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TROPICAL TUNAS:

Overview of Atlantic tuna stocks

Working Group 1

Highly Migratory (Tuna and Tuna-like) Stocks and its RFMOs

Wednesday, 14th October 2026

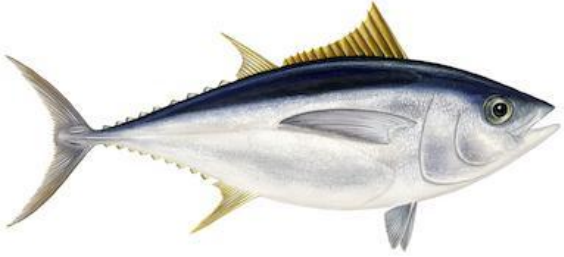
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Outline

- Overview of Atlantic tropical tunas (no changes since March 2026).
- Update on the MSE process.

Atlantic tropical tunas: Status unchanged in 2026



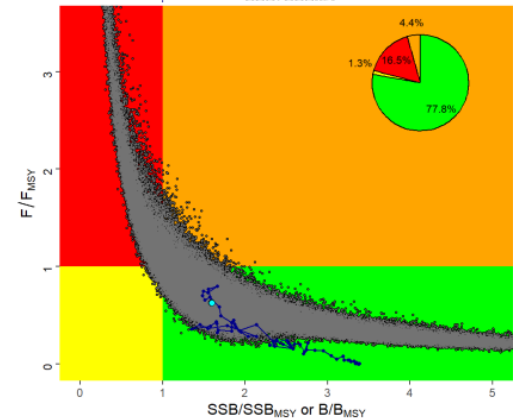
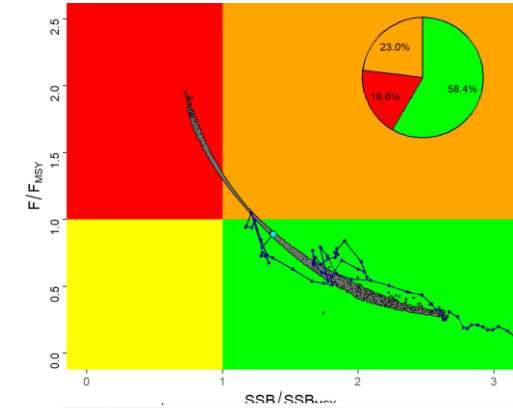
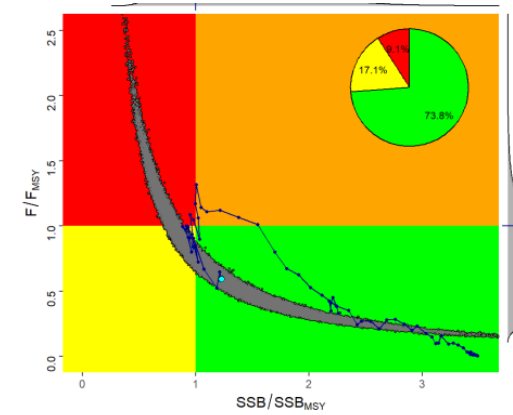
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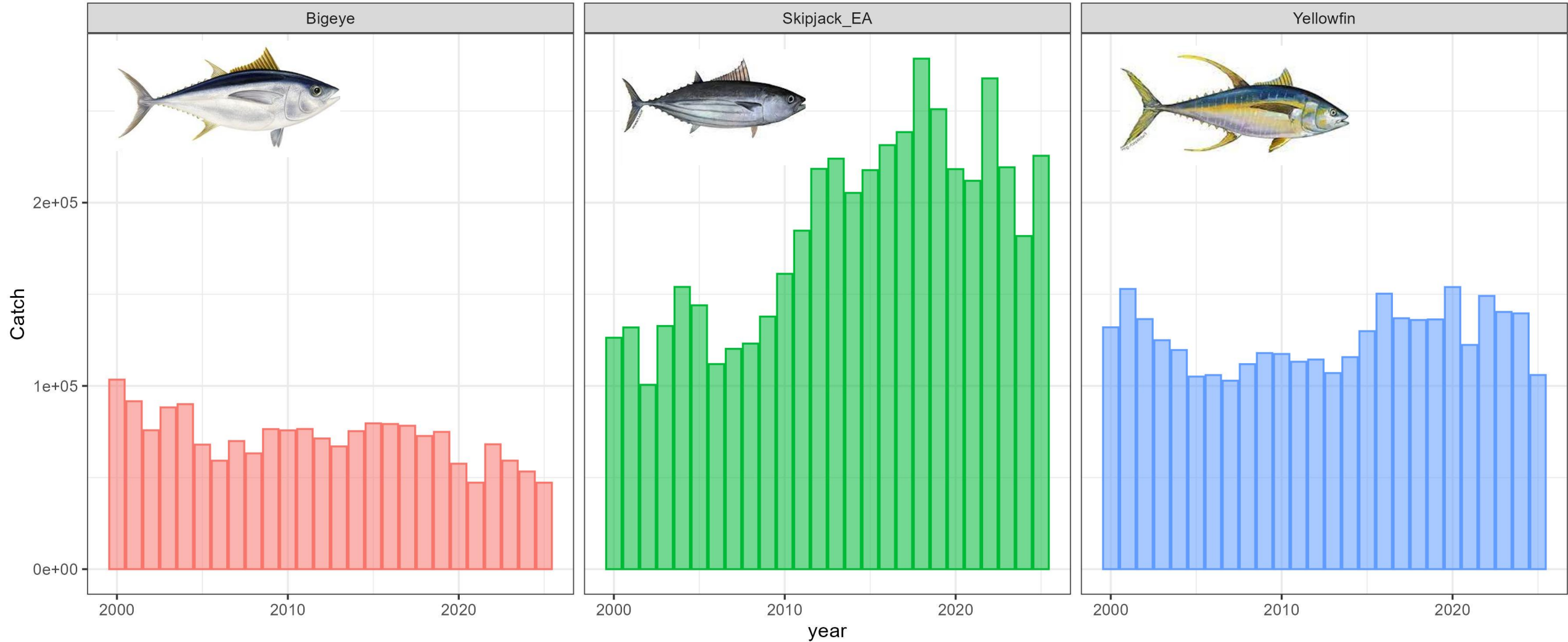
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Atlantic tropical tunas: Catch trends (SCRS, 2026)



