas and billfishes. Some small forage fishes are incidentally caught in the EPO by purse-seine vessels on the high seas, mostly in sets on floating objects, and by coastal artisanal fisheries, but are generally discarded at sea. Catches of these species are presented in [Table L-6](#) with key species as identified by catch data presented in [Figure L-6](#) for the large-vessel purse-seine fishery, with the majority of catches coming from floating object sets.

Bullet and frigate tunas (Scombridae) are by far the most commonly reported forage species with estimated annual catches averaging 1,075 t from 1993–2019. However, their catches have declined from

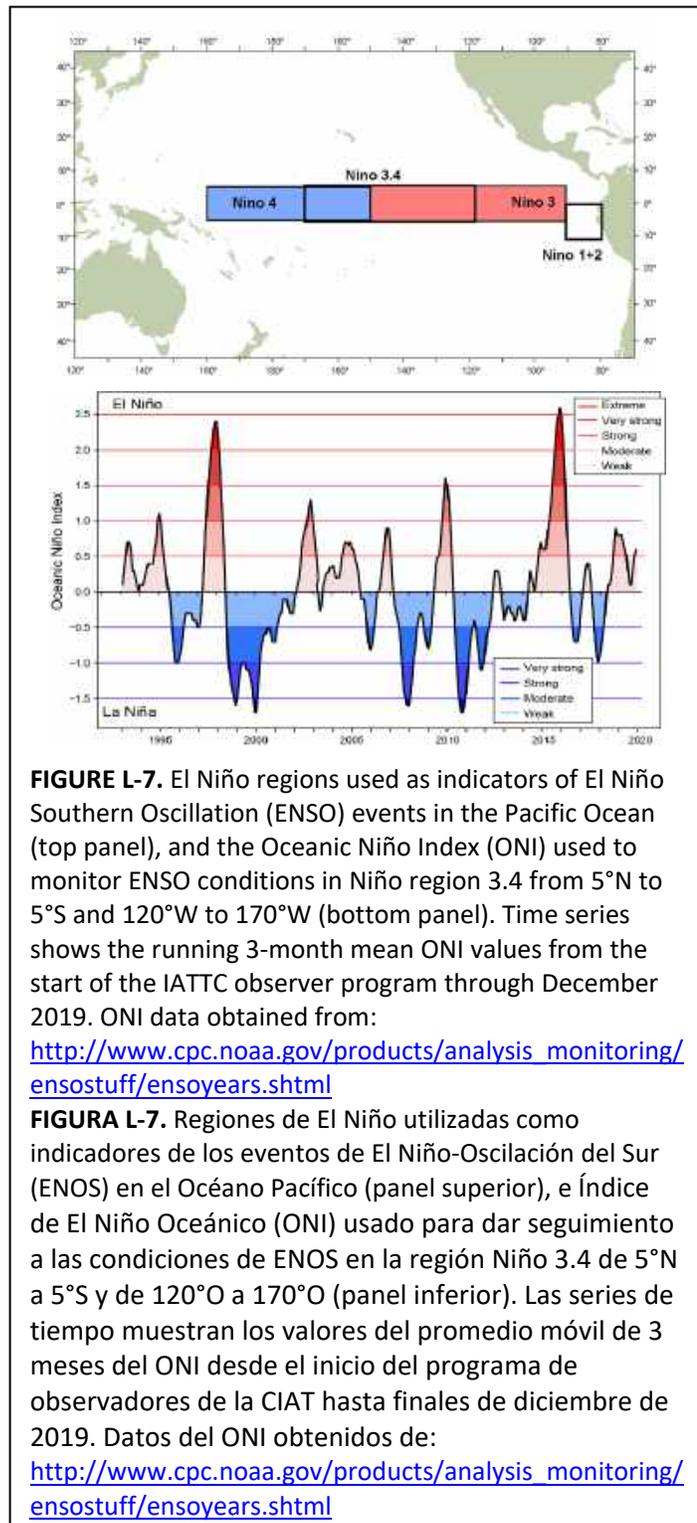
1,922 in 2005 to 276 t in 2019 (Figure L-6). Triggerfishes (Balistidae) and filefishes (Monacanthidae) are the second most commonly reported forage group with annual estimated catches averaging 268 t and totaling 58 t in 2019. Catches for this group peaked in 2004 at 914 t but have otherwise been variable. Annual catches of sea chubs (Kyphosidae) have averaged 15 t, which began to increase after 2002 but have steadily decreased to <1 t in 2019. Lastly, annual catches of the various species in the category ‘epipelagic forage fishes’ averaged 4.2 t with 13 t estimated to be caught in 2019.

#### 4. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Environmental conditions affect marine ecosystems, the dynamics and catchability of target and bycatch species, and the activities of fishers, and physical factors can have important effects on the distribution and abundance of marine species<sup>10</sup>. The following summary of the physical environment covers: 1) short- and long-term environmental indicators, and 2) environmental conditions and their effect on the fishery during the previous year, in this case, 2019.

##### 4.1. Environmental indicators

The ocean environment changes on a variety of time scales, from seasonal to inter-annual, decadal, and longer. Longer-term climate-induced changes, typically decadal (at intervals of 10–30 years) and characterized by relatively stable average conditions and patterns in physical and biological variables, are called “regimes”. However, the dominant source of variability in the upper layers of the EPO is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), an irregular fluctuation involving the entire tropical Pacific Ocean and the world’s atmosphere (Fiedler 2002). El Niño events occur at two- to seven-year intervals, and are characterized by weaker trade winds, deeper thermoclines, and higher sea-



**FIGURE L-7.** El Niño regions used as indicators of El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events in the Pacific Ocean (top panel), and the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) used to monitor ENSO conditions in Niño region 3.4 from 5°N to 5°S and 120°W to 170°W (bottom panel). Time series shows the running 3-month mean ONI values from the start of the IATTC observer program through December 2019. ONI data obtained from:

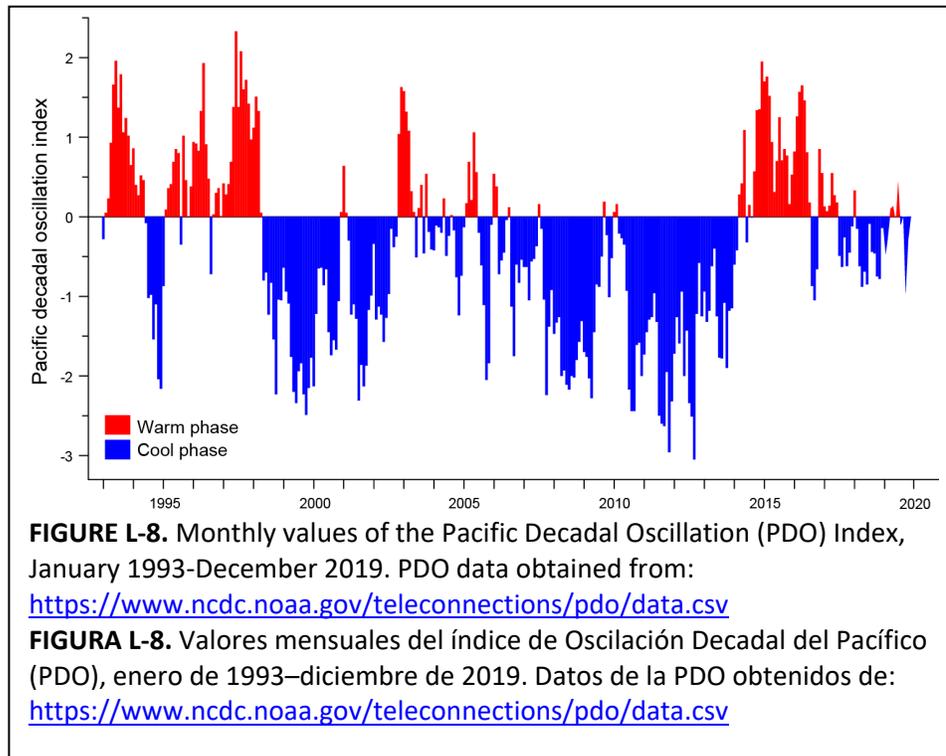
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**FIGURA L-7.** Regiones de El Niño utilizadas como indicadores de los eventos de El Niño-Oscilación del Sur (ENOS) en el Océano Pacífico (panel superior), e Índice de El Niño Oceánico (ONI) usado para dar seguimiento a las condiciones de ENOS en la región Niño 3.4 de 5°N a 5°S y de 120°O a 170°O (panel inferior). Las series de tiempo muestran los valores del promedio móvil de 3 meses del ONI desde el inicio del programa de observadores de la CIAT hasta finales de diciembre de 2019. Datos del ONI obtenidos de:

[http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml](http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml)

<sup>10</sup> See [SAC-04-08](#), *Physical Environment*, and [SAC-06 INF-C](#) for a comprehensive description of the effects of physical and biological oceanography on tunas, prey communities, and fisheries in the EPO.

surface temperatures (SSTs) in the equatorial EPO. El Niño's opposite phase, commonly called La Niña, is characterized by stronger trade winds, shallower thermoclines, and lower SSTs. The changes in the biogeochemical environment caused by ENSO have an impact on the biological productivity, feeding, and reproduction of fishes, seabirds, and marine mammals (Fiedler 2002).



ENSO is thought to cause considerable variability in the availability for capture of commercially-important tunas and billfishes in the EPO (Bayliff 1989). For example, the shallow thermocline during a La Niña event can increase purse-seine catch rates for tunas by compressing the preferred thermal habitat of small tunas near the sea surface, while the deeper thermocline during an El Niño event likely makes tunas less vulnerable to capture, and thus reduces catch rates. Furthermore, warmer- or cooler-than-average SSTs can also cause the fish to move to more favorable habitats, which may also affect catch rates as fishers expend more effort on locating the fish.

Recruitment of tropical tunas in the EPO may also be affected by ENSO events. For example, strong La Niña events in 2007–2008 may have been partly responsible for the subsequent lower recruitment of bigeye tuna, while the largest recruitments corresponded to the extreme El Niño events in 1982–1983 and 1998 (SAC-09-05). Yellowfin recruitment was also low in 2007, but high during 2015–2016, after the extreme El Niño event in 2014–2016 (SAC-09-06).

The [Climate Diagnostics Bulletin](#) of the US National Weather Service reported that in 2019 anomalies—defined in the Bulletin as a departure from the monthly mean—in oceanic and atmospheric characteristics (surface and sub-surface temperatures, thermocline depth, wind, convection, etc.) were indicative of El Niño conditions during January-June and ENSO-neutral conditions during July-December.

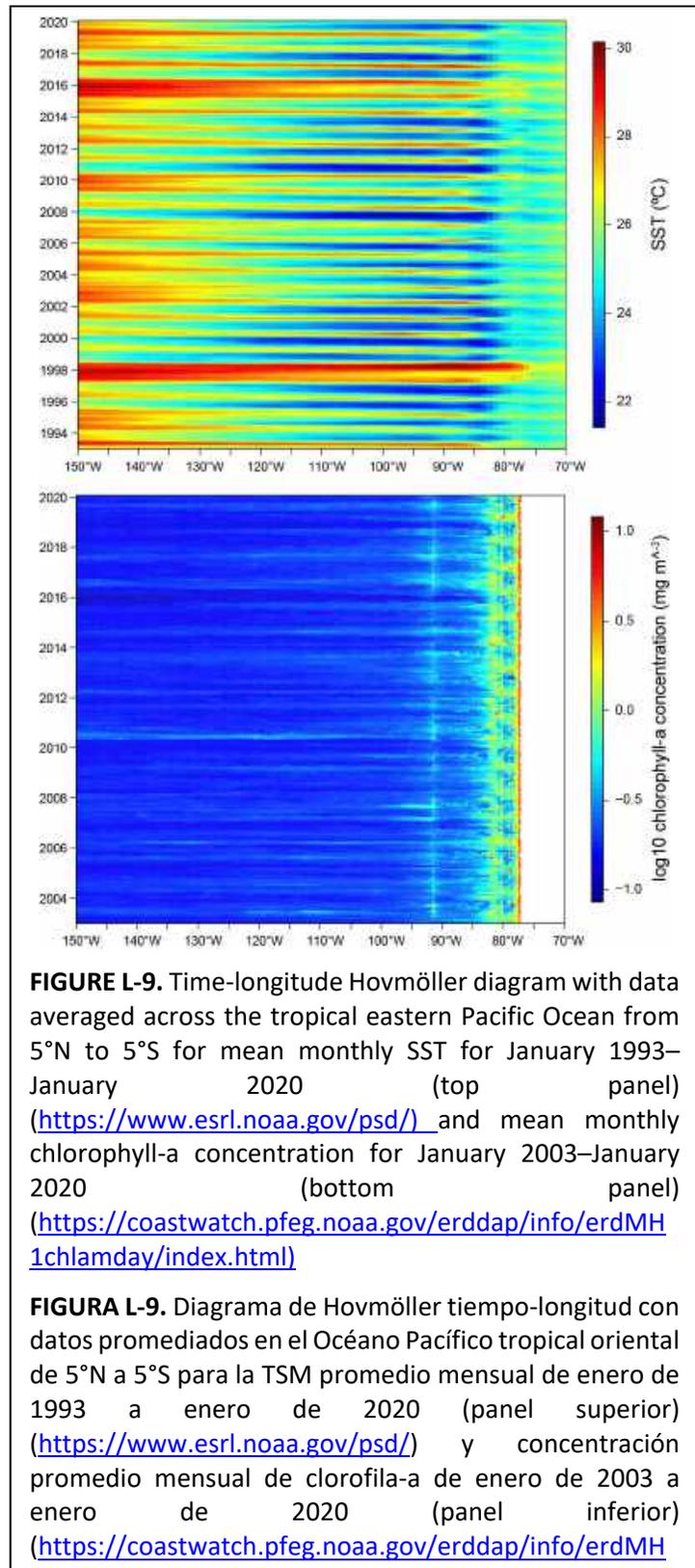
Indices of variability in such conditions are commonly used to monitor the direction and magnitude of ENSO events in the Pacific Ocean. In this report, the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI), used by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as the primary indicator of warm El Niño and cool La Niña conditions within the Niño 3.4 region in the east-central tropical Pacific Ocean (Dahlman 2016) (Figure L-7), is used to characterize inter-annual variability in SST anomalies. The ONI is a measure of El Niño defined by NOAA as “a phenomenon in the equatorial Pacific Ocean characterized by a five consecutive 3-month running mean of SST anomalies in the Niño 3.4 region that is above (below) the threshold of +0.5°C (-0.5°C).” The ONI categorizes ENSO events from “extreme” to “weak” (Figure L-7).

For example, the “extreme” El Niño event in 1997–1998 was followed by a “very strong” La Niña event in 1998–2000. “Strong” La Niña events were also observed in 2007–2008 and 2010–2011. The highest ONI values (>2.5) were recorded during the 2015–2016 El Niño event, while moderate-weak El Niño conditions persisted in 2019.

The Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO; [Figure L-8](#)) index is used to describe longer-term fluctuations in the Pacific Ocean, and has also been used to explain, for example, the influence of environmental drivers on the vulnerability of silky sharks to fisheries in the EPO (Lennert-Cody *et al.* 2018). The PDO—a long-lived El Niño-like pattern of Pacific climate variability, with events persisting 20–30 years—tracks large-scale interdecadal patterns of environmental and biotic changes, primarily in the North Pacific Ocean (Mantua 1997), with secondary patterns observed in the tropical Pacific, the opposite of ENSO (Hare and Mantua 2000). As with ENSO, PDO phases are classified as “warm” or “cool”. PDO values peaked at 2.79 in August 1997 and at 2.62 in April 2016, both of which coincided with the extreme El Niño events indicated by the ONI. During 2019, PDO conditions were primarily cool.

#### 4.2. Spatio-temporal exploration of environmental conditions

A time series of SST and CHL-a ([Figure L-9](#)) in the eastern tropical Pacific (ETP) from 5°N to 5°S—the same latitudinal band used in the ONI—was explored to show the variability in these variables across space and time using time-longitude Hovmöller diagrams. The SST time series show mean monthly values from 1993–2019, while that for CHL-a concentrations covers data for 2003–2019 due to data availability. The SST plot ([Figure L-9](#)) clearly shows the extension of warmer waters during the extreme El Niño events of 1997–1998 and 2015–2016 and cooler waters during the strong La Niña events in 1999–2000, 2007–2008 and 2010–2011



across the ETP. The CHL-a plot ([Figure L-9](#)), although the pattern is less clear than the SST plot, shows an increase in CHL-a concentrations following the strong La Niña events in 2007–2008 and 2010–2011, likely due to increases in nutrient availability. Because large interannual variability was not observed with the CHL-a time series, SST may be a more important driver of any observed changes in catches.

### 4.3. Environmental conditions and distribution of catches

The availability of fish, and thus catches, are strongly related to environmental conditions and processes, particularly in pelagic waters (Fiedler and Lavín 2017; Chassot *et al.* 2011). ENSO conditions are influenced by many oceanic and atmospheric factors, but both SST and chlorophyll-a (CHL-a) levels (an indicator of primary productivity biomass) are known to be good explanatory variables to describe and predict the habitat and distributions of oceanic animals (Hobday and Hartog 2014).

[Figures L-10 and L-11](#) show quarterly mean SSTs and CHL-a concentrations, respectively, to: 1) provide a general indication of seasonal variability, and 2) overlay the distribution of tropical tuna catches, as a first step, to illustrate the potential influence of environmental conditions on catches across the EPO during 2019. In future, staff plan to incorporate the catch distribution of bycatch species and apply sophisticated models to better describe relationships between environment and catches.

Cooler waters occurred off northern Mexico and the southwestern United States around 30°N and extended westwards during quarters 1 (January–March) and 2 (April–June), and off South America, predominantly around 5°S to 100°W, in quarters 3 (July–September) and 4 (October–December). Warmer waters developed off Central America and extended westwards during quarters 2 and 3. A secondary warm pool was observed in the southwestern EPO (0–20°S, 130°–150°W) all year long, but waters were warmer and larger in area in this region during quarters 1 and 2 compared to 3 and 4.

CHL-a concentrations were higher along the equator and the coast of the Americas year-round. The oligotrophic<sup>11</sup> South Pacific Gyre—located between around 20°–40°S—present in quarter 1 retracted in quarters 2 and 3 but returned in quarter 4.

During quarters 1 and 2, skipjack predominated in the catches in the cooler waters (~25°C) off the coast of South America, where CHL-a concentration was high. During quarter 3, a large portion of the tuna catches consisted of skipjack along a warm-water front (25–~28°C) slightly north of the equator from the coast of South America to about 120°W, also a region of high CHL-a concentration, and these persisted through quarter 4, although with greater catches east of 100°W. A secondary concentration of catches occurred west of 130°W, close to the western boundary of the EPO.

During quarter 1 most of the catch along the equator from about 110°W to 140°W consisted of yellowfin, while skipjack and bigeye constituted an increased proportion of catches during quarters 2–4.

