

## Panama Pacific mahi-mahi and yellowfin tuna - longline

### Overview

#### FIP Description

The dolphinfish, or mahi-mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*), is a highly migratory pelagic species accounting for several stocks found in extensive areas of the world's oceans. It lives in tropical and subtropical areas of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans and is believed to migrate seasonally to warm areas. Coastal distribution and abundance seem to be strongly related to surface temperature and distance from temperature fronts. The dolphinfish has a high growth rate and fast sexual maturity, which may be associated with physiological adaptations for a pelagic predator.

Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) is found in tropical and subtropical waters of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. Yellowfin occurs approximately within thermal boundaries of 18° to 31°C. Tagging with acoustic transmitters or ultrasonic tags indicates that yellowfin spend most of their time in the upper mixed layer of the ocean (less than 100 m) and typically in temperatures above 17–18°C.

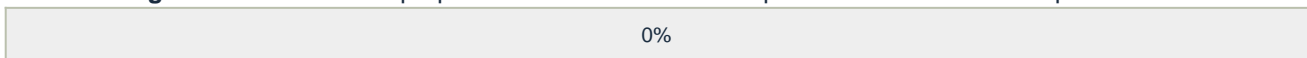
Within the Panamanian ZEE there is a longline fishery for both species, conducted from around 70 midsize, semi-industrial vessels and several artisanal boats. Around 3,000 employments on land and at sea are depending on this fishery in Panama, with the products being exported mainly to the USA.

### How is this FIP Doing?

#### Current Status:



**Actions Progress** This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.



**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	100%	0%	0%

**Red Indicator Progress** This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	100%	0%	0%

### FIP Objective(s)

The FIP Partners have agreed to adopt the FIP Action Plan for the Panama Pacific mahi mahi and yellowfin tuna - longline fishery.

The FIP will be developed in accordance with the Alliance for Sustainable Seafood Conservation guidelines, with the ultimate goal of achieving a certifiable status against the MSC standard by December 2028

### FIP Type

Comprehensive

### FIP Stage

Stage 2: FIP Launch

### Start and Projected End Dates

July, 2023 -  
December, 2028

### Species

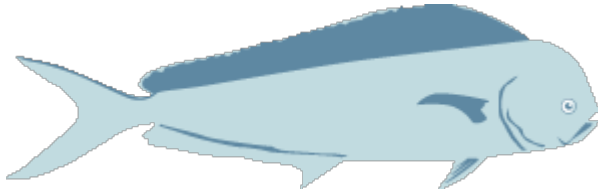
#### Common Name

Mahi-mahi

#### Scientific Name

Coryphaena hippurus

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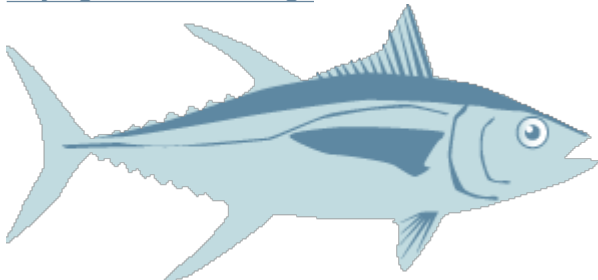
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Yellowfin Tuna

**Scientific Name**

Thunnus albacares

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**Gear Type**

[Longline](#)

**Location**

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 77 \(Pacific, Eastern Central\)](#)

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Panama

**Geographic Scope**

Panamanian Pacific

**Country Flag of Vessel**

Panama

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

IATTC

## Estimated Total FIP Landings

3000 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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NGO

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