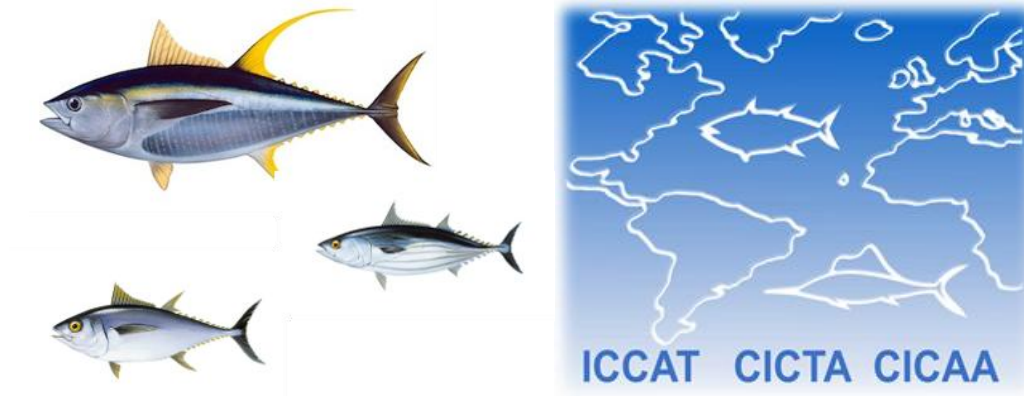
Management of Atlantic tropical tunas

- ICCAT: Recommendation 24-01. Multiple measures.
 - BET: 73,011 tons.
 - FADs closure of 45 days.

Management advice (SCRS 2026)

- YFT TAC recommended by SCRS using K2SM.
- Changes on MSY -> Reduction of MSY while increased proportion of juveniles (PS_FAD).
- New study on closure, not conclusive.
- Re-schedule MSE.

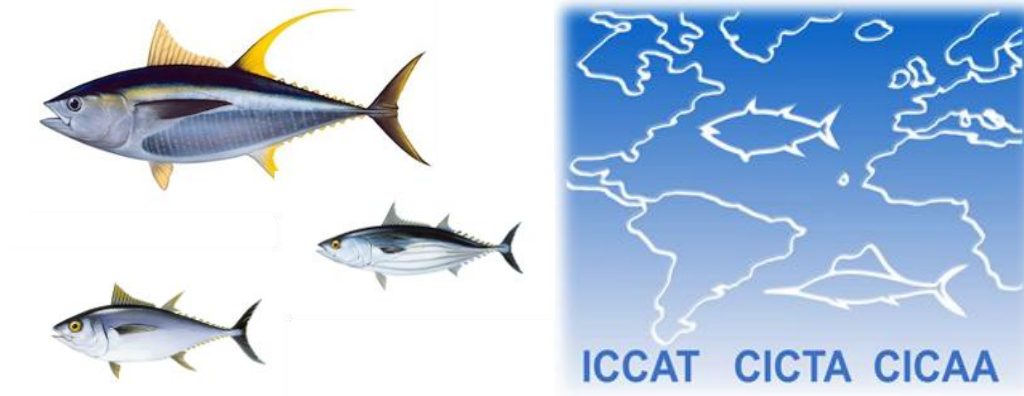
ICCAT TROPICAL TUNAS MSE



Meetings in 2026 (as presented in LDAC March...)

- Panel 1 (online, 30th March) → Present progress and request guidance.
- Intersessional meeting of the TT Species Group (including MSE). Technical.
- Panel 1 (tbd, 5-7th May) → Present progress and preliminary results. Feedback on preferences + Yellowfin TAC.
- Species Groups and SCRS plenary (Madrid, 14-25 September) → Results and advice (?).
- Panel 1 (14-15 November) → Progress and SCRS advice, recommendation for adoption? 2026 or 2027.

ICCAT TROPICAL TUNAS MSE - DELAYED



Re-schedule

- Need to re-condition the SKJ component of the MSE → New stock assessment in 2027.
- In 2027 work on validating other components and single species MPs for BET and YFT.
- 2028 to aggregate all three stocks in the multi-stock MSE.
- Final evaluation of Candidate Management Procedures not before September 2028.
- Commission to clarify the type of management it expects to apply for tropical tunas as today, there are no catch limits allocated for yellowfin and East skipjack.
- Need to interact with the Commission and Panel 1 to make sure that the technical development fits the Commission's purpose and at the same time, stakeholders increase the understanding of the multistock approach.



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