## 5. IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES AT RISK

The primary goal of EAFM is to ensure the long-term sustainability of all species impacted—directly or indirectly—by fishing. However, this is a significant challenge for fisheries that interact with many non-target species with diverse life histories, for which reliable catch and biological data for single-species assessments are lacking. An alternative for such data-limited situations, reflected in [Goal L](#) of the SSP, are Ecological Risk Assessments (ERAs), vulnerability assessments that are designed to identify and prioritize at-risk species for data collection, research and management.

‘Vulnerability’ is defined as the potential for the productivity of a stock to be diminished by the direct and indirect impacts of fishing activities. The IATTC staff has applied qualitative assessments, using

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<sup>11</sup> An area of low productivity, nutrients, and surface chlorophyll, often referred to as an “oceanic desert”.

Productivity-Susceptibility Analysis (PSA) to estimate the relative vulnerability of data-limited, non-target species caught in the EPO by large (Class-6) purse-seine vessels (Duffy *et al.* 2019) and by the longline fishery ([SAC-08-07d](#)).

Because PSA is unable to quantitatively estimate the cumulative effects of multiple fisheries on data-poor bycatch species, a new approach—Ecological Assessment of Sustainable Impacts of Fisheries (EASI-Fish)—was developed by the IATTC staff in 2018 ([SAC-09-12](#)) to overcome this issue. This flexible, spatially-explicit method uses a smaller set of parameters than PSA to first produce a proxy for the fishing mortality rate ( $F$ ) of each species, based on the ‘volumetric overlap’ of each fishery on the geographic distribution of these species. The estimate of  $F$  is then used in length-structured per-recruit models to assess the vulnerability of each species using conventional biological reference points (*e.g.*  $F_{MSY}$ ,  $F_{0.1}$ ).

EASI-Fish was successfully applied to 24 species representing a range of life histories, including tunas, billfishes, tuna-like species, elasmobranchs, sea turtles and cetaceans caught in EPO tuna fisheries as a ‘proof of concept’ in 2018 ([SAC-09-12](#)). It was subsequently used to assess the vulnerability status of the spinetail devil ray (*Mobula mobular*), caught by all industrial tuna fisheries in the EPO ([BYC-09-01](#)), and the EPO stock of the critically-endangered leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) ([BYC-10 INF-B](#)). Therefore, EASI-Fish will be used in future to assess the vulnerability of all species groups (*e.g.*, elasmobranchs, sea turtles, teleosts) impacted by EPO tuna fisheries.

## 6. ECOSYSTEM DYNAMICS

Although vulnerability assessments (*e.g.* EASI-Fish) are useful for assessing the ecological impacts of fishing by assessing the populations of individual species, ecosystem models are required to detect changes in the structure and internal dynamics of an ecosystem. These models are generally data- and labor-intensive to construct, and consequently, few fisheries worldwide have access to a reliable ecosystem model to guide conservation and management measures. These models require a good understanding of ecosystem components and the direction and magnitude of the trophic flows between them, which require detailed ecological studies involving stomach contents and/or stable isotope studies. Purposefully, IATTC staff have had a long history of undertaking such trophic studies, beginning from the experimental determination of consumption estimates of yellowfin tuna at the IATTC’s Achotines laboratory in the 1980s, to more recent analyses of stomach content and chemical indicators of a range of top-level predators.

In 2003, the IATTC staff compiled the trophic data to complete the development of a model of the pelagic ecosystem in the tropical EPO (IATTC Bulletin, [Vol. 22, No. 3](#))—named “ETP7”—to explore how fishing and climate variation might affect target species (*e.g.* tunas), byproduct species (*e.g.* wahoo, dorado), elasmobranchs (*e.g.* sharks), forage groups (*e.g.* flyingfishes, squids) and species of conservation importance (*e.g.* sea turtles, cetaceans). A simplified food-web diagram, with approximate trophic levels (TLs), from the model is shown in [Figure L-12](#).

The model was calibrated to time series of biomass and catch data for a number of target species for 1961–1998. There have been significant improvements in data collection programs in the EPO since 1998, that has allowed the model to be updated with these new data up to 2018 (ETP8).

### 6.1. Ecological indicators

Since 2017, ETP8 has been used in the *Ecosystem Considerations* report to provide annual values for six ecological indicators that, together, can identify changes in the structure and internal dynamics of the ETP ecosystem. These indicators are: mean trophic level of the catch (TL<sub>c</sub>), the Marine Trophic Index (MTI), the Fishing in Balance (FIB) index, Shannon’ index, and the mean trophic level of the modelled community for trophic levels 2.0–3.25 (TL<sub>2.0</sub>), ≥3.25–4.0 (TL<sub>3.5</sub>), and >4.0 (TL<sub>4.0</sub>). A full description of these indicators is

provided in [SAC-10-14](#). Additionally, simulations using ETP8 were conducted to assess potential impacts of the FAD fishery on the structure of the ecosystem ([SAC-10-15](#)).

An update assessment of the ETP8 model was not undertaken in 2020 due to a significant change in how the IATTC staff have reclassified the catch data submitted by the CPCs for “other gears” into longline and other gear types following an internal review of the data. This resulted in a dramatic increase in reported longline catches of high trophic level predators (sharks), which can have a strong influence on ecosystem dynamics. Although catch estimates are now finalized for 2019 the staff is now tasked to assign species-specific catch to the relevant functional groups in the ETP8 model, and then rebalance and recalibrate the model to provide an updated ecosystem status for 2019 at SAC-12 in 2021.

The most recent report on ecological indicators undertaken in 2019 ([SAC-10-14](#)) showed that values for  $TL_c$  and MTI increased from 4.65 and 4.67 in 1970 to 4.69 and 4.70 in 1991, respectively, as the purse-seine fishing effort on FADs increased significantly ([Figure L-13](#)).  $TL_c$  continued to decrease to a low of 4.65 in 1997, due to the rapid expansion of the fishery from 1993 where there was increasing catches in the intervening period of high trophic level bycatch species that tend to aggregate around floating objects (e.g. sharks, billfish, wahoo and dorado). This expansion is seen in the FIB index that exceeds zero during the same period, and also a change in the evenness of biomass of the community indicated by Shannon’s index. By the early 2000s,  $TL_c$ , MTI, and Shannon’s index all show a gradual decline, while the FIB gradually increased further from zero to its peak in 2017 at 0.66 ([Figure L-13](#)). Both  $TL_c$  and MTI reached their lowest historic levels of 4.64 and 4.65 in 2017, respectively. Since its peak in 1991,  $TL_c$  declined by 0.05 of a trophic level in the subsequent 27 years, or 0.02 trophic levels per decade.

The above indicators generally describe the change in the exploited components of the ecosystem, whereas community biomass indicators describe changes in the structure of the ecosystem once biomass has been removed due to fishing. The biomass of the  $TL_{MC4.0}$  community was at one of its highest values (4.449) in 1993 but has continued to decline to 4.443 in 2017 ([Figure L-13](#)). As a result of changes in predation pressure on lower trophic levels, between 1993 and 2017 the biomass of the  $TL_{MC3.25}$  community increased from 3.800 to 3.803, while interestingly, the biomass of the  $TL_{MC2.0}$  community also increased from 3.306 to 3.308.

Together, these indicators show that the ecosystem structure has likely changed over the 50-year analysis period. However, these changes, even if they are a direct result of fishing, do not appear to be currently ecologically detrimental, but the patterns of changes, particularly in the mean trophic level of the communities, certainly warrant the continuation, and possible expansion, of monitoring programs for fisheries in the EPO.

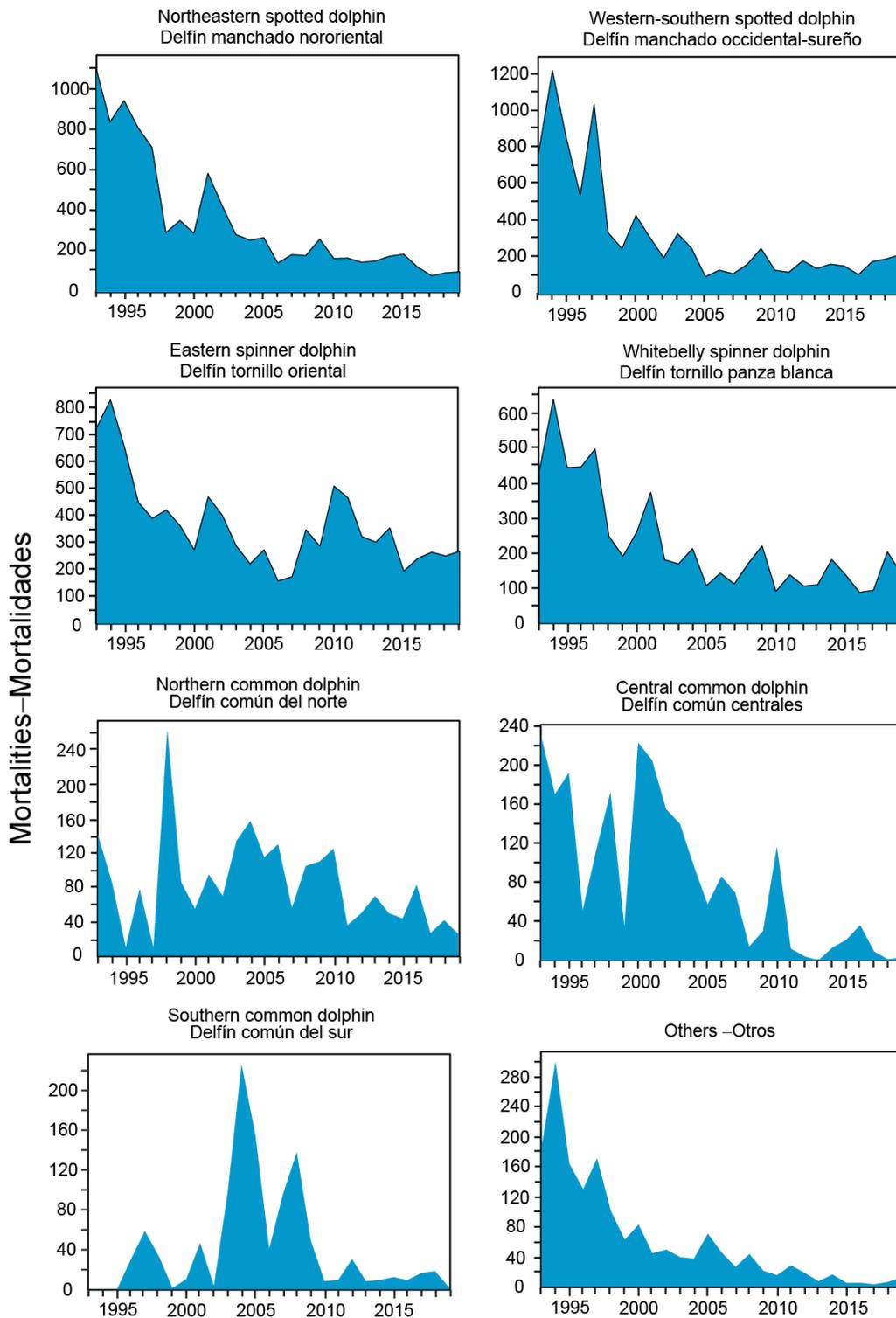
## 7. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

It is unlikely, in the near future at least, that there will be stock assessments for most of the bycatch species. Therefore, the IATTC must continue to undertake ecological research that can provide managers with reliable information to guide the development of science-based conservation and management measures, where required, to ensure the IATTC continues to fulfil its responsibilities under the Antigua Convention and the objectives of the [IATTC’s 5-year SSP](#). The priority research areas that have been identified by the scientific staff that require further development are detailed below:

- Following the development of the EASI-Fish approach, analysis of the full suite of over 100 impacted bycatch species will be conducted in stages, by taxonomic group, beginning in 2021. The priority of groups to be assessed will likely be elasmobranchs, teleosts, turtles and cetaceans.
- A shortcoming of the ETP8 ecosystem model, from which the ecological indicators are derived, is

that its structure is based on stomach content data from fish collected in 1992–1994. Given the significant environmental changes that have been observed in the EPO over the past decade, there is a critical need to collect updated trophic information. There have been proposals made by the staff in 2018, 2019 and 2020 to establish an ecological monitoring program to collect stomach content data to update the ecosystem model.

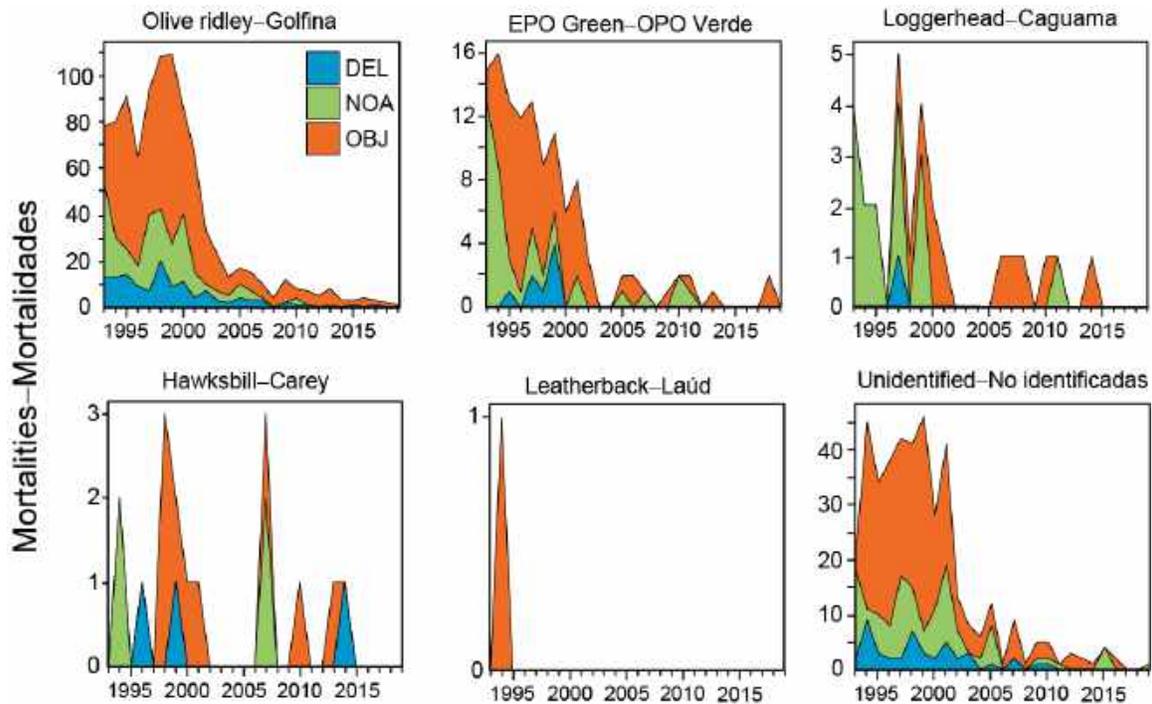
- A second limitation of the ETP8 model is that it describes only the tropical component of the EPO ecosystem, and results cannot be reliably extrapolated to other regions of the EPO. Therefore, after updated diet information is collected, future work will aim to develop a spatially-explicit model that covers the entire EPO and calibrate the model with available time series of catches, ideally for species representing different trophic levels, and effort data for key fisheries in the EPO.
- Environmental variables can have a profound influence on the catches of target and bycatch species, as has been shown previously by IATTC staff and now undertaken annually in this report. However, the staff's research to investigate the impact of environmental conditions on the fishery could be greatly improved with the availability of high-resolution operational level data for the longline fishery. Although IATTC Members and CPCs are now required to submit operational level observer data to the IATTC that covers at least 5% of their fleets, future work is required to assess the representativeness of these data for future environmental analyses.



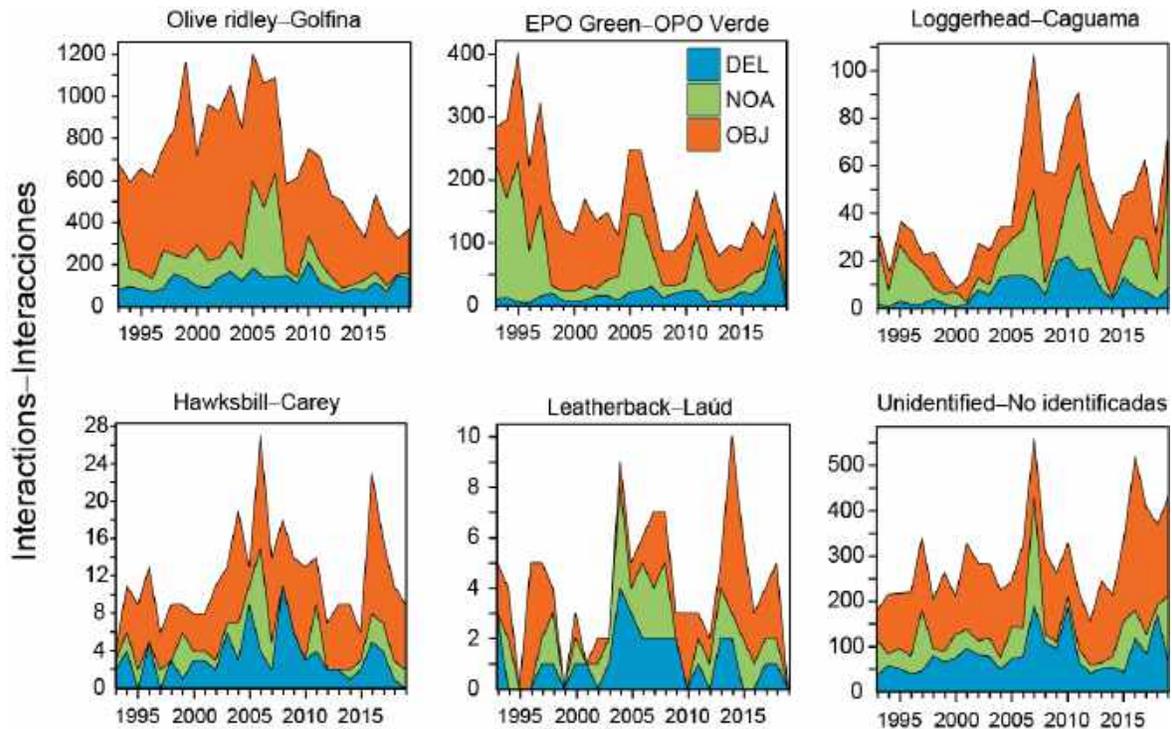
**FIGURE L-1.** Incidental dolphin mortalities, in numbers of animals, by purse-seine vessels, 1993–2019.

