**Bigeye tuna**

**Indian Ocean**

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**ASSESSMENT**

**STOCK HEALTH:**

- **Current Health:** 9.2
- **Future Health:** 9

**SCORES**

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**FIPS**

- Indian Ocean tuna - Longline (Thai Union):
  - Stage 4, Progress Rating A, Type: Fip, Evaluation Start Date: 1 May 2018

**MSC**

No related MSC fisheries

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**

- Work with IOTC Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties to:
  - Develop and implement comprehensive, precautionary harvest strategies with specific timelines for all tuna stocks, including the adoption and implementation of limit and target reference points, and harvest control rules.
  - Strengthen compliance processes and make information on non-compliance public and continue to provide evidence of compliance with all IOTC Conservation and Management Measures in a timely manner.
  - Implement a 100% observer coverage requirement for at-sea transshipment activities, as well as other measures that ensure transshipment activity is transparent and well-managed, and that all required data are collected and transmitted to the appropriate bodies in a timely manner.
  - Increase compliance with the mandatory minimum 5% longline observer coverage rates by identifying and correcting non-compliance.
  - Implement a 100% observer coverage requirement for purse seine vessels where it is not already required and require the use of the best available observer safety equipment, communications and procedures.
  - Adopt effective measures for the use of non-entangling FAD designs as a precautionary measure to minimize the entanglement of sharks and other non-target species, and support research on biodegradable materials and transition to their use to mitigate marine debris.
  - More effectively implement, and ensure compliance with, existing RFMP bycatch requirements and take additional mitigation action, such as improving monitoring at sea, collecting and sharing operational-level, species-specific data, and adopting stronger compliance measures, including consequences for non-compliance for all gear types.
  - Ensure all products are traceable back to legal sources. Verify source.
information and full-chain traceability through traceability desk audits or third-party traceability certification. For fisheries without robust traceability systems in place, invest in meaningful improvements to bring the fisheries and supply chain in compliance with best practices.

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