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Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*)
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ABNJ COMMON OCEANS Tuna Project

a partnership for sustainability

Sustainable management of tuna fisheries and biodiversity conservation in the areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ)

- Focuses on one of the ABNJ's most valuable resources: tuna stocks — a key food source in need of effective management
- A five-year project implemented by FAO and harnessing the efforts of five tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), governments, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector
- Aims to achieve responsible, efficient and sustainable tuna production and biodiversity conservation

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Improving Management

- Facilitating full implementation of the precautionary approach via **harvest strategies**
- Operationalizing the **ecosystem approach** to fisheries management

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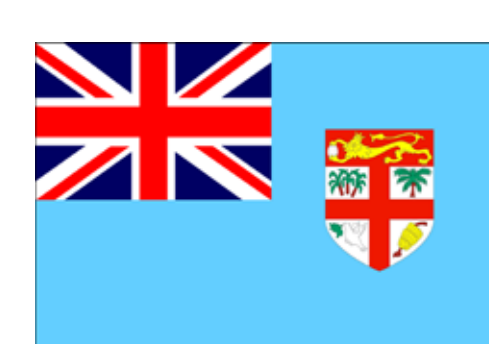
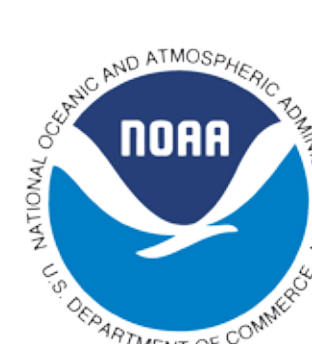
Combating Illegal Fishing

- Establishing the world's first **certification-based career path** for enforcement and compliance officers
- Developing:
 - » legal templates for implementation of **Port State Measures**
 - » design options for **Catch Documentation Schemes**
 - » automatic update of the **Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels**
- Conducting trials of **Electronic Monitoring Systems** for developing States.

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Protecting Biodiversity

- Improving **shark catch data** across the Pacific
- Developing new techniques for **shark assessment and management**
- Disseminating **mitigation techniques** for seabirds, sharks and small tunas
- Developing a global **Bycatch Management and Information System**
- Conducting joint analysis of **sea turtle mitigation** effectiveness
- Working with Indian Ocean communities to estimate and mitigate the impact of **gillnet fisheries**



This Project contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



Project website: fao.org/2/commonoceans