**FIGURA L-1.** Mortalidades incidentales de delfines, en número de animales, por buques cerqueros, 1993–2019.

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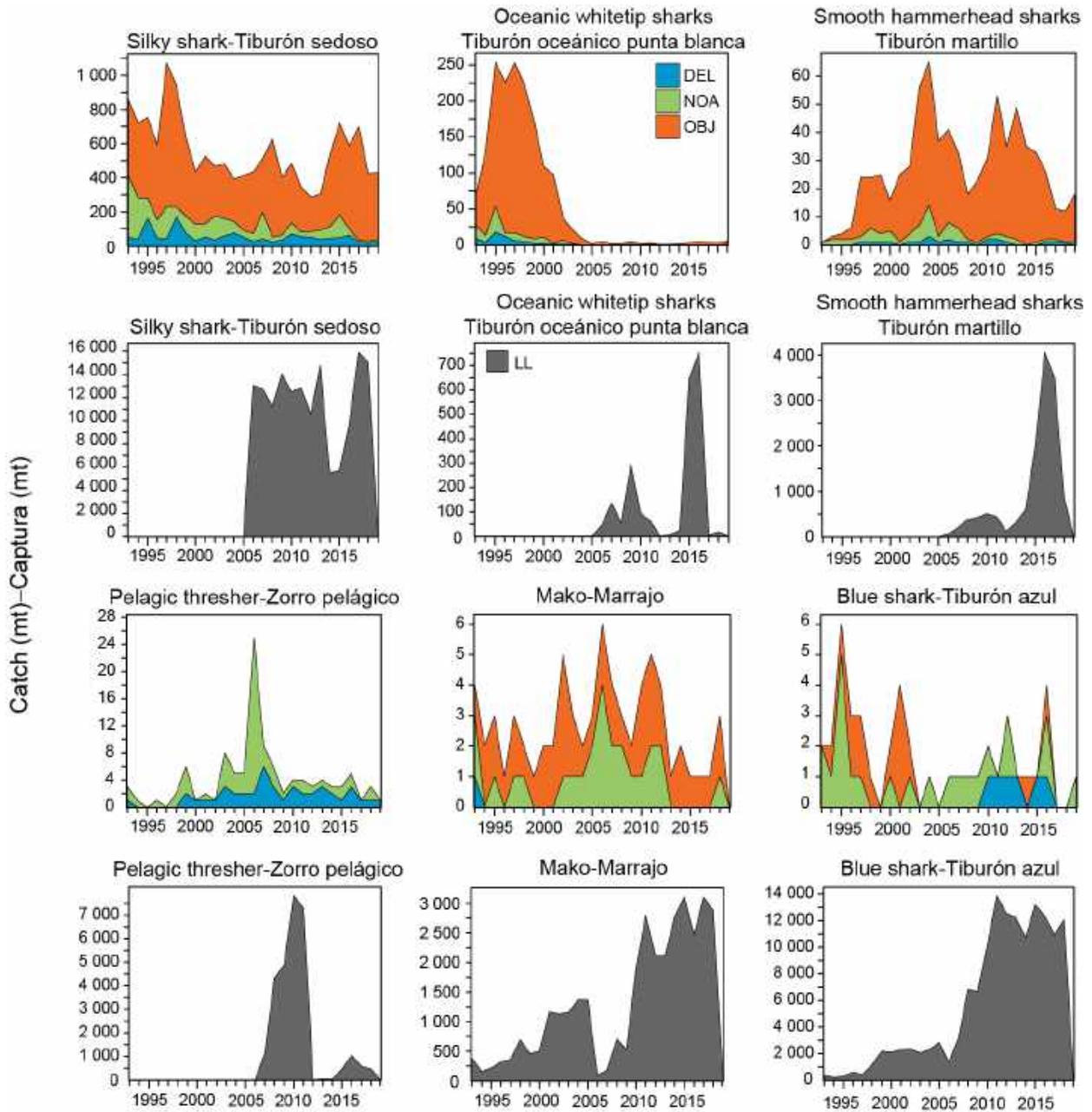


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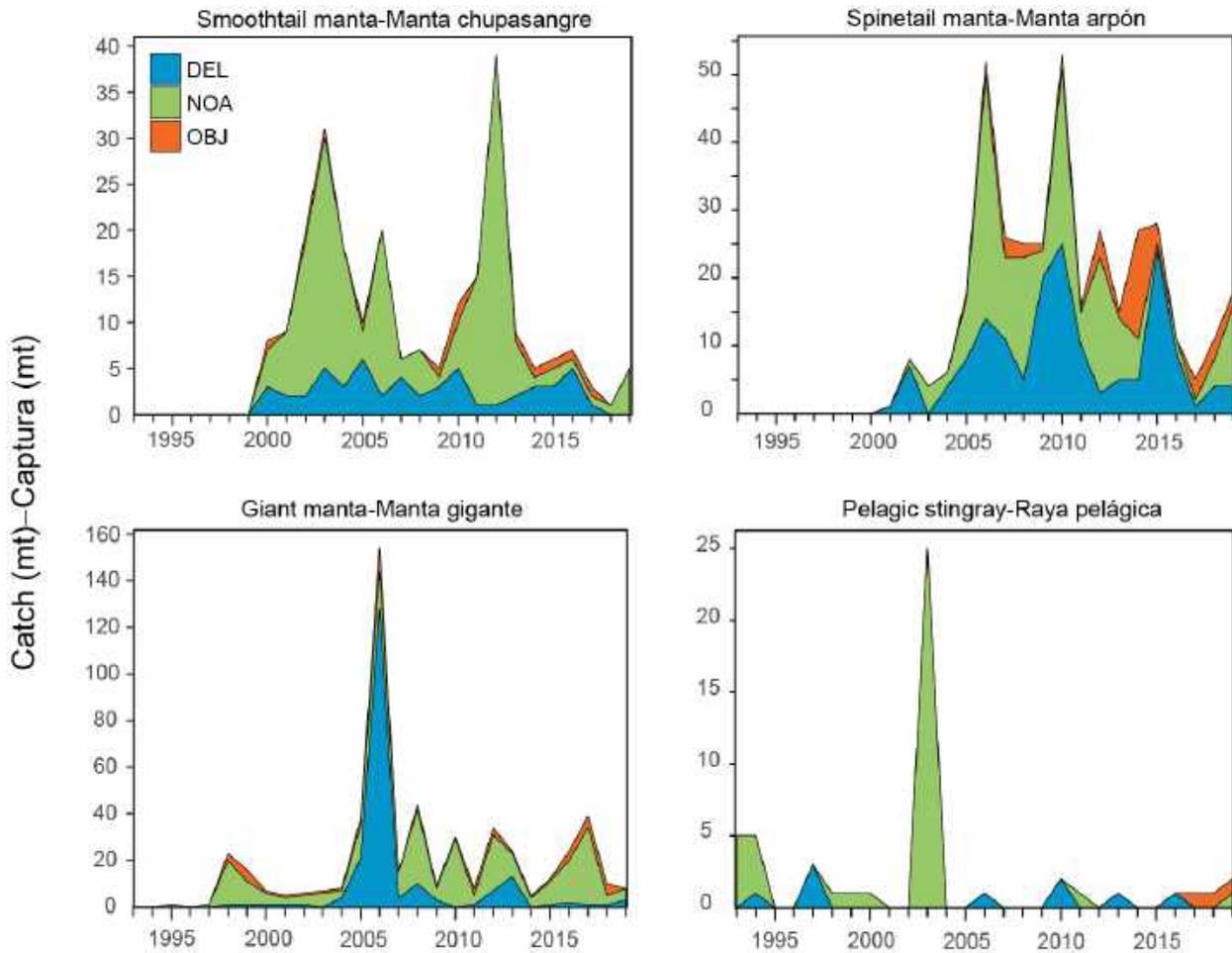
**FIGURE L-2.** Sea turtle a) mortalities and b) interactions, in numbers of animals, for large purse-seine vessels, 1993–2019, by set type (dolphin (DEL), unassociated (NOA), floating object (OBJ)).

**FIGURA L-2.** a) Mortalidades y b) interacciones de tortugas marinas, en número de animales, por buques cerqueros grandes, 1993-2019, por tipo de lance (delfín (DEL), no asociado (NOA), objeto flotante (OBJ)).



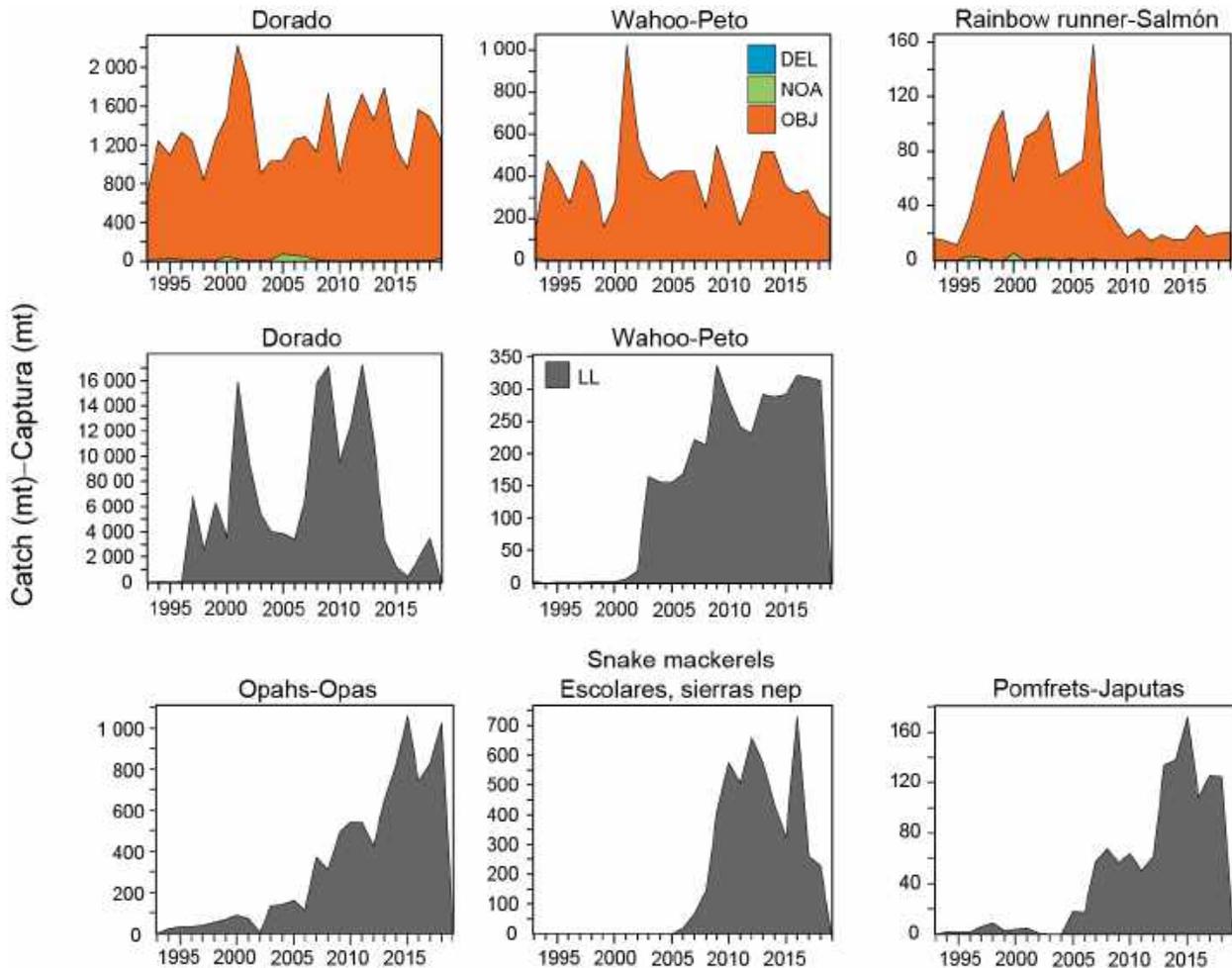
**FIGURE L-3.** Estimated purse-seine (top panel) and longline (bottom panel) catches in metric tons (t) of key species of sharks in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Purse seine catches are provided for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) by set type: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Longline catches are minimum reported gross-annual removals that may have been estimated using a mixture of different weight metrics (see footnote in section 3.5).

**FIGURA L-3.** Capturas cerqueras (panel superior) y palangreras (panel inferior) estimadas en toneladas (t) de especies clave de tiburones en el Océano Pacífico oriental. Se presentan las capturas cerqueras para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993-2019) por tipo de lance: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las capturas palangreras son extracciones anuales brutas mínimas reportadas que pueden haber sido estimadas usando una mezcla de diferentes métricas de peso (ver nota al pie de página en la sección 3.5).



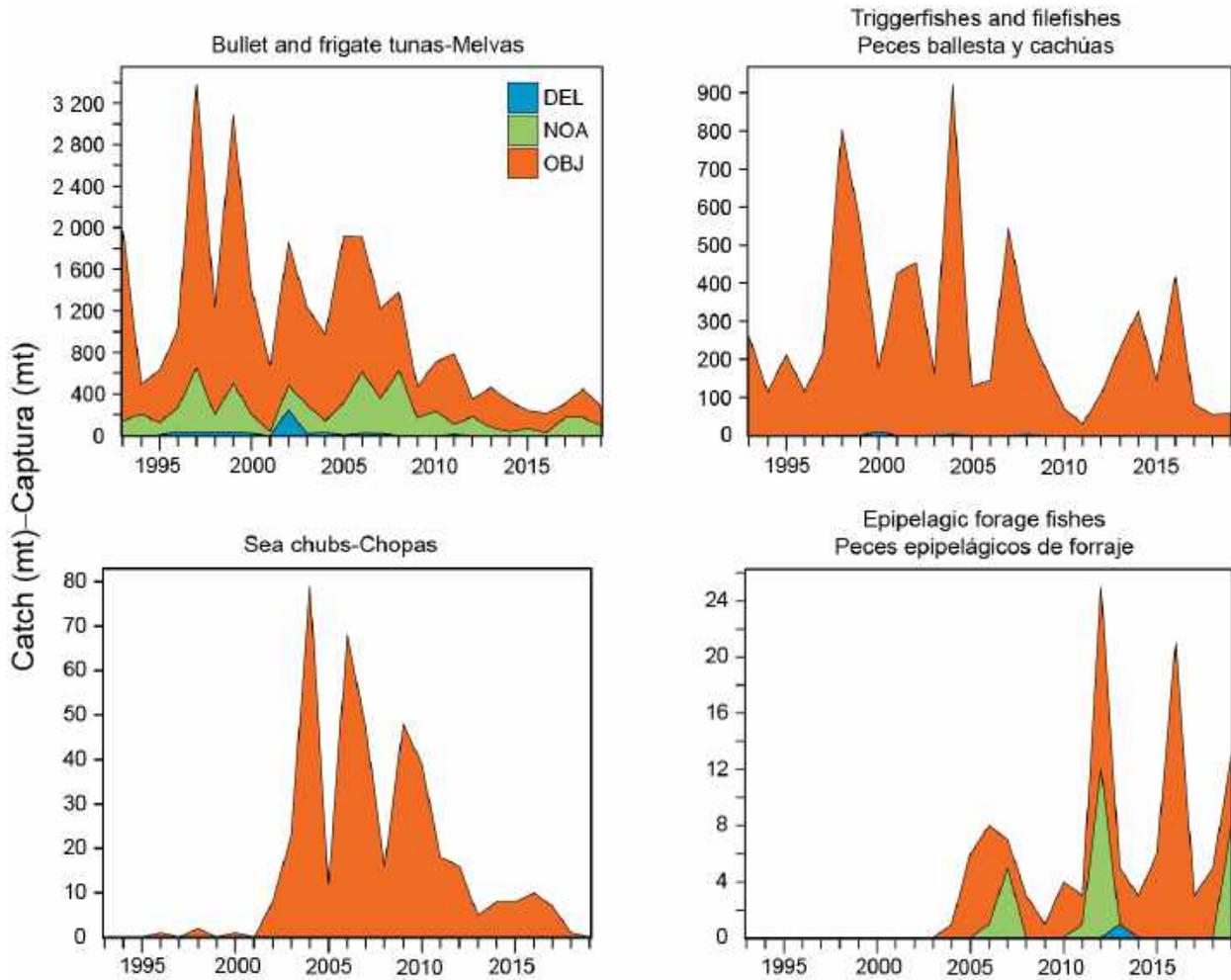
**FIGURE L-4.** Estimated purse-seine catches in metric tons (t) of key species of rays in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Purse seine catches are provided for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) by set type: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL).

**FIGURA L-4.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas en toneladas (t) de especies clave de rayas en el Océano Pacífico oriental. Se presentan las capturas cerqueras para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993-2019) por tipo de lance: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL).



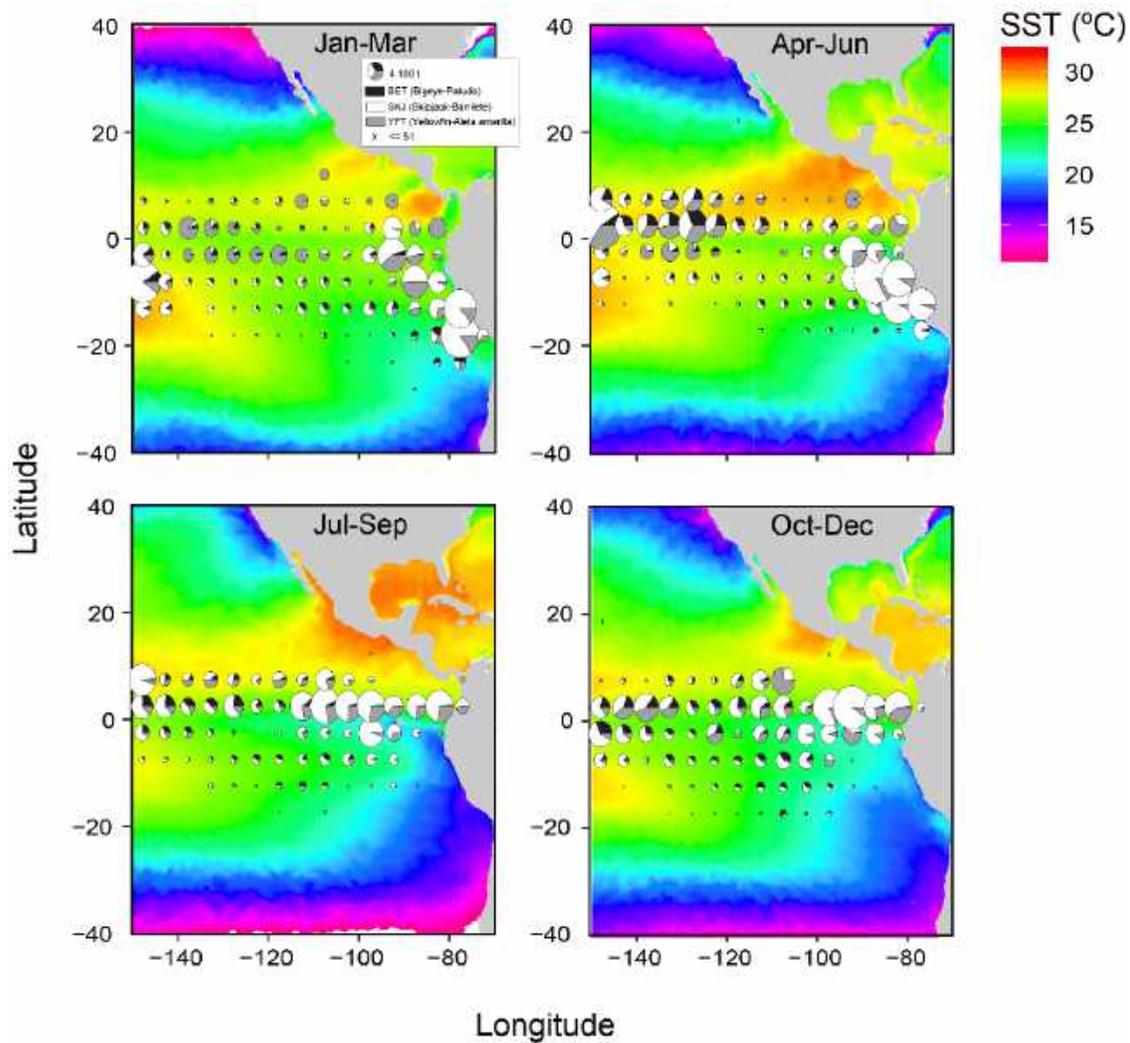
**FIGURE L-5.** Estimated purse-seine and longline catches in metric tons (t) of key species of large fishes in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Purse seine catches are provided for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) by set type: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Longline catches are minimum reported gross-annual removals.

**FIGURA L-5.** Capturas cerqueras y palangreras estimadas en toneladas (t) de especies clave de peces grandes en el Océano Pacífico oriental. Se presentan las capturas cerqueras para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993-2019) por tipo de lance: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las capturas palangreras son extracciones anuales brutas mínimas reportadas.



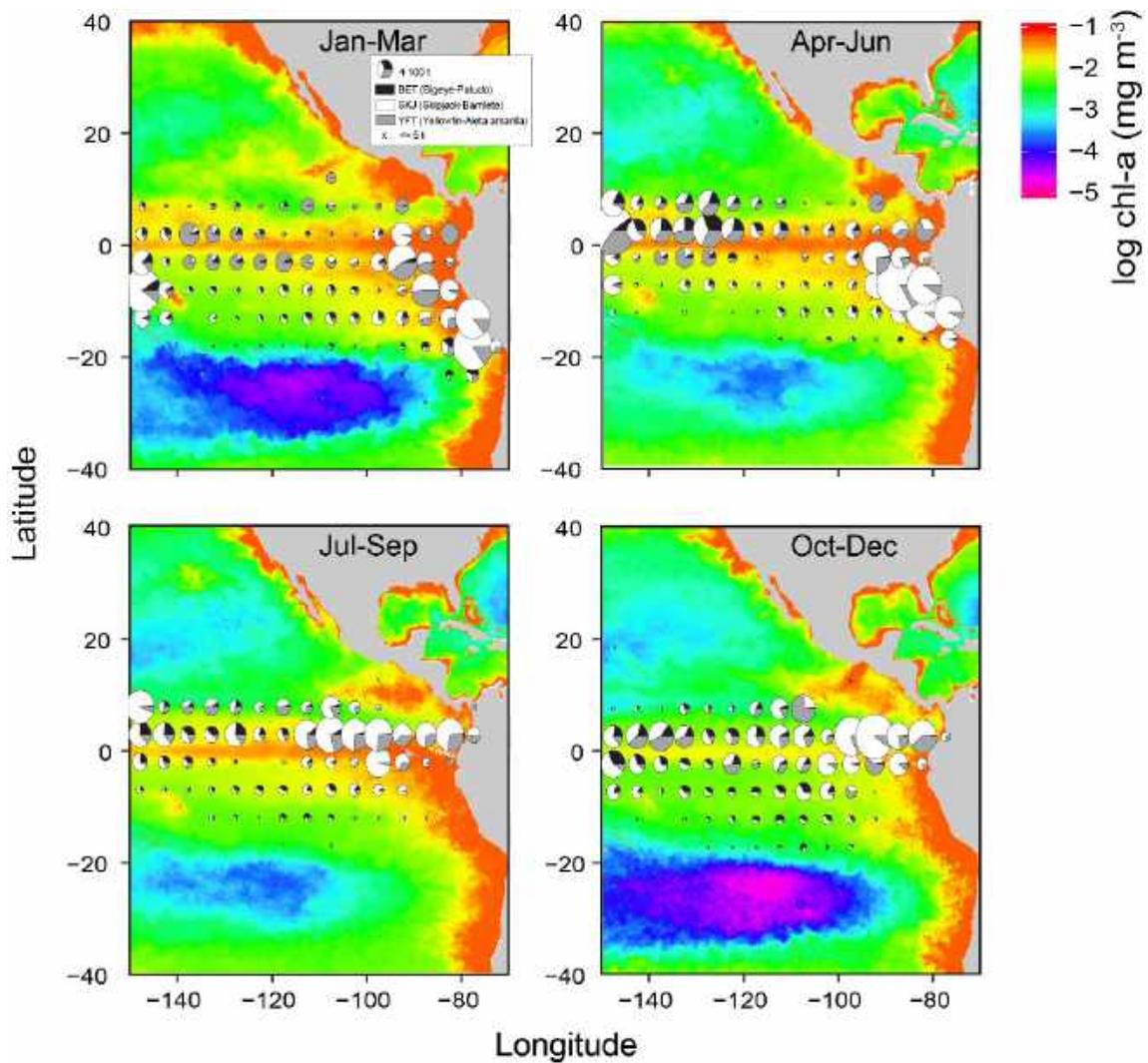
**FIGURE L-6.** Estimated purse-seine catches in metric tons (t) of key species of small fishes in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Purse seine catches are provided for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) by set type: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL).

**FIGURA L-6.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas en toneladas (t) de especies clave de peces pequeños en el Océano Pacífico oriental. Se presentan las capturas cerqueras para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993-2019) por tipo de lance: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL).



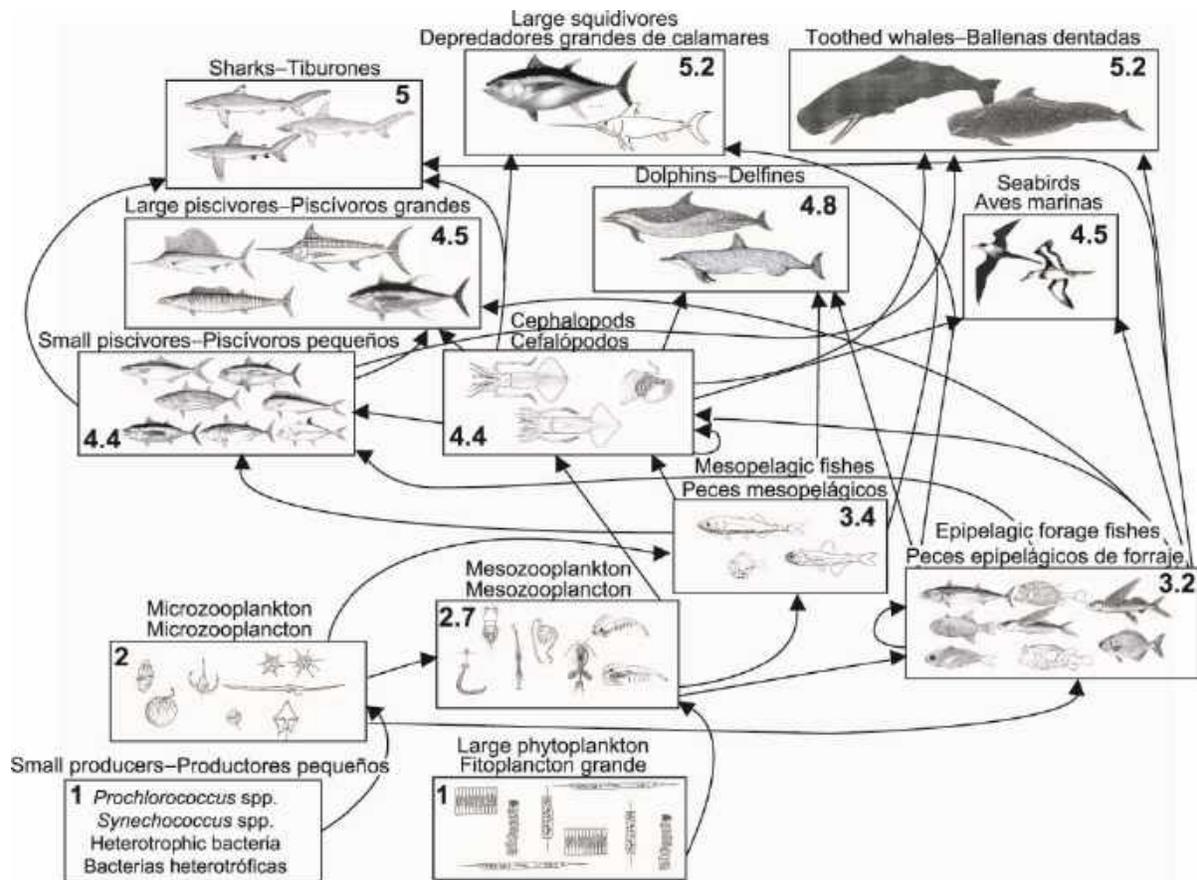
**FIGURE L-10.** Mean sea surface temperature (SST) for each quarter during 2019 with catches of tropical tunas overlaid. SST data obtained from NOAA NMFS SWFSC ERD on March 5, 2020, “Multi-scale Ultra-high Resolution (MUR) SST Analysis fv04.1, Global, 0.01°, 2002–present, Monthly”, <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/info/jplMURSST41mday/index.html>.

**FIGURA L-10** Temperatura superficial del mar (TSM) promedio para cada trimestre de 2019 con las capturas de atunes tropicales superpuestas. Datos de TSM obtenidos de NOAA NMFS SWFSC ERD el 5 de marzo de 2020, “Multi-scale Ultra-high Resolution (MUR) SST Analysis fv04.1, Global, 0.01°, 2002–present, Monthly”, <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/info/jplMURSST41mday/index.html>.



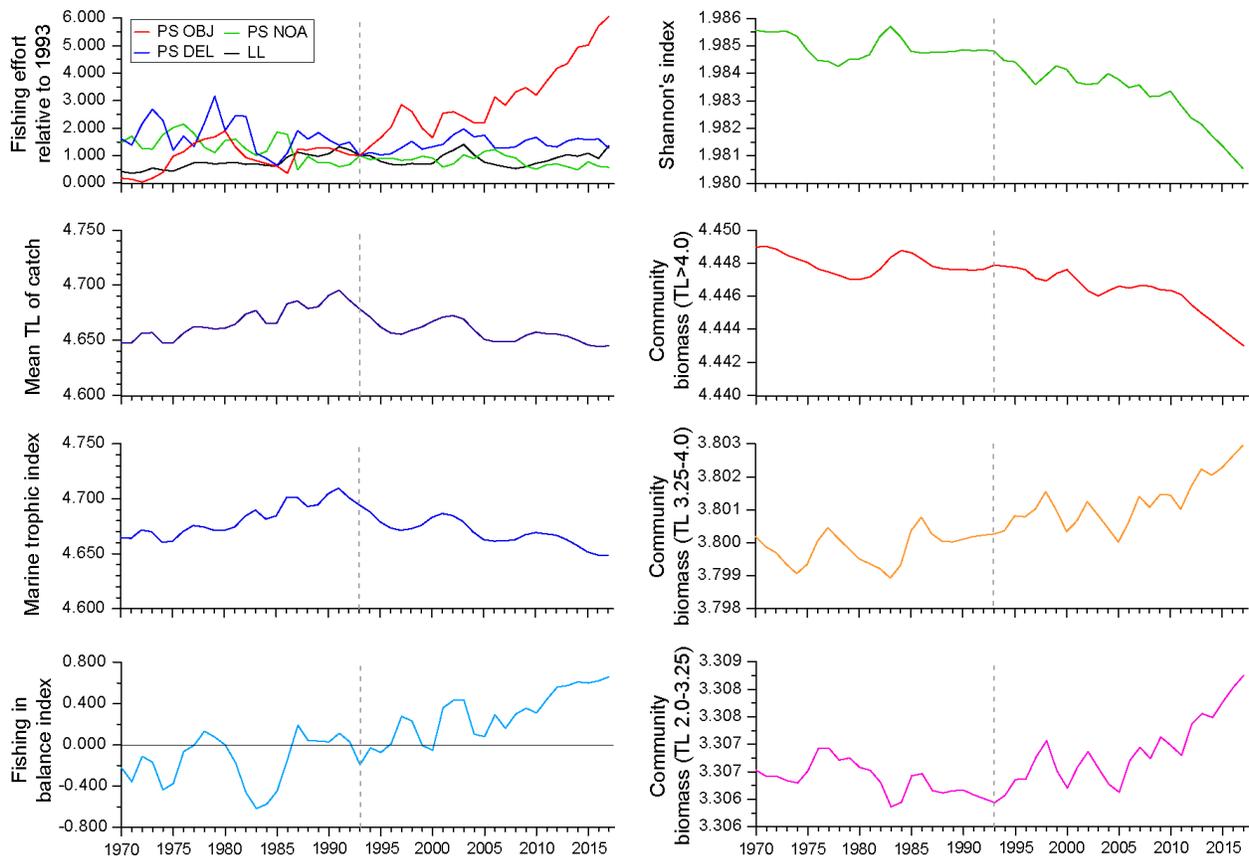
**FIGURE L-11.** Mean log chlorophyll-a concentration (in  $\text{mg m}^3$ ) for each quarter during 2019 with catches of tropical tunas overlaid. Chlorophyll data obtained from NOAA CoastWatch on February 19, 2020, “Chlorophyll, NOAA, VIIRS, Science Quality, Global, Level 3, 2012-present, Monthly”, NOAA NMFS SWFSC ERD, <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/info/nesdisVHNSQchlaMonthly/index.html>.

**FIGURA L-11.** Concentración promedio de clorofila-a (en  $\text{mg m}^3$ ) para cada trimestre de 2019 con las capturas de atunes tropicales superpuestas. Datos de clorofila obtenidos de NOAA CoastWatch el 19 de febrero de 2020, “Chlorophyll, NOAA, VIIRS, Science Quality, Global, Level 3, 2012-present, Monthly”, NOAA NMFS SWFSC ERD, <https://coastwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov/erddap/info/nesdisVHNSQchlaMonthly/index.html>.



**FIGURE L-12.** Simplified food-web diagram of the pelagic ecosystem in the tropical EPO. The numbers inside the boxes indicate the approximate trophic level of each group.

**FIGURA L-12.** Diagrama simplificado de la red trófica del ecosistema pelágico en el OPO tropical. Los números en los recuadros indican el nivel trófico aproximado de cada grupo.



**FIGURE L-13.** Annual values for seven ecological indicators of changes in different components of the tropical EPO ecosystem, 1970–2017 (see Section 6 of text for details), and an index of longline (LL) and purse-seine (PS) fishing effort, by set type (dolphin (DEL), unassociated (NOA), floating object (OBJ)), relative to the model start year of 1993 (vertical dashed line), when the expansion of the purse-seine fishery on FADs began.

**FIGURA L-13** Valores anuales de siete indicadores ecológicos de cambios en diferentes componentes del ecosistema tropical del OPO, 1970–2017 (ver detalles en la sección 6 del texto), y un índice de esfuerzo palangrero (LL) y cerquero (PS), por tipo de lance (delfín (DEL), no asociado (NOA), objeto flotante (OBJ)) relativo al año de inicio del modelo de 1993 (línea de trazos vertical), cuando comenzó la expansión de la pesquería cerquera sobre plantados.

**Table L-1.** Incidental dolphin mortalities in numbers of individuals (Num) and average weights in metric tons (t) by stock in the eastern Pacific Ocean caused by the purse-seine fishery from 1993–2019.

**Tabla L-1.** Mortalidades incidentales de delfines, en número de individuos (Núm.) y peso promedio en toneladas (t), por población, en el océano Pacífico oriental ocasionadas por la pesquería cerquera durante 1993-2019.

| Year         | <i>Stenella attenuata</i> |            |                  |            | <i>Stenella longirostris</i> |            |              |            | <i>Delphinus delphis</i> |            |              |            |              |           |               |           |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
|              | Offshore <sup>1</sup>     |            |                  |            | Spinner                      |            |              |            | Common                   |            |              |            |              |           |               |           |
|              | Northeastern              |            | Western-southern |            | Eastern                      |            | Whitebelly   |            | Northern                 |            | Central      |            | Southern     |           | Other mammals |           |
|              | Num                       | t          | Num              | t          | Num                          | t          | Num          | t          | Num                      | t          | Num          | t          | Num          | t         | Num           | t         |
| 1993         | 1,112                     | 56         | 773              | 44         | 725                          | 34         | 437          | 22         | 139                      | 9          | 230          | 15         | 0            | 0         | 185           | 8         |
| 1994         | 847                       | 43         | 1228             | 71         | 828                          | 39         | 640          | 33         | 85                       | 6          | 170          | 11         | 0            | 0         | 298           | 12        |
| 1995         | 952                       | 48         | 859              | 49         | 654                          | 31         | 445          | 23         | 9                        | 1          | 192          | 13         | 0            | 0         | 163           | 13        |
| 1996         | 818                       | 41         | 545              | 31         | 450                          | 21         | 447          | 23         | 77                       | 5          | 51           | 3          | 30           | 2         | 129           | 5         |
| 1997         | 721                       | 37         | 1044             | 60         | 391                          | 19         | 498          | 26         | 9                        | 1          | 114          | 7          | 58           | 4         | 170           | 14        |
| 1998         | 298                       | 15         | 341              | 20         | 422                          | 20         | 249          | 13         | 261                      | 17         | 172          | 11         | 33           | 2         | 100           | 8         |
| 1999         | 358                       | 18         | 253              | 15         | 363                          | 17         | 192          | 10         | 85                       | 6          | 34           | 2          | 1            | <1        | 62            | 4         |
| 2000         | 295                       | 15         | 435              | 25         | 275                          | 13         | 262          | 13         | 54                       | 4          | 223          | 15         | 10           | 1         | 82            | 5         |
| 2001         | 592                       | 30         | 315              | 18         | 470                          | 22         | 374          | 19         | 94                       | 6          | 205          | 13         | 46           | 3         | 44            | 1         |
| 2002         | 435                       | 22         | 203              | 12         | 403                          | 19         | 182          | 9          | 69                       | 5          | 155          | 10         | 3            | <1        | 49            | 3         |
| 2003         | 288                       | 15         | 335              | 19         | 290                          | 14         | 170          | 9          | 133                      | 9          | 140          | 9          | 97           | 6         | 39            | 3         |
| 2004         | 261                       | 13         | 256              | 15         | 223                          | 11         | 214          | 11         | 156                      | 10         | 97           | 6          | 225          | 15        | 37            | 1         |
| 2005         | 273                       | 14         | 100              | 6          | 275                          | 13         | 108          | 6          | 114                      | 7          | 57           | 4          | 154          | 10        | 70            | 3         |
| 2006         | 147                       | 7          | 135              | 8          | 160                          | 8          | 144          | 7          | 129                      | 8          | 86           | 6          | 40           | 3         | 45            | 2         |
| 2007         | 189                       | 10         | 116              | 7          | 175                          | 8          | 113          | 6          | 55                       | 4          | 69           | 5          | 95           | 6         | 26            | 1         |
| 2008         | 184                       | 9          | 167              | 10         | 349                          | 17         | 171          | 9          | 104                      | 7          | 14           | 1          | 137          | 9         | 43            | 3         |
| 2009         | 266                       | 13         | 254              | 15         | 288                          | 14         | 222          | 11         | 109                      | 7          | 30           | 2          | 49           | 3         | 21            | 1         |
| 2010         | 170                       | 9          | 135              | 8          | 510                          | 24         | 92           | 5          | 124                      | 8          | 116          | 8          | 8            | 1         | 15            | 1         |
| 2011         | 172                       | 9          | 124              | 7          | 467                          | 22         | 139          | 7          | 35                       | 2          | 12           | 1          | 9            | 1         | 28            | 2         |
| 2012         | 151                       | 8          | 187              | 11         | 324                          | 15         | 107          | 6          | 49                       | 3          | 4            | <1         | 30           | 2         | 18            | 0         |
| 2013         | 158                       | 8          | 145              | 8          | 303                          | 14         | 111          | 6          | 69                       | 5          | 0            | 0          | 8            | 1         | 7             | 1         |
| 2014         | 181                       | 9          | 168              | 10         | 356                          | 17         | 183          | 9          | 49                       | 3          | 13           | 1          | 9            | 1         | 16            | 0         |
| 2015         | 191                       | 10         | 158              | 9          | 196                          | 9          | 139          | 7          | 43                       | 3          | 21           | 1          | 12           | 1         | 5             | 0         |
| 2016         | 127                       | 6          | 111              | 6          | 243                          | 12         | 89           | 5          | 82                       | 5          | 36           | 2          | 9            | 1         | 5             | 0         |
| 2017         | 85                        | 4          | 183              | 11         | 266                          | 13         | 95           | 5          | 26                       | 2          | 9            | 1          | 16           | 1         | 3             | 0         |
| 2018         | 99                        | 5          | 197              | 11         | 252                          | 12         | 205          | 11         | 41                       | 3          | 1            | <1         | 18           | 1         | 6             | 0         |
| 2019         | 104                       | 5          | 220              | 13         | 270                          | 13         | 142          | 7          | 25                       | 2          | 3            | <1         | 2            | <1        | 12            | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>9,474</b>              | <b>480</b> | <b>8,987</b>     | <b>517</b> | <b>9,928</b>                 | <b>471</b> | <b>6,170</b> | <b>317</b> | <b>2,225</b>             | <b>146</b> | <b>2,254</b> | <b>148</b> | <b>1,099</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>1,678</b>  | <b>91</b> |

<sup>1</sup>Estimates for offshore spotted dolphins include mortalities of coastal spotted dolphins

**Table L-2.** Purse-seine a) mortalities and b) interactions reported by onboard observers in numbers of turtles for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019). Purse-seine set types: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Data for 2019 are considered preliminary. **Tabla L-2.** a) Mortalidades e b) interacciones cerqueras reportadas por observadores a bordo, en número de tortugas, para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993–2019). Tipos de lances cerqueros: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Los datos de 2019 se consideran preliminares.

| Year         | <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i> , olive ridley |            |            | <i>Chelonia agassizii</i> , <i>C. mydas</i> , eastern Pacific green |           |          | <i>Caretta caretta</i> , loggerhead |          |          | <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> , hawksbill |          |          | <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> , leatherback |          |          | Unidentified turtles |           |           |
|--------------|---|------------|------------|---|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|---|----------|----------|---|----------|----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|              | Purse seine                                 |            |            | Purse seine   |           |          | Purse seine                         |          |          | Purse seine                               |          |          | Purse seine                               |          |          | Purse seine          |           |           |
|              | OBJ   | NOA        | DEL        | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL      | OBJ                                 | NOA      | DEL      | OBJ                                       | NOA      | DEL      | OBJ                                       | NOA      | DEL      | OBJ                  | NOA       | DEL       |
| 1993         | 23  | 40         | 12         | 2   | 13        | 0        | 0                                   | 2        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 3        | 16                   | 2         |           |
| 1994         | 50  | 15         | 10         | 7   | 9         | 0        | 0                                   | 1        | 0        | 0   | 1        | 0        | 0   | 1        | 0        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 1995         | 66  | 10         | 11         | 10  | 2         | 1        | 0                                   | 1        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 24       | 7                    | 3         |           |
| 1996         | 47  | 6          | 7          | 11  | 1         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 30       | 4                    | 2         |           |
| 1997         | 52  | 14         | 6          | 8   | 3         | 2        | 1                                   | 1        | 1        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 25       | 15                   | 2         |           |
| 1998         | 66  | 19         | 16         | 7   | 1         | 1        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 3   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 26       | 8                    | 6         |           |
| 1999         | 81  | 14         | 8          | 4   | 2         | 2        | 1                                   | 2        | 0        | 1   | 0        | 1        | 0   | 0        | 39       | 4                    | 3         |           |
| 2000         | 45  | 25         | 8          | 6   | 0         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 1   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 17       | 8                    | 2         |           |
| 2001         | 49  | 9          | 3          | 5   | 2         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 1   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 22       | 14                   | 5         |           |
| 2002         | 21  | 3          | 6          | 3   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 6        | 5                    | 2         |           |
| 2003         | 16  | 4          | 3          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 5        | 0                    | 2         |           |
| 2004         | 8   | 3          | 2          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 4        | 1                    | 0         |           |
| 2005         | 7   | 3          | 3          | 1   | 1         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 4        | 4                    | 1         |           |
| 2006         | 8   | 4          | 3          | 2   | 0         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 1        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2007         | 6   | 1          | 2          | 0   | 1         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 1   | 1        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 7        | 0                    | 2         |           |
| 2008         | 4   | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 1        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2009         | 10  | 0          | 2          | 1   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 3        | 1                    | 1         |           |
| 2010         | 4   | 3          | 1          | 0   | 2         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 1   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 3        | 1                    | 1         |           |
| 2011         | 6   | 0          | 1          | 1   | 1         | 0        | 0                                   | 1        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 1                    | 0         |           |
| 2012         | 5   | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 3        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2013         | 6   | 1          | 0          | 1   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 1   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 2        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2014         | 3   | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 1                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 1        | 0   | 0        | 1        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2015         | 2   | 0          | 1          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 3                    | 0         |           |
| 2016         | 4   | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 2        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2017         | 2   | 0          | 1          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2018         | 2   | 0          | 0          | 2   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0                    | 0         |           |
| 2019         | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0        | 0                                   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 0   | 0        | 0        | 1                    | 0         |           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>594</b>                                  | <b>174</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>71</b>   | <b>38</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>10</b>                           | <b>8</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>9</b>                                  | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>262</b>           | <b>95</b> | <b>41</b> |

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|              | <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i> ,<br><i>olive ridley</i> |              |              | <i>Chelonia agassizii</i> ,<br><i>Chelonia mydas</i> ,<br>eastern Pacific green |              |            | <i>Caretta caretta</i> ,<br>loggerhead |            |            | <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ,<br>hawksbill |           |           | <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ,<br>leatherback |           |           | Unidentified turtles |              |              |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|------------|--|------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Purse seine   |              |              | Purse seine   |              |            | Purse seine                            |            |            | Purse seine                                  |           |           | Purse seine                                  |           |           | Purse seine          |              |              |
| Year         | OBJ   | NOA          | DEL          | OBJ   | NOA          | DEL        | OBJ                                    | NOA        | DEL        | OBJ  | NOA       | DEL       | OBJ  | NOA       | DEL       | OBJ                  | NOA          | DEL          |
| 1993         | 254   | 338          | 82           | 59  | 214          | 10         | 3                                      | 26         | 2          | 1  | 1         | 2         | 2  | -         | 3         | 65                   | 78           | 35           |
| 1994         | 412   | 85           | 92           | 123   | 159          | 12         | 7                                      | 7          | 1          | 5  | 2         | 4         | 2  | 2         | -         | 132                  | 25           | 57           |
| 1995         | 487   | 82           | 83           | 173   | 223          | 5          | 9                                      | 24         | 3          | 7  | 2         | -         | -  | -         | -         | 121                  | 46           | 49           |
| 1996         | 484   | 60           | 68           | 135   | 83           | 4          | 12                                     | 18         | 2          | 8  | -         | 5         | 5  | -         | -         | 141                  | 38           | 39           |
| 1997         | 485   | 179          | 87           | 164   | 144          | 14         | 6                                      | 14         | 2          | 4  | 2         | -         | 3  | 1         | 1         | 160                  | 134          | 44           |
| 1998         | 601   | 87           | 155          | 137   | 12           | 19         | 14                                     | 5          | 4          | 6  | -         | 3         | 1  | 2         | 1         | 107                  | 17           | 78           |
| 1999         | 926   | 99           | 131          | 99  | 15           | 8          | 8                                      | 4          | 2          | 3  | 5         | 1         | -  | -         | -         | 174                  | 24           | 64           |
| 2000         | 423   | 197          | 94           | 90  | 17           | 5          | 1                                      | 6          | 1          | 4  | 1         | 3         | 1  | 1         | 1         | 83                   | 53           | 73           |
| 2001         | 738   | 126          | 89           | 137   | 23           | 8          | 9                                      | 1          | 2          | 4  | 1         | 3         | -  | -         | 1         | 189                  | 41           | 95           |
| 2002         | 692   | 93           | 138          | 108   | 11           | 15         | 14                                     | 5          | 8          | 8  | 1         | 2         | 1  | 1         | -         | 172                  | 31           | 80           |
| 2003         | 741   | 143          | 165          | 107   | 25           | 15         | 14                                     | 4          | 6          | 6  | 1         | 6         | -  | 1         | 1         | 164                  | 40           | 77           |
| 2004         | 616   | 107          | 119          | 65  | 38           | 8          | 10                                     | 11         | 13         | 12   | 4         | 3         | 1  | 4         | 4         | 149                  | 26           | 48           |
| 2005         | 603   | 412          | 181          | 102   | 124          | 21         | 5                                      | 15         | 14         | 2  | 2         | 9         | 1  | 1         | 3         | 100                  | 70           | 72           |
| 2006         | 587   | 333          | 137          | 104   | 119          | 23         | 38                                     | 19         | 14         | 12   | 11        | 4         | 1  | 3         | 2         | 183                  | 64           | 77           |
| 2007         | 453   | 492          | 139          | 83  | 55           | 30         | 56                                     | 38         | 12         | 9  | 3         | 2         | 3  | 2         | 2         | 129                  | 240          | 188          |
| 2008         | 405   | 29           | 145          | 54  | 20           | 12         | 46                                     | 5          | 6          | 7  | -         | 11        | 2  | 3         | 2         | 183                  | 18           | 107          |
| 2009         | 472   | 30           | 108          | 56  | 12           | 18         | 31                                     | 5          | 20         | 8  | -         | 6         | 1  | -         | 2         | 151                  | 15           | 94           |
| 2010         | 417   | 121          | 211          | 68  | 16           | 23         | 34                                     | 24         | 22         | 10   | -         | 3         | 3  | -         | -         | 119                  | 23           | 185          |
| 2011         | 497   | 96           | 113          | 70  | 88           | 25         | 29                                     | 45         | 16         | 5  | 5         | 4         | 1  | 1         | 1         | 125                  | 30           | 63           |
| 2012         | 389   | 53           | 87           | 77  | 38           | 5          | 20                                     | 19         | 17         | 5  | -         | 2         | 1  | 1         | -         | 95                   | 19           | 40           |
| 2013         | 409   | 21           | 66           | 58  | 13           | 7          | 24                                     | 9          | 8          | 7  | -         | 2         | 1  | 2         | 2         | 181                  | 14           | 49           |
| 2014         | 307   | 19           | 83           | 69  | 16           | 10         | 26                                     | 1          | 4          | 7  | 1         | 1         | 7  | 1         | 2         | 135                  | 24           | 53           |
| 2015         | 201   | 49           | 76           | 55  | 12           | 21         | 28                                     | 6          | 13         | 3  | 1         | 2         | 4  | 2         | -         | 182                  | 113          | 42           |
| 2016         | 367   | 49           | 113          | 82  | 34           | 17         | 19                                     | 21         | 9          | 15   | 3         | 5         | 2  | 1         | -         | 339                  | 62           | 117          |
| 2017         | 291   | 25           | 71           | 50  | 22           | 34         | 33                                     | 22         | 7          | 9  | 3         | 4         | 2  | 1         | 1         | 280                  | 43           | 83           |
| 2018         | 169   | 5            | 147          | 58  | 25           | 96         | 19                                     | 8          | 4          | 8  | 2         | 1         | 3  | 1         | 1         | 177                  | 22           | 169          |
| 2019         | 210   | 30           | 128          | 87  | 13           | 10         | 15                                     | 46         | 9          | 7  | 2         | -         | -  | -         | -         | 221                  | 153          | 58           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>12,636</b>   | <b>3,360</b> | <b>3,108</b> | <b>2,470</b>  | <b>1,571</b> | <b>475</b> | <b>530</b>                             | <b>408</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>182</b>                                   | <b>53</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>48</b>                                    | <b>31</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>4,257</b>         | <b>1,463</b> | <b>2,136</b> |

**Table L-3.** Estimated purse-seine catches by set type in metric tons (t) of sharks for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) and minimum reported longline (LL) catches of sharks (gross-annual removals in t) (1993–2018, \*data not available). Purse-seine set types: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Species highlighted bold are discussed in main text. Data for 2019 are considered preliminary. “Other sharks” include whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*), basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) and unidentified sharks (Euselachii).

**Tabla L-3.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas de tiburones, por tipo de lance, en toneladas (t) para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993–2019) y capturas palangreras (LL) mínimas reportadas de tiburones (extracciones anuales brutas en t) (1993-2018, \*datos no disponibles). Tipos de lances cerqueros: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las especies en negritas se discuten en el texto principal. Los datos de 2019 se consideran preliminares. “Otros tiburones” incluyen el tiburón ballena (*Rhincodon typus*), el tiburón peregrino (*Cetorhinus maximus*) y tiburones (Euselachii) no identificados.

| Year         | Carcharhinidae                                   |              |              |                |  |            |           |              |  |           |          |                |   |            |            |               |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|--|------------|-----------|--------------|--|-----------|----------|----------------|---|------------|------------|---------------|
|              | <i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> ,<br>silky shark |              |              |                | <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> ,<br>oceanic whitetip |            |           |              | <i>Prionace glauca</i> ,<br>blue shark |           |          |                | Other Carcharhinidae,<br>requiem sharks |            |            |               |
|              | Purse seine                                      |              |              |                | Purse seine  |            |           |              | Purse seine                            |           |          |                | Purse seine                             |            |            |               |
|              | OBJ  | NOA          | DEL          | LL             | OBJ  | NOA        | DEL       | LL           | OBJ                                    | NOA       | DEL      | LL             | OBJ                                     | NOA        | DEL        | LL            |
| 1993         | 447  | 360          | 51           | -              | 44   | 18         | 9         | -            | <1                                     | 2         | <1       | 360            | 2                                       | 5          | 3          | -             |
| 1994         | 439  | 244          | 38           | -              | 119  | 9          | 4         | -            | <1                                     | 1         | <1       | 209            | 24                                      | 14         | 5          | -             |
| 1995         | 471  | 120          | 162          | -              | 200  | 36         | 18        | -            | <1                                     | 5         | <1       | 280            | 4                                       | 2          | 11         | -             |
| 1996         | 442  | 107          | 47           | -              | 209  | 5          | 12        | -            | 2                                      | <1        | <1       | 606            | 12                                      | <1         | 7          | -             |
| 1997         | 843  | 188          | 42           | -              | 236  | 11         | 6         | -            | 2                                      | <1        | <1       | 425            | 18                                      | 3          | 5          | -             |
| 1998         | 710  | 59           | 171          | -              | 211  | 7          | 5         | -            | 1                                      | <1        | <1       | 1,164          | 4                                       | <1         | <1         | -             |
| 1999         | 460  | 100          | 74           | -              | 163  | 7          | 2         | -            | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 2,185          | 9                                       | <1         | <1         | -             |
| 2000         | 308  | 97           | 30           | -              | 98   | 9          | 2         | -            | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 2,112          | 5                                       | <1         | <1         | -             |
| 2001         | 399  | 76           | 53           | -              | 96   | <1         | <1        | -            | 4                                      | <1        | <1       | 2,304          | 9                                       | <1         | -          | -             |
| 2002         | 291  | 142          | 35           | -              | 31   | 6          | <1        | <1           | 1                                      | <1        | <1       | 2,356          | 4                                       | 17         | <1         | -             |
| 2003         | 320  | 102          | 59           | -              | 19   | <1         | <1        | -            | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 2,054          | 7                                       | 6          | <1         | -             |
| 2004         | 247  | 68           | 76           | -              | 9  | <1         | <1        | <1           | <1                                     | <1        | -        | 2,325          | 5                                       | 3          | <1         | -             |
| 2005         | 322  | 41           | 51           | -              | 2  | -          | <1        | -            | <1                                     | <1        | -        | 2,825          | 4                                       | 2          | 3          | -             |
| 2006         | 361  | 46           | 27           | 13,053         | 5  | <1         | <1        | 46           | <1                                     | 1         | <1       | 1,341          | 13                                      | 3          | 8          | 280           |
| 2007         | 316  | 156          | 41           | 12,771         | 2  | -          | <1        | 136          | <1                                     | 1         | -        | 3,169          | 8                                       | 24         | 11         | 419           |
| 2008         | 577  | 27           | 25           | 11,205         | 2  | -          | <1        | 55           | <1                                     | 1         | <1       | 6,838          | 11                                      | <1         | 1          | 741           |
| 2009         | 339  | 31           | 33           | 14,042         | 4  | <1         | <1        | 294          | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 6,678          | 29                                      | 4          | 20         | 431           |
| 2010         | 347  | 66           | 70           | 12,510         | 2  | -          | <1        | 94           | <1                                     | 1         | 1        | 10,130         | 17                                      | 10         | 21         | 4,259         |
| 2011         | 266  | 26           | 55           | 12,866         | 2  | -          | <1        | 63           | <1                                     | <1        | 1        | 13,863         | 20                                      | 6          | 4          | 4,730         |
| 2012         | 200  | 33           | 52           | 10,585         | <1   | <1         | -         | 1            | <1                                     | 2         | <1       | 12,565         | 8                                       | <1         | 1          | 4,082         |
| 2013         | 212  | 55           | 38           | 14,762         | <1   | <1         | -         | 5            | <1                                     | <1        | 1        | 12,237         | 12                                      | 2          | 3          | 753           |
| 2014         | 422  | 68           | 45           | 5,511          | 2  | -          | -         | 25           | 1                                      | <1        | <1       | 10,728         | 13                                      | <1         | 5          | 1,515         |
| 2015         | 540  | 133          | 48           | 5,690          | 3  | <1         | <1        | 647          | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 13,194         | 31                                      | 7          | 2          | 1,901         |
| 2016         | 488  | 36           | 63           | 9,610          | 5  | <1         | <1        | 755          | <1                                     | 2         | 1        | 12,381         | 35                                      | <1         | 3          | 2,755         |
| 2017         | 665  | 12           | 21           | 15,893         | 4  | <1         | <1        | 3            | <1                                     | <1        | -        | 10,931         | 54                                      | <1         | 2          | 2,562         |
| 2018         | 398  | 12           | 16           | 15,072         | 3  | -          | <1        | 19           | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | 12,064         | 28                                      | 3          | 1          | 1,360         |
| 2019         | 392  | 13           | 25           | *              | 5  | <1         | <1        | *            | <1                                     | <1        | <1       | *              | 26                                      | 4          | 6          | *             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11,224</b>                                    | <b>2,420</b> | <b>1,448</b> | <b>153,569</b> | <b>1,478</b>   | <b>111</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>2,143</b> | <b>18</b>                              | <b>23</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>145,326</b> | <b>411</b>                              | <b>123</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>25,789</b> |

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| Year         | Sphyrnidae                                    |           |           |               |   |           |           |            |   |          |          |          |  |            |           |              |
|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|---------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|---|----------|----------|----------|--|------------|-----------|--------------|
|              | <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> ,<br>smooth hammerhead |           |           |               | <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> ,<br>scalloped hammerhead |           |           |            | <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> ,<br>great hammerhead |          |          |          | <i>Sphyrna</i> spp.,<br>hammerheads, nei |            |           |              |
|              | Purse seine                                   |           |           |               | Purse seine                                     |           |           |            | Purse seine                                   |          |          |          | Purse seine                              |            |           |              |
|              | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL            | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL         | OBJ   | NOA      | DEL      | LL       | OBJ                                      | NOA        | DEL       | LL           |
| 1993         | -   | <1        | -         | -             | <1  | 1         | -         | -          | <1  | -        | -        | -        | 41                                       | 17         | 8         | -            |
| 1994         | 1   | 2         | <1        | -             | <1  | 4         | <1        | -          | -   | -        | -        | -        | 102                                      | 24         | 2         | -            |
| 1995         | 2   | 2         | -         | -             | <1  | <1        | <1        | -          | <1  | -        | -        | -        | 71                                       | 15         | 4         | -            |
| 1996         | 4   | 2         | -         | -             | 1   | <1        | -         | -          | <1  | -        | -        | -        | 87                                       | 39         | 5         | -            |
| 1997         | 21  | 2         | <1        | -             | 10  | 3         | <1        | -          | 1   | <1       | <1       | -        | 63                                       | 10         | 3         | -            |
| 1998         | 18  | 5         | 1         | -             | 8   | 9         | <1        | -          | 3   | <1       | 3        | -        | 37                                       | 12         | 5         | -            |
| 1999         | 21  | 3         | <1        | -             | 16  | 3         | 1         | -          | 1   | <1       | <1       | -        | 18                                       | 5          | 3         | -            |
| 2000         | 11  | 4         | <1        | -             | 7   | 15        | 1         | -          | 7   | <1       | <1       | -        | 7  | 2          | 7         | -            |
| 2001         | 24  | 1         | <1        | -             | 12  | 1         | <1        | -          | 5   | -        | <1       | -        | 23                                       | <1         | 1         | -            |
| 2002         | 24  | 3         | 1         | -             | 47  | <1        | 1         | -          | 7   | -        | <1       | -        | 46                                       | 4          | 2         | -            |
| 2003         | 49  | 6         | 1         | -             | 38  | 3         | 3         | -          | 13  | <1       | <1       | -        | 52                                       | 3          | 2         | -            |
| 2004         | 51  | 11        | 3         | -             | 25  | 3         | 2         | -          | 3   | <1       | <1       | -        | 60                                       | 2          | <1        | -            |
| 2005         | 34  | 2         | <1        | -             | 25  | 10        | 3         | -          | 2   | -        | <1       | -        | 19                                       | <1         | <1        | <1           |
| 2006         | 33  | 6         | 2         | 58            | 19  | 3         | 1         | -          | 1   | <1       | <1       | -        | 3  | <1         | <1        | 5            |
| 2007         | 27  | 5         | <1        | 200           | 12  | 3         | 1         | <1         | -   | <1       | <1       | -        | 1  | 1          | <1        | 43           |
| 2008         | 16  | <1        | <1        | 381           | 16  | 11        | <1        | 64         | <1  | -        | <1       | -        | 6  | <1         | 1         | 42           |
| 2009         | 22  | <1        | <1        | 423           | 13  | 2         | 1         | 50         | <1  | -        | -        | -        | 5  | 1          | <1        | 22           |
| 2010         | 28  | 1         | 2         | 508           | 13  | 1         | 1         | 143        | <1  | -        | <1       | -        | 3  | <1         | <1        | 118          |
| 2011         | 49  | 2         | 2         | 443           | 13  | 6         | 2         | 191        | 3   | <1       | <1       | -        | 12                                       | <1         | 1         | 131          |
| 2012         | 32  | 2         | <1        | 118           | 9   | 4         | <1        | 89         | <1  | <1       | <1       | -        | 5  | 2          | 1         | 130          |
| 2013         | 47  | 2         | <1        | 311           | 22  | 2         | <1        | 87         | <1  | <1       | <1       | -        | 9  | 1          | <1        | 296          |
| 2014         | 35  | <1        | <1        | 593           | 23  | 2         | <1        | 5          | 1   | <1       | <1       | -        | 14                                       | <1         | <1        | 208          |
| 2015         | 32  | 1         | <1        | 1,961         | 9   | <1        | <1        | 11         | <1  | <1       | -        | -        | 9  | <1         | <1        | 392          |
| 2016         | 24  | 1         | <1        | 4,052         | 12  | 1         | <1        | 6          | 5   | <1       | -        | -        | 11                                       | 1          | <1        | 338          |
| 2017         | 11  | <1        | <1        | 3,495         | 8   | 3         | <1        | 83         | <1  | <1       | <1       | -        | 6  | <1         | <1        | 197          |
| 2018         | 11  | <1        | <1        | 851           | 7   | <1        | <1        | <1         | <1  | -        | -        | -        | 6  | <1         | <1        | 173          |
| 2019         | 17  | <1        | <1        | *             | 11  | 2         | <1        | *          | 1   | -        | <1       | *        | 5  | <1         | <1        | *            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>645</b>                                    | <b>68</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>13,394</b> | <b>379</b>                                      | <b>96</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>731</b> | <b>59</b>                                     | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>719</b>                               | <b>146</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>2,096</b> |

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| Year         | <i>Alopias pelagicus</i> ,<br>pelagic thresher |           |           |               | <i>Alopias superciliosus</i> ,<br>bigeye thresher |            |           |              | <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> ,<br>thresher shark |           |           |              | <i>Alopias</i> spp.,<br>thresher shark, nei |           |           |              |
|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|---|------------|-----------|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|              | OBJ  | NOA       | DEL       | LL            | OBJ   | NOA        | DEL       | LL           | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL           | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL           |
| 1993         | -  | 2         | <1        | -             | <1  | 2          | 3         | -            | -   | <1        | -         | -            | 2   | 7         | 1         | 14           |
| 1994         | -  | <1        | <1        | -             | -   | 6          | <1        | -            | -   | 3         | <1        | -            | <1  | 11        | 3         | 87           |
| 1995         | <1   | <1        | <1        | -             | <1  | 2          | <1        | -            | <1  | 1         | 1         | -            | 1   | 6         | 3         | 200          |
| 1996         | -  | 1         | -         | -             | <1  | 1          | <1        | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | 2         | 4         | 28           |
| 1997         | <1   | <1        | -         | -             | <1  | 1          | <1        | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | 4         | <1        | 5            |
| 1998         | <1   | 2         | <1        | -             | <1  | 4          | 1         | -            | <1  | 2         | <1        | -            | <1  | 5         | 3         | 5            |
| 1999         | <1   | 4         | 2         | -             | <1  | 1          | 6         | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | 3         | 2         | 5            |
| 2000         | <1   | <1        | <1        | -             | <1  | 8          | 1         | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | <1        | 6         | 64           |
| 2001         | <1   | <1        | <1        | -             | <1  | 4          | 2         | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | 4         | 1         | 172          |
| 2002         | <1   | <1        | <1        | -             | 2   | 8          | 1         | -            | <1  | 2         | <1        | -            | <1  | 6         | 4         | 88           |
| 2003         | 1  | 5         | 3         | -             | <1  | 8          | 6         | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | 4         | 3         | 134          |
| 2004         | 6  | 3         | 2         | -             | <1  | 16         | 1         | -            | <1  | 2         | <1        | -            | <1  | 4         | 2         | 43           |
| 2005         | 1  | 3         | 2         | -             | <1  | 6          | 3         | -            | <1  | 1         | 2         | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | 12           |
| 2006         | 2  | 23        | 2         | -             | <1  | 22         | 3         | 187          | <1  | 7         | <1        | 60           | <1  | 3         | <1        | 8            |
| 2007         | 3  | 3         | 6         | 1,133         | 2   | 3          | 3         | 115          | <1  | <1        | <1        | 35           | <1  | 1         | 1         | 15           |
| 2008         | 1  | 3         | 3         | 4,323         | <1  | 3          | 3         | 240          | <1  | 2         | <1        | 38           | <1  | 1         | 2         | 17           |
| 2009         | <1   | <1        | 1         | 4,909         | <1  | <1         | 2         | 343          | <1  | <1        | <1        | 76           | <1  | <1        | 1         | 4            |
| 2010         | <1   | <1        | 3         | 7,828         | <1  | <1         | 2         | 373          | 1   | <1        | <1        | 34           | <1  | <1        | 1         | 389          |
| 2011         | <1   | 2         | 2         | 7,302         | <1  | 2          | 2         | 458          | <1  | <1        | <1        | 61           | <1  | 1         | <1        | 430          |
| 2012         | <1   | 1         | 2         | 7             | <1  | 1          | 2         | 326          | <1  | <1        | <1        | 86           | <1  | 1         | <1        | 526          |
| 2013         | <1   | <1        | 3         | 46            | <1  | <1         | 2         | 543          | <1  | <1        | <1        | 49           | <1  | <1        | 1         | 109          |
| 2014         | <1   | 1         | 2         | 36            | <1  | 3          | 2         | 636          | <1  | <1        | <1        | -            | <1  | <1        | <1        | 850          |
| 2015         | <1   | 2         | 1         | 463           | <1  | 1          | <1        | 859          | <1  | -         | <1        | 11           | <1  | <1        | <1        | 283          |
| 2016         | <1   | 2         | 3         | 1,045         | <1  | <1         | 4         | 944          | <1  | 1         | <1        | 547          | <1  | <1        | 1         | 96           |
| 2017         | <1   | <1        | <1        | 582           | <1  | <1         | <1        | 1,148        | -   | <1        | <1        | 1,677        | <1  | <1        | <1        | 153          |
| 2018         | <1   | 2         | <1        | 464           | <1  | <1         | <1        | 32           | <1  | <1        | <1        | 1,683        | <1  | <1        | <1        | 39           |
| 2019         | <1   | <1        | <1        | *             | <1  | <1         | <1        | *            | -   | -         | <1        | *            | <1  | <1        | <1        | *            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>22</b>                                      | <b>65</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>28,138</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>108</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>6,203</b> | <b>5</b>                                    | <b>28</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>4,357</b> | <b>14</b>                                   | <b>69</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>3,775</b> |

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| Year         | Lamnidae                        |           |          |               |  |          |          |            | Triakidae                        |          |          |               | Other sharks |            |            |               | All sharks    |              |              |                |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|--|----------|----------|------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|              | <i>Isurus</i> spp., mako sharks |           |          |               | Lamnidae spp., mackerel sharks, porbeagles nei |          |          |            | Triakidae spp., houndsharks, nei |          |          |               |              |            |            |               |               |              |              |                |
|              | Purse seine                     |           |          |               | Purse seine                                    |          |          |            | Purse seine                      |          |          |               | Purse seine  |            |            |               |               |              |              |                |
|              | OBJ                             | NOA       | DEL      | LL            | OBJ  | NOA      | DEL      | LL         | OBJ                              | NOA      | DEL      | LL            | OBJ          | NOA        | DEL        | LL            | OBJ           | NOA          | DEL          | LL             |
| 1993         | <1                              | 2         | <1       | 383           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 84           | 19         | 14         | 271           | 623           | 437          | 90           | 1,028          |
| 1994         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 156           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 69           | 47         | 7          | 782           | 759           | 367          | 62           | 1,234          |
| 1995         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 216           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 103          | 29         | 13         | 226           | 856           | 220          | 213          | 922            |
| 1996         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 318           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 69           | 41         | 34         | 168           | 830           | 202          | 110          | 1,120          |
| 1997         | 2                               | 1         | -        | 361           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 88           | 4          | 2          | 166           | 1,287         | 230          | 62           | 956            |
| 1998         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 693           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 90           | 10         | 6          | 237           | 1,085         | 116          | 198          | 2,099          |
| 1999         | <1                              | <1        | <1       | 460           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 50           | 12         | 4          | 3,347         | 739           | 140          | 97           | 5,997          |
| 2000         | 2                               | <1        | -        | 502           | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 21           | 67         | 178        | 5,740         | 466           | 207          | 227          | 8,418          |
| 2001         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 1,168         | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 29           | 4          | 2          | 8,896         | 605           | 94           | 62           | 12,540         |
| 2002         | 4                               | <1        | <1       | 1,131         | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | 1,484    | -             | 40           | 11         | 3          | 7,339         | 497           | 201          | 51           | 12,398         |
| 2003         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 1,156         | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | 1,287    | -             | 12           | 37         | 4          | 9,866         | 516           | 177          | 83           | 14,498         |
| 2004         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 1,374         | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | 846      | -             | 36           | 10         | 5          | 6,684         | 446           | 125          | 95           | 11,273         |
| 2005         | 1                               | 2         | <1       | 1,367         | -  | -        | -        | -          | -                                | -        | 838      | -             | 5            | 1          | 1          | 7,075         | 417           | 71           | 67           | 12,117         |
| 2006         | 2                               | 4         | <1       | 95            | -  | -        | -        | 2          | -                                | -        | 674      | -             | 8            | <1         | <1         | 4,770         | 449           | 118          | 46           | 20,579         |
| 2007         | 2                               | 2         | -        | 181           | -  | -        | -        | 1          | -                                | -        | 996      | -             | 5            | 3          | 1          | 5,786         | 380           | 203          | 67           | 25,000         |
| 2008         | <1                              | 2         | <1       | 707           | -  | -        | -        | 1          | -                                | -        | 1,398    | -             | 12           | <1         | 2          | 4,091         | 644           | 52           | 40           | 30,141         |
| 2009         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 534           | -  | -        | -        | 7          | -                                | -        | 695      | -             | 19           | 3          | 1          | 2,478         | 434           | 46           | 63           | 30,988         |
| 2010         | 3                               | <1        | <1       | 1,901         | -  | -        | -        | <1         | -                                | -        | <1       | -             | 17           | 4          | 2          | 2,246         | 433           | 87           | 104          | 40,533         |
| 2011         | 3                               | 2         | <1       | 2,802         | -  | -        | -        | 26         | -                                | -        | 7        | -             | 30           | <1         | <1         | 2,074         | 401           | 51           | 72           | 45,449         |
| 2012         | 2                               | 2         | <1       | 2,120         | -  | -        | -        | 12         | -                                | -        | -        | -             | 10           | <1         | <1         | 1,242         | 272           | 50           | 62           | 31,889         |
| 2013         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 2,121         | -  | -        | -        | 44         | -                                | -        | 211      | -             | 45           | 2          | <1         | 1,517         | 351           | 67           | 49           | 33,090         |
| 2014         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 2,775         | -  | -        | -        | 51         | -                                | -        | 4,067    | -             | 24           | <1         | <1         | 2,075         | 540           | 78           | 56           | 29,076         |
| 2015         | <1                              | <1        | <1       | 3,118         | -  | -        | -        | 79         | -                                | -        | 621      | -             | 18           | 3          | 3          | 10,593        | 645           | 151          | 58           | 39,821         |
| 2016         | 1                               | <1        | <1       | 2,475         | -  | -        | -        | 91         | -                                | -        | 538      | -             | 19           | 3          | <1         | 2,245         | 602           | 50           | 78           | 37,877         |
| 2017         | <1                              | <1        | -        | 3,107         | -  | -        | -        | 95         | -                                | -        | 986      | -             | 16           | 1          | <1         | 1,263         | 766           | 21           | 27           | 42,174         |
| 2018         | 2                               | <1        | <1       | 2,882         | -  | -        | -        | 86         | -                                | -        | 729      | -             | 5            | <1         | <1         | 1,157         | 460           | 21           | 20           | 36,612         |
| 2019         | <1                              | <1        | <1       | *             | -  | -        | -        | *          | -                                | -        | *        | -             | 6            | <1         | <1         | *             | 465           | 23           | 34           | *              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>44</b>                       | <b>26</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>34,103</b> | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>496</b> | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>15,378</b> | <b>931</b>   | <b>316</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>92,333</b> | <b>15,965</b> | <b>3,603</b> | <b>2,194</b> | <b>527,829</b> |

**Table L-4.** Estimated purse-seine catches by set type in metric tons (t) of rays for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) and minimum reported longline (LL) catches of rays (gross-annual removals in t) (1993–2018, \*data not available). Purse-seine set types: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Species highlighted bold are discussed in main text. Data for 2019 are considered preliminary. “Other rays” include Chilean torpedo (*Torpedo tremens*), Pacific cownose (*Rhinoptera steindachneri*), and unidentified eagle rays (Myliobatidae).

**Tabla L-4.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas de rayas, por tipo de lance, en toneladas (t) para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993–2019) y capturas palangreras (LL) mínimas reportadas de rayas (extracciones anuales brutas en t) (1993–2018, \*datos no disponibles). Tipos de lances cerqueros: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las especies en negritas se discuten en el texto principal. Los datos de 2019 se consideran preliminares. “Otras rayas” incluyen la raya temblara (*Torpedo tremens*), raya gavián dorado (*Rhinoptera steindachneri*), y águilas de mar (Myliobatidae) no identificadas.

| Year         | Mobulidae                                     |            |           |    |  |            |            |    |  |           |          |            |   |           |           |    |  |            |            |    |
|--------------|---|------------|-----------|----|--|------------|------------|----|--|-----------|----------|------------|---|-----------|-----------|----|--|------------|------------|----|
|              | <i>Mobula thurstoni</i> ,<br>smoothtail manta |            |           |    | <i>Mobula mobular</i> ,<br>spinetail manta |            |            |    | <i>Mobula munkiana</i> ,<br>munk's devil ray |           |          |            | <i>Mobula tarapacana</i> ,<br>chilean devil ray |           |           |    | <i>Mobula birostris</i> ,<br>giant manta |            |            |    |
|              | Purse seine                                   |            |           |    | Purse seine                                |            |            |    | Purse seine                                  |           |          |            | Purse seine                                     |           |           |    | Purse seine                              |            |            |    |
|              | OBJ   | NOA        | DEL       | LL | OBJ  | NOA        | DEL        | LL | OBJ  | NOA       | DEL      | LL         | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL | OBJ                                      | NOA        | DEL        | LL |
| 1993         | -   | -          | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  |
| 1994         | -   | <1         | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | <1                                       | -          | -          | -  |
| 1995         | -   | -          | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | -  | <1         | -          | -  |
| 1996         | -   | -          | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  |
| 1997         | -   | -          | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | -  | <1         | -          | -  |
| 1998         | -   | <1         | -         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | 3  | 19         | <1         | -  |
| 1999         | -   | <1         | <1        | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | 5  | 10         | <1         | -  |
| 2000         | 1   | 4          | 3         | -  | -  | -          | -          | -  | -  | -         | -        | -          | -   | -         | -         | -  | <1                                       | 5          | <1         | -  |
| 2001         | <1  | 7          | 2         | -  | <1   | <1         | 1          | -  | -  | -         | <1       | -          | <1  | -         | -         | -  | 1  | 3          | <1         | -  |
| 2002         | <1  | 17         | 2         | -  | <1   | <1         | 7          | -  | <1   | <1        | <1       | -          | <1  | 1         | <1        | -  | 1  | 4          | 1          | -  |
| 2003         | <1  | 25         | 5         | -  | <1   | 4          | <1         | -  | <1   | <1        | <1       | -          | -   | -         | <1        | -  | <1                                       | 6          | <1         | -  |
| 2004         | <1  | 15         | 3         | -  | <1   | 2          | 4          | -  | -  | <1        | <1       | -          | <1  | 2         | <1        | -  | 1  | 3          | 4          | -  |
| 2005         | <1  | 3          | 6         | -  | 1  | 9          | 8          | -  | -  | <1        | <1       | -          | <1  | 4         | 7         | -  | 3  | 14         | 21         | -  |
| 2006         | <1  | 18         | 2         | -  | 2  | 36         | 14         | -  | -  | 2         | <1       | -          | <1  | 6         | 3         | -  | 10                                       | 16         | 128        | -  |
| 2007         | <1  | 2          | 4         | -  | 3  | 12         | 11         | -  | <1   | <1        | <1       | -          | 2   | 4         | 2         | -  | <1                                       | 11         | 4          | -  |
| 2008         | <1  | 5          | 2         | -  | 2  | 18         | 5          | -  | <1   | 3         | <1       | -          | <1  | 24        | 3         | -  | 2  | 32         | 10         | -  |
| 2009         | <1  | 1          | 3         | -  | 1  | 4          | 20         | -  | <1   | 1         | <1       | 6          | <1  | <1        | 8         | -  | <1                                       | 5          | 3          | -  |
| 2010         | 2   | 5          | 5         | -  | 2  | 26         | 25         | -  | <1   | 1         | <1       | 118        | <1  | 1         | 8         | -  | 1  | 29         | <1         | -  |
| 2011         | <1  | 14         | <1        | -  | 1  | 5          | 10         | -  | <1   | 1         | <1       | -          | <1  | 3         | 7         | -  | 3  | 4          | <1         | -  |
| 2012         | <1  | 38         | 1         | -  | 4  | 20         | 3          | -  | <1   | 1         | <1       | -          | <1  | 7         | 1         | -  | 3  | 24         | 7          | -  |
| 2013         | <1  | 6          | 2         | -  | 1  | 9          | 5          | -  | <1   | 1         | <1       | -          | <1  | 3         | 1         | -  | <1                                       | 10         | 13         | -  |
| 2014         | <1  | <1         | 3         | -  | 16   | 6          | 5          | -  | <1   | <1        | <1       | -          | <1  | <1        | <1        | -  | <1                                       | 4          | -          | -  |
| 2015         | <1  | 2          | 3         | -  | 3  | 1          | 24         | -  | <1   | <1        | 1        | -          | 1   | 2         | 6         | -  | <1                                       | 10         | <1         | -  |
| 2016         | <1  | <1         | 5         | -  | <1   | 2          | 9          | -  | <1   | 2         | 2        | -          | 1   | 2         | 2         | -  | 4  | 18         | 2          | -  |
| 2017         | <1  | <1         | 1         | -  | 3  | 1          | 1          | -  | <1   | <1        | <1       | -          | <1  | -         | <1        | -  | 5  | 33         | <1         | -  |
| 2018         | <1  | 1          | <1        | -  | 3  | 4          | 4          | -  | <1   | -         | <1       | -          | 1   | <1        | <1        | -  | 5  | 4          | <1         | -  |
| 2019         | <1  | 5          | <1        | -  | 2  | 12         | 4          | -  | <1   | -         | <1       | -          | 3   | <1        | 1         | -  | <1                                       | 5          | 3          | -  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11</b>                                     | <b>172</b> | <b>53</b> | -  | <b>45</b>                                  | <b>170</b> | <b>160</b> | -  | <b>2</b>                                     | <b>15</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>16</b>                                       | <b>64</b> | <b>53</b> | -  | <b>51</b>                                | <b>272</b> | <b>201</b> | -  |

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| Year         | Mobulidae                            |              |            |          | Dasyatidae   |           |           |          |                                    |           |          |           | Other rays  |           |          |          | All rays   |              |            |            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|              | Mobulidae spp.,<br>mobulid rays, nei |              |            |          | <i>Pteroplatytrygon violacea</i> ,<br>pelagic stingray |           |           |          | Dasyatidae spp.,<br>stingrays, nei |           |          |           |             |           |          |          |            |              |            |            |
|              | Purse seine                          |              |            |          | Purse seine  |           |           |          | Purse seine                        |           |          |           | Purse seine |           |          |          |            |              |            |            |
|              | OBJ                                  | NOA          | DEL        | LL       | OBJ  | NOA       | DEL       | LL       | OBJ                                | NOA       | DEL      | LL        | OBJ         | NOA       | DEL      | LL       | OBJ        | NOA          | DEL        | LL         |
| 1993         | 9                                    | 213          | 27         | -        | <1   | 5         | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 9          | 219          | 27         | -          |
| 1994         | 3                                    | 73           | 19         | -        | <1   | 4         | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 3          | 77           | 20         | -          |
| 1995         | 3                                    | 29           | 30         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 3          | 30           | 30         | -          |
| 1996         | 4                                    | 73           | 16         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 4          | 74           | 16         | -          |
| 1997         | 5                                    | 41           | 17         | -        | <1   | <1        | 3         | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 5          | 42           | 20         | -          |
| 1998         | 5                                    | 228          | 18         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | -                                  | 3         | -        | -         | <1          | <1        | -        | -        | 7          | 251          | 20         | -          |
| 1999         | 8                                    | 84           | 16         | -        | <1   | 1         | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 13         | 96           | 17         | -          |
| 2000         | 2                                    | 94           | 23         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 4          | 104          | 27         | -          |
| 2001         | 3                                    | 20           | 23         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 5          | 30           | 27         | -          |
| 2002         | 2                                    | 69           | 37         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 6          | 92           | 48         | -          |
| 2003         | 9                                    | 61           | 37         | -        | <1   | 25        | <1        | -        | -                                  | -         | -        | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 11         | 121          | 44         | -          |
| 2004         | 4                                    | 46           | 19         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | 5         | <1       | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 6          | 75           | 31         | -          |
| 2005         | 2                                    | 19           | 11         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | 31        | -        | -        | 8          | 80           | 53         | -          |
| 2006         | 3                                    | 23           | 14         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | 12        | <1       | -         | -           | -         | 3        | -        | 16         | 115          | 166        | -          |
| 2007         | 2                                    | 12           | 12         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | 3         | <1       | 2         | -           | <1        | -        | -        | 8          | 44           | 35         | 2          |
| 2008         | 3                                    | 10           | 5          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | 2         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 8          | 93           | 27         | 2          |
| 2009         | 2                                    | 7            | 15         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | 1        | 8         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 6          | 19           | 50         | 13         |
| 2010         | 7                                    | 20           | 17         | -        | <1   | <1        | 2         | -        | <1                                 | -         | <1       | 3         | -           | 20        | -        | -        | 13         | 103          | 58         | 121        |
| 2011         | 1                                    | 11           | 5          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | <1        | -           | <1        | -        | -        | 7          | 40           | 25         | <1         |
| 2012         | 1                                    | 10           | 3          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | <1          | <1        | <1       | -        | 9          | 100          | 16         | -          |
| 2013         | <1                                   | 6            | 6          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | -         | 1        | -        | 5          | 36           | 28         | -          |
| 2014         | 1                                    | 4            | 1          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 20         | 17           | 11         | -          |
| 2015         | 1                                    | 4            | 9          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | 1        | 1         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 7          | 20           | 46         | 1          |
| 2016         | 3                                    | 12           | 11         | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | -         | <1       | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 10         | 37           | 32         | -          |
| 2017         | 7                                    | 20           | 6          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | -         | <1       | -        | 18         | 56           | 11         | -          |
| 2018         | 6                                    | 5            | 6          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | -         | -        | -        | 17         | 15           | 12         | -          |
| 2019         | 4                                    | 16           | 8          | -        | <1   | <1        | <1        | -        | <1                                 | <1        | <1       | -         | -           | <1        | <1       | -        | 11         | 40           | 18         | -          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100</b>                           | <b>1,210</b> | <b>411</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>41</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3</b>                           | <b>27</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>52</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>238</b> | <b>2,024</b> | <b>914</b> | <b>140</b> |

**Table L-5.** Estimated purse-seine catches by set type in metric tons (t) of large fishes for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) and minimum reported longline (LL) catches of large fishes (gross-annual removals in t) (1993–2018, \*data not available). Purse-seine set types: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Species highlighted bold are discussed in main text. Data for 2019 are considered preliminary. “Other large fishes” include unidentified mackerels (Scombridae), luvar (*Luvarus imperialis*), and large fishes nei (not elsewhere identified).

**Tabla L-5.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas de peces grandes, por tipo de lance, en toneladas (t) para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993–2019) y capturas palangreras (LL) mínimas reportadas de peces grandes (extracciones anuales brutas en t) (1993-2018, \*datos no disponibles). Tipos de lances cerqueros: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las especies en negritas se discuten en el texto principal. Los datos de 2019 se consideran preliminares. “Otros peces grandes” incluyen caballas (Scombridae) no identificadas, pez emperador (*Luvarus imperialis*), y peces grandes nep (no identificados en otra parte).

| Year         | <b>Coryphaenidae</b>              |            |           |                | <b>Scombridae</b>                    |           |           |              | <b>Carangidae</b>                           |           |              |          |                                      |            |              |          |   |            |          |          |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|---|------------|----------|----------|
|              | <b>Coryphaenidae spp., dorado</b> |            |           |                | <b>Acanthocybium solandri, wahoo</b> |           |           |              | <b>Elagatis bipinnulata, rainbow runner</b> |           |              |          | <b>Seriola spp., amberjacks, nei</b> |            |              |          | <b>Caranx spp., jacks, crevalles, nei</b> |            |          |          |
|              | Purse seine                       |            |           |                | Purse seine                          |           |           |              | Purse seine                                 |           |              |          | Purse seine                          |            |              |          | Purse seine                               |            |          |          |
|              | OBJ                               | NOA        | DEL       | LL             | OBJ                                  | NOA       | DEL       | LL           | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL          | LL       | OBJ                                  | NOA        | DEL          | LL       | OBJ                                       | NOA        | DEL      | LL       |
| 1993         | 702                               | 14         | <1        | 17             | 152                                  | 11        | <1        | 2            | 16  | <1        | <1           | -        | -                                    | -          | -            | -        | -   | -          | -        | -        |
| 1994         | 1,221                             | 20         | <1        | 46             | 472                                  | 1         | 1         | <1           | 14  | <1        | <1           | -        | <1                                   | -          | -            | -        | -   | -          | -        | -        |
| 1995         | 1,071                             | 22         | 3         | 39             | 379                                  | <1        | <1        | 1            | 11  | <1        | <1           | -        | <1                                   | <1         | -            | -        | -   | -          | -        | -        |
| 1996         | 1,312                             | 18         | <1        | 43             | 271                                  | <1        | <1        | 1            | 28  | 3         | <1           | -        | 4                                    | -          | -            | -        | -   | -          | -        | -        |
| 1997         | 1,225                             | 12         | <1        | 6,866          | 475                                  | 3         | 1         | <1           | 60  | 2         | <1           | -        | 1                                    | -          | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 1998         | 816                               | 18         | <1        | 2,528          | 396                                  | <1        | 4         | 2            | 93  | <1        | <1           | -        | 4                                    | -          | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 1999         | 1,238                             | 4          | <1        | 6,283          | 161                                  | <1        | <1        | 2            | 110   | <1        | <1           | -        | <1                                   | -          | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 2000         | 1,437                             | 51         | 2         | 3,537          | 277                                  | 2         | <1        | 2            | 53  | 5         | <1           | -        | <1                                   | -          | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 2001         | 2,202                             | 17         | 3         | 15,942         | 1,023                                | 2         | <1        | 6            | 90  | <1        | <1           | -        | 1                                    | -          | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 2002         | 1,815                             | 8          | <1        | 9,464          | 571                                  | <1        | <1        | 18           | 94  | 1         | <1           | -        | <1                                   | <1         | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 2003         | 894                               | 11         | 1         | 5,301          | 428                                  | <1        | <1        | 164          | 108   | 2         | -            | -        | 1                                    | <1         | -            | -        | <1  | -          | -        | -        |
| 2004         | 1,018                             | 17         | 1         | 3,986          | 380                                  | <1        | <1        | 155          | 62  | <1        | -            | -        | 56                                   | 9          | <1           | 1        | 2   | <1         | -        | -        |
| 2005         | 972                               | 75         | 1         | 3,854          | 420                                  | <1        | <1        | 155          | 66  | <1        | <1           | -        | 26                                   | 2          | <1           | -        | 2   | 1          | -        | -        |
| 2006         | 1,197                             | 58         | <1        | 3,408          | 424                                  | 1         | <1        | 167          | 73  | <1        | <1           | -        | 53                                   | 8          | <1           | -        | 10  | 220        | <1       | -        |
| 2007         | 1,235                             | 47         | 1         | 6,907          | 421                                  | 2         | <1        | 221          | 157   | <1        | -            | -        | 18                                   | 80         | <1           | -        | 1   | 11         | -        | -        |
| 2008         | 1,112                             | 17         | 2         | 15,845         | 249                                  | 1         | <1        | 213          | 40  | <1        | <1           | -        | 27                                   | <1         | -            | -        | 17  | 18         | -        | -        |
| 2009         | 1,722                             | 7          | <1        | 17,136         | 547                                  | <1        | <1        | 336          | 28  | <1        | <1           | -        | 13                                   | <1         | -            | -        | 11  | 8          | -        | -        |
| 2010         | 912                               | 3          | <1        | 9,484          | 373                                  | 1         | <1        | 284          | 17  | <1        | <1           | -        | 3                                    | 23         | -            | -        | 1   | 48         | -        | -        |
| 2011         | 1,410                             | 7          | <1        | 12,438         | 169                                  | 2         | <1        | 242          | 22  | <1        | -            | -        | 7                                    | 33         | -            | <1       | 4   | 14         | -        | 1        |
| 2012         | 1,705                             | 18         | <1        | 17,255         | 313                                  | <1        | <1        | 230          | 13  | 1         | -            | -        | 10                                   | 7          | -            | -        | 2   | 15         | <1       | -        |
| 2013         | 1,455                             | 7          | <1        | 11,249         | 518                                  | 1         | <1        | 291          | 19  | <1        | -            | -        | 6                                    | <1         | <1           | -        | 4   | 2          | <1       | -        |
| 2014         | 1,777                             | 9          | <1        | 3,340          | 517                                  | 2         | <1        | 287          | 15  | <1        | <1           | -        | 6                                    | 2          | -            | -        | 3   | <1         | <1       | -        |
| 2015         | 1,167                             | 8          | <1        | 1,201          | 357                                  | 1         | <1        | 291          | 15  | <1        | -            | -        | 6                                    | <1         | -            | -        | 9   | 8          | <1       | -        |
| 2016         | 949                               | 7          | <1        | 447            | 318                                  | 2         | <1        | 321          | 26  | <1        | <1           | -        | 12                                   | <1         | <1           | -        | 4   | <1         | 8        | -        |
| 2017         | 1,555                             | 11         | <1        | 1,804          | 335                                  | <1        | <1        | 318          | 18  | <1        | <1           | -        | 12                                   | 5          | <1           | -        | 4   | 12         | -        | -        |
| 2018         | 1,483                             | 5          | 5         | 3,499          | 230                                  | <1        | <1        | 313          | 20  | <1        | -            | -        | 62                                   | <1         | -            | -        | 9   | <1         | -        | -        |
| 2019         | 1,207                             | 29         | <1        | *              | 201                                  | <1        | <1        | *            | 21  | <1        | <1           | *        | 12                                   | 4          | <1           | *        | 5   | <1         | -        | *        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>34,811</b>                     | <b>521</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>161,918</b> | <b>10,379</b>                        | <b>41</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>4,023</b> | <b>1,289</b>                                | <b>19</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>344</b>                           | <b>174</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>89</b>                                 | <b>359</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> |

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| Year         | Carangidae   |            |          |            | Molidae                             |            |           |            | Lobotidae                                   |              |              |          | Sphyraenidae                             |           |              |          | Lampridae                      |              |              |              |
|--------------|--|------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---|--------------|--------------|----------|--|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | <i>Seriola, Caranx spp.,<br/>amberjacks, jacks, crevalles,<br/>nei</i> |            |          |            | <i>Molidae spp.,<br/>molas, nep</i> |            |           |            | <i>Lobotes surinamensis,<br/>tripletail</i> |              |              |          | <i>Sphyraenidae spp.,<br/>barracudas</i> |           |              |          | <i>Lampris spp.,<br/>opahs</i> |              |              |              |
|              | Purse seine  |            |          |            | Purse seine                         |            |           |            | Purse seine                                 |              |              |          | Purse seine                              |           |              |          | Purse seine                    |              |              |              |
|              | OBJ  | NOA        | DEL      | LL         | OBJ                                 | NOA        | DEL       | LL         | OBJ   | NOA          | DEL          | LL       | OBJ                                      | NOA       | DEL          | LL       | OBJ                            | NOA          | DEL          | LL           |
| 1993         | 13   | 35         | <1       | -          | -                                   | 20         | <1        | -          | <1  | <1           | -            | -        | -  | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 1            |
| 1994         | 19   | 6          | <1       | -          | 1                                   | 3          | 2         | -          | <1  | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | 34        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 23           |
| 1995         | 17   | 19         | -        | -          | 2                                   | 4          | <1        | -          | <1  | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | 3         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 33           |
| 1996         | 29   | 153        | -        | -          | 5                                   | 6          | <1        | -          | <1  | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 33           |
| 1997         | 68   | 16         | 3        | -          | 5                                   | 4          | 3         | -          | 1   | <1           | <1           | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 40           |
| 1998         | 72   | 7          | <1       | -          | 2                                   | 2          | 1         | -          | 16  | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 54           |
| 1999         | 52   | 46         | -        | -          | 2                                   | 5          | 1         | -          | 8   | <1           | -            | -        | -  | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 68           |
| 2000         | 29   | 19         | <1       | 4          | 2                                   | 4          | 1         | -          | 4   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | <1           | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 88           |
| 2001         | 70   | <1         | <1       | 18         | 6                                   | 2          | 1         | -          | <1  | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 73           |
| 2002         | 26   | 9          | <1       | 15         | 6                                   | 2          | 1         | -          | 3   | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 6            |
| 2003         | 43   | <1         | <1       | 54         | <1                                  | 4          | <1        | -          | 3   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 132          |
| 2004         | 8  | 7          | <1       | -          | 6                                   | <1         | 1         | -          | 1   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 139          |
| 2005         | 1  | <1         | -        | -          | 2                                   | 9          | 2         | -          | 7   | <1           | <1           | -        | <1                                       | -         | <1           | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 159          |
| 2006         | 29   | -          | -        | -          | 26                                  | 14         | 2         | -          | 9   | <1           | <1           | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 109          |
| 2007         | 2  | 2          | -        | 6          | 9                                   | 8          | 2         | -          | 3   | <1           | <1           | -        | <1                                       | 1         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 370          |
| 2008         | 4  | -          | -        | 5          | 9                                   | 6          | 4         | -          | 2   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | <1           | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 308          |
| 2009         | 3  | <1         | <1       | 10         | 6                                   | 5          | 1         | -          | 7   | <1           | <1           | -        | 1  | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 488          |
| 2010         | <1   | 4          | -        | 8          | 9                                   | 44         | 1         | -          | <1  | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | <1           | -        | -                              | <1           | -            | 539          |
| 2011         | <1   | 4          | -        | 7          | 4                                   | 113        | <1        | -          | 3   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | 2         | <1           | 8        | -                              | -            | -            | 539          |
| 2012         | 7  | 1          | -        | 1          | 9                                   | 12         | <1        | -          | 3   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | <1           | -            | 425          |
| 2013         | 2  | <1         | -        | <1         | 9                                   | 28         | 2         | -          | 2   | -            | <1           | -        | <1                                       | -         | <1           | -        | -                              | <1           | -            | 648          |
| 2014         | 2  | 2          | -        | 11         | 3                                   | 9          | 1         | -          | 2   | -            | <1           | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | <1           | -            | 818          |
| 2015         | 2  | -          | <1       | 11         | 6                                   | 12         | 1         | 87         | 2   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 1,057        |
| 2016         | 7  | 5          | <1       | 11         | 10                                  | 7          | <1        | 275        | 2   | -            | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 741          |
| 2017         | 4  | 4          | -        | -          | 8                                   | 4          | <1        | <1         | 5   | -            | <1           | -        | <1                                       | -         | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 826          |
| 2018         | 2  | -          | -        | -          | 5                                   | 2          | <1        | -          | 3   | <1           | -            | -        | <1                                       | <1        | -            | -        | -                              | -            | -            | 1,024        |
| 2019         | 3  | <1         | -        | *          | 2                                   | 6          | <1        | *          | 2   | -            | <1           | *        | <1                                       | -         | -            | *        | -                              | -            | <1           | *            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>516</b>   | <b>339</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>162</b> | <b>156</b>                          | <b>334</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>362</b> | <b>91</b>                                   | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>9</b>                                 | <b>41</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>-</b>                       | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>8,740</b> |

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| Year         | Gempylidae                               |          |          |              | Bramidae                        |              |          |              | Other large fishes |            |          |            | Unidentified fishes |           |           |               | All fishes    |              |            |                |
|--------------|--|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
|              | Gempylidae spp.,<br>snake mackerels, nei |          |          |              | Bramidae spp.,<br>pomfrets, nei |              |          |              |                    |            |          |            |                     |           |           |               |               |              |            |                |
|              | Purse seine                              |          |          |              | Purse seine                     |              |          |              | Purse seine        |            |          |            | Purse seine         |           |           |               |               |              |            |                |
|              | OBJ                                      | NOA      | DEL      | LL           | OBJ                             | NOA          | DEL      | LL           | OBJ                | NOA        | DEL      | LL         | OBJ                 | NOA       | DEL       | LL            | OBJ           | NOA          | DEL        | LL             |
| 1993         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | <1           | 3                  | <1         | <1       | -          | <1                  | -         | <1        | 183           | 887           | 79           | 1          | 203            |
| 1994         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 2            | 3                  | 87         | <1       | -          | <1                  | <1        | 12        | 250           | 1,731         | 152          | 16         | 321            |
| 1995         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 2            | <1                 | 3          | <1       | -          | 3                   | 1         | <1        | 209           | 1,485         | 53           | 4          | 285            |
| 1996         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 2            | 3                  | 125        | <1       | -          | 3                   | <1        | <1        | 456           | 1,655         | 306          | 1          | 535            |
| 1997         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 6            | 7                  | 5          | <1       | -          | 7                   | 2         | -         | 847           | 1,850         | 44           | 7          | 7,760          |
| 1998         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 9            | 13                 | 10         | <1       | -          | 7                   | <1        | <1        | 1,338         | 1,420         | 38           | 7          | 3,931          |
| 1999         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 3            | 4                  | 54         | <1       | -          | 22                  | 4         | <1        | 974           | 1,599         | 114          | 2          | 7,330          |
| 2000         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 4            | 1                  | 1          | -        | -          | 1                   | <1        | <1        | 1,485         | 1,804         | 82           | 4          | 5,119          |
| 2001         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 5            | 2                  | 9          | <1       | -          | 3                   | <1        | <1        | 1,720         | 3,398         | 30           | 4          | 17,763         |
| 2002         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | <1           | 2                  | <1         | <1       | -          | 2                   | 6         | <1        | 1,895         | 2,521         | 27           | 2          | 11,399         |
| 2003         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | -            | 4                  | <1         | -        | -          | 2                   | 2         | -         | 4,386         | 1,484         | 19           | 2          | 10,037         |
| 2004         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | -            | 4                  | <1         | <1       | -          | 10                  | <1        | <1        | 377           | 1,548         | 35           | 3          | 4,658          |
| 2005         | -  | -        | -        | -            | -                               | -            | -        | 18           | <1                 | <1         | <1       | -          | 3                   | <1        | <1        | 303           | 1,501         | 89           | 3          | 4,489          |
| 2006         | -  | -        | -        | 18           | -                               | <1           | -        | 17           | <1                 | <1         | <1       | 7          | 3                   | <1        | <1        | 285           | 1,824         | 302          | 3          | 4,011          |
| 2007         | -  | -        | -        | 65           | -                               | -            | -        | 57           | 1                  | <1         | <1       | 5          | 1                   | 5         | <1        | 1,763         | 1,849         | 158          | 4          | 9,394          |
| 2008         | -  | -        | -        | 144          | -                               | -            | -        | 68           | 1                  | <1         | <1       | -          | <1                  | <1        | <1        | 793           | 1,462         | 44           | 6          | 17,375         |
| 2009         | -  | -        | -        | 412          | -                               | -            | -        | 56           | 1                  | <1         | <1       | 67         | 2                   | -         | <1        | 1,077         | 2,343         | 21           | 2          | 19,581         |
| 2010         | -  | -        | -        | 575          | -                               | -            | -        | 64           | <1                 | -          | <1       | -          | <1                  | <1        | -         | 879           | 1,318         | 122          | 2          | 11,833         |
| 2011         | -  | -        | -        | 506          | -                               | <1           | -        | 50           | <1                 | <1         | -        | 15         | <1                  | -         | <1        | 612           | 1,621         | 175          | -          | 14,418         |
| 2012         | -  | -        | -        | 661          | -                               | -            | -        | 61           | <1                 | 2          | <1       | 23         | 1                   | <1        | -         | 1,293         | 2,065         | 57           | 1          | 19,949         |
| 2013         | -  | -        | -        | 574          | -                               | -            | -        | 134          | <1                 | <1         | <1       | 36         | <1                  | <1        | -         | 1,112         | 2,016         | 40           | 3          | 14,045         |
| 2014         | -  | -        | -        | 431          | -                               | -            | -        | 138          | <1                 | <1         | -        | 77         | <1                  | -         | -         | 1,013         | 2,327         | 25           | 2          | 6,114          |
| 2015         | -  | -        | -        | 322          | <1                              | -            | -        | 172          | <1                 | <1         | -        | 7          | 2                   | <1        | -         | 1,367         | 1,568         | 30           | 2          | 4,516          |
| 2016         | <1                                       | -        | -        | 730          | -                               | -            | -        | 108          | <1                 | <1         | <1       | 100        | <1                  | 1         | -         | 506           | 1,328         | 23           | 9          | 3,238          |
| 2017         | -  | -        | -        | 258          | -                               | -            | -        | 126          | <1                 | <1         | -        | 62         | 1                   | -         | -         | 1,532         | 1,944         | 36           | 1          | 4,926          |
| 2018         | -  | -        | -        | 227          | -                               | -            | -        | 125          | <1                 | -          | -        | <1         | -                   | -         | -         | 222           | 1,816         | 9            | 6          | 5,411          |
| 2019         | -  | -        | -        | *            | -                               | -            | -        | *            | <1                 | -          | -        | *          | <1                  | <1        | <1        | *             | 1,455         | 41           | 1          | *              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;1</b>                             | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>4,924</b> | <b>&lt;1</b>                    | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1,226</b> | <b>56</b>          | <b>298</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>75</b>           | <b>24</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>26,877</b> | <b>47,816</b> | <b>2,151</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>208,643</b> |

**Table L-6.** Estimated purse-seine catches by set type in metric tons (t) of small forage fishes for size-class 6 vessels with a carrying capacity >363 t (1993–2019) and minimum reported longline (LL) catches of small forage fishes (gross-annual removals in t) (1993–2018, \*data not available). Purse-seine set types: floating object (OBJ), unassociated tuna schools (NOA) and dolphins (DEL). Species highlighted bold are discussed in main text. Data for 2019 are considered preliminary. “Epipelagic forage fishes” include various mackerels and scad (*Decapterus* spp., *Trachurus* spp., *Selar crumenophthalmus*), Pacific saury (*Cololabis saira*), and tropical two-wing flyingish (*Exocoetus volitans*). “Other small fishes” include various Tetraodontiformes, driftfishes (Nomeidae), Pacific chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), Pacific tripletail (*Lobotes pacificus*), remoras (Echeneidae), longfin batfish (*Platax teira*), and small fishes not elsewhere identified (nei).

**Tabla L-6.** Capturas cerqueras estimadas de peces forrajeros pequeños, por tipo de lance, en toneladas (t) para buques de clase 6 con una capacidad de acarreo >363 t (1993–2019) y capturas palangreras (LL) mínimas reportadas de peces forrajeros pequeños (extracciones anuales brutas en t) (1993-2018, \*datos no disponibles). Tipos de lances cerqueros: objeto flotante (OBJ), atunes no asociados (NOA) y delfines (DEL). Las especies en negritas se discuten en el texto principal. Los datos de 2019 se consideran preliminares. “Peces epipelágicos de forraje” incluyen varias caballas y jureles (*Decapterus* spp., *Trachurus* spp., *Selar crumenophthalmus*), paparda del Pacífico (*Cololabis saira*), y volador tropical (*Exocoetus volitans*). “Otros peces pequeños” incluyen varios Tetraodontiformes, derivantes (Nomeidae), estornino del Pacífico (*Scomber japonicus*), dormilona del Pacífico (*Lobotes pacificus*), remoras (Echeneidae), pez murciélago teira (*Platax teira*), y peces pequeños (nep) no identificados en otra parte.

| Year         | <i>Auxis</i> spp.,<br>bullet and frigate tunas |              |            |    | Balistidae, Monacanthidae spp.,<br>triggerfishes and filefishes |           |           |    | Kyphosidae,<br>sea chubs |              |              |    | Epipelagic forage fishes |           |          |              | Small Carangidae spp.,<br>carangids, nei |          |              |     | Other small fishes |           |           |           |
|--------------|--|--------------|------------|----|---|-----------|-----------|----|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--|----------|--------------|-----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|              | Purse seine                                    |              |            |    | Purse seine   |           |           |    | Purse seine              |              |              |    | Purse seine              |           |          |              | Purse seine                              |          |              |     |                    |           |           |           |
|              | OBJ  | NOA          | DEL        | LL | OBJ   | NOA       | DEL       | LL | OBJ                      | NOA          | DEL          | LL | OBJ                      | NOA       | DEL      | LL           | OBJ                                      | NOA      | DEL          | LL  | OBJ                | NOA       | DEL       | LL        |
| 1993         | 1,832  | 142          | 2          | -  | 261   | <1        | -         | -  | -                        | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | -            | -  | -        | -            | 182 | 3                  | 4         | -         |           |
| 1994         | 294  | 200          | 2          | -  | 114   | <1        | <1        | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 53  | 15                 | 2         | -         |           |
| 1995         | 501  | 119          | 6          | -  | 208   | 4         | <1        | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 319 | 4                  | 4         | -         |           |
| 1996         | 761  | 234          | 33         | -  | 113   | 2         | <1        | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | -            | <1                                       | -        | -            | 55  | 8                  | 25        | -         |           |
| 1997         | 2,734  | 623          | 25         | -  | 219   | <1        | <1        | -  | <1                       | <1           | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 151 | 12                 | 2         | -         |           |
| 1998         | 1,033  | 168          | 32         | -  | 801   | 2         | 1         | -  | 2                        | -            | -            | -  | <1                       | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 91  | 15                 | 3         | -         |           |
| 1999         | 2,589  | 473          | 29         | -  | 551   | 3         | <1        | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | <1                       | -         | -        | <1           | <1                                       | -        | -            | 85  | 3                  | 2         | -         |           |
| 2000         | 1,210  | 181          | 19         | -  | 168   | <1        | 9         | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 68  | 8                  | 6         | -         |           |
| 2001         | 641  | 38           | -          | -  | 426   | 1         | -         | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 27  | 2                  | <1        | -         |           |
| 2002         | 1,382  | 234          | 248        | -  | 453   | <1        | -         | -  | 8                        | <1           | <1           | -  | -                        | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 25  | 3                  | <1        | -         |           |
| 2003         | 944  | 278          | 16         | -  | 157   | 4         | <1        | -  | 23                       | <1           | <1           | -  | <1                       | -         | -        | <1           | -  | -        | -            | 75  | 1                  | 1         | -         |           |
| 2004         | 834  | 115          | 24         | -  | 914   | 7         | 2         | -  | 79                       | <1           | <1           | -  | <1                       | <1        | -        | <1           | <1                                       | -        | -            | 22  | 1                  | <1        | -         |           |
| 2005         | 1,606  | 309          | 6          | -  | 129   | <1        | <1        | -  | 12                       | <1           | <1           | -  | 6                        | <1        | <1       | -            | 2  | <1       | <1           | -   | <1                 | 9         | <1        | -         |
| 2006         | 1,300  | 591          | 19         | -  | 145   | <1        | <1        | -  | 68                       | <1           | <1           | -  | 7                        | 1         | -        | -            | 2  | <1       | <1           | -   | 5                  | 1         | <1        | -         |
| 2007         | 868  | 336          | 18         | -  | 544   | 1         | <1        | -  | 47                       | <1           | -            | -  | 2                        | 5         | -        | -            | <1                                       | <1       | <1           | -   | 4                  | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2008         | 759  | 619          | 2          | -  | 276   | 7         | 2         | -  | 16                       | -            | <1           | -  | 3                        | <1        | -        | -            | 10                                       | <1       | -            | -   | 2                  | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2009         | 303  | 165          | 1          | -  | 174   | 1         | <1        | -  | 48                       | <1           | -            | -  | <1                       | <1        | -        | -            | <1                                       | <1       | <1           | -   | 1                  | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2010         | 474  | 234          | <1         | -  | 69  | <1        | <1        | -  | 39                       | -            | -            | -  | 4                        | <1        | <1       | -            | 1  | <1       | -            | -   | <1                 | -         | <1        | -         |
| 2011         | 677  | 97           | 11         | -  | 31  | <1        | -         | -  | 18                       | -            | <1           | -  | 2                        | <1        | <1       | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | <1                 | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2012         | 173  | 179          | 1          | -  | 110   | <1        | -         | -  | 16                       | -            | -            | -  | 13                       | 12        | -        | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | 4                  | 2         | <1        | -         |
| 2013         | 385  | 77           | -          | -  | 228   | <1        | <1        | -  | 5                        | -            | <1           | -  | 4                        | -         | <1       | -            | <1                                       | 4        | <1           | -   | 2                  | <1        | 1         | -         |
| 2014         | 297  | 30           | <1         | -  | 325   | <1        | <1        | -  | 8                        | -            | -            | -  | 3                        | <1        | <1       | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | 1                  | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2015         | 177  | 64           | -          | -  | 140   | 4         | <1        | -  | 8                        | -            | -            | -  | 6                        | -         | -        | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | 1                  | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2016         | 189  | 23           | <1         | -  | 416   | 2         | <1        | -  | 10                       | -            | -            | -  | 21                       | -         | <1       | <1           | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | 3                  | 1         | <1        | 77        |
| 2017         | 131  | 172          | -          | -  | 83  | <1        | -         | -  | 7                        | <1           | <1           | -  | 3                        | -         | -        | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | <1                 | <1        | -         | -         |
| 2018         | 276  | 172          | -          | -  | 54  | <1        | <1        | -  | <1                       | -            | -            | -  | 5                        | <1        | -        | -            | <1                                       | -        | -            | -   | <1                 | <1        | <1        | -         |
| 2019         | 182  | 94           | <1         | -  | 57  | <1        | <1        | -  | <1                       | <1           | -            | -  | 5                        | 8         | <1       | -            | <1                                       | <1       | -            | -   | <1                 | 5         | -         | -         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>22,552</b>                                  | <b>5,967</b> | <b>495</b> | -  | <b>7,164</b>  | <b>46</b> | <b>15</b> | -  | <b>416</b>               | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | -  | <b>84</b>                | <b>28</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | <b>21</b>                                | <b>6</b> | <b>&lt;1</b> | -   | <b>1,182</b>       | <b>96</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>77</b> |