

CCSBT-EC/0410/SBT Fisheries-Philippines

REPORT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CCSBT

This being the first time that the Philippines, as a new Cooperating Non Member, will submit its National Report to CCSBT, this Report will contain a short description of the tuna fisheries of the Philippines.

Description of the Philippine Tuna Fisheries

Philippine waters have been a major tuna producer in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean since the early 1970's with the successful development of purse seine fishing in conjunction with the use of payaos (anchored fish aggregating devices). In recent years, over 200,000 mt of tuna or about 10% of the WCPO tuna catch has been attributed to the domestic fisheries of the Philippines.

Most of the tuna catch is taken by purse seine, ring net and handline gears with a variety of other artisanal gears also in use, such as gill net, troll, multiple handline and mini-longline.

The tuna fisheries is usually divided into two sectors, the municipal sector, involving vessels less than 3 GRT and the commercial sector, with vessels above 3 GRT and are prohibited from fishing in municipal waters less than 15 kilometers from the shoreline. The commercial sector provides the majority of the catch of oceanic tunas (146,000 mt in 2002, or 70 % of the official tuna catch). This is primarily taken by larger purse vessels targeting skipjack and yellowfin, whereas the municipal sector catch, with handline as the predominant gear, takes similar quantities of oceanic and neritic tunas. Much of the municipal catch is utilized as fresh fish for local consumption whereas most of the municipal catch of skipjack and small yellowfin is for the canneries for processing and export. The larger yellowfin and bigeye tunas taken by handline are exported to sashimi market. The handline vessels range widely in their operations, in some cases beyond Philippine waters.

Since the mid 1980s, larger purse seine vessels operated by Philippine companies have fished in neighboring countries under access, joint venture agreements or as local companies, with most of their catch being landed in Philippine ports for processing. Catches are also taken in high seas areas by purse seine and longline vessels. In view of the passage of the Philippine Fisheries Code in 1998 providing for incentives for Philippine fishing vessels operators to fish further in the Philippine EEZ and beyond have encouraged them to venture in other oceans like the Atlantic and Indian Oceans to catch tunas like yellowfin, big-eye and some incidental catch of southern bluefin tuna. So that in 1998, a number fishing companies taking advantage of the incentives provided under

the Fisheries Code acquired several longline fishing vessels through outright purchase or through bareboat charter.

In the implementation of the relevant CCSBT conservation and management measures, Philippine flagged fishing vessels are required under the Fisheries Code that before they can operate outside Philippine waters they should first secure an International Fishing Permit and Certificate from the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). They are also required to keep a daily record of fish catch and spoilage, landing points, and quantity and value of fish caught, and off-loaded for transshipment, sale and/or other disposal. The detailed areport should be submitted to the BFAR for validation. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the non-renewal of their Commercial Fishing Vessel and Gear License (CFVGL) and International Fishing Permit.

The Fisheries Code also provide the establishment of a monitoring, control and surveillance system to ensure that the fisheries and aquatic resources in Philippine waters and adjacent waters are judiciously and wisely utilized and managed on a sustainable basis. The BFAR is now negotiating with some foreign companies that deal with vessel monitoring system (VMS) but due to the prohibitive cost and coupled with the country's dire financial straits this might not come soon.

Fisheries Information of Philippine vessels

In 2003, the Philippines have 24 Philippine flagged longline vessels that are authorized to fish in the CCSBT Convention Area (list of vessels have already been provided to CCSBT). Table I shows a summary of by-catch of SBT by Philippine longline vessels from 1998 to 2003 and up to September 2004. It will be noted that in 2003 a total of about 85 mt SBT by-catch was taken by Philippine vessels.

This year up to September 2004 Philippine flagged vessels only catch about 13 mt of SBT as by-catch. Report of by-catch for the rest the year will submitted to CCSBT after the end of the fishing season in December.

Research and Statistics

The Bureau of Agricultural Statistics of the Department of Agriculture is the agency mandated to collect/gather official fisheries statistics, among others. However, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is the government agency collecting and collating data in so far as those reported by fishing vessels operating in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans are concerned. The data gathered are reported to concerned Regional fisheries management bodies annually..

Tuna Statistical Document Program

The Philippines have implementing CCSBT SBT Statistical Document Program for all catches exported by Philippine fishing companies to Japan as required by CCSBT management measures.

As a new Cooperating Non-member of CCSBT the Philippines will strive to comply with all the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. Rest assured, therefore, of its commitment towards the sustainability of the tuna resources wherever they are found, the Philippines being also a member of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and now in the process of ratifying the Convention for the Conservation and Management the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC).

CATCH AND EFFORT:	Total Weight of SBT in Kg.	No. of Fish	No. of Hooks	Type of Gear	Product /Type
As of September 2004	12,687kgs	346pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG
HISTORICAL CATCH AND EFFORT					
1999	21,403kgs	940pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG
2000	14,037kgs	537pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG
2001	14,178kgs	590pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG
2002	41,641kgs	1,353pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG
2003	84,922kgs	2,045pcs.	2500 - 3200pcs	Longline	Frozen / GG

RECORD OF VESSELS OVER 24 METRES AUTHORIZED TO FISH FOR SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA

Reporting Country : *Philippines*

Authorized Period		Vessel Identification								
Start Date	End Date	Flag State Code		Vessel Name		Registry Number	International Radio call sign	Unique vessel identifier of flag state (optional)	Vessel is new to the CCSBT authorized LSFV list (Y/N)	Previously deleted / suspended by (country code)
		Current	Previous	Current	Previous					
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	SUN TAI NO. 1	SHOWA MARU NO. 1	MNLD010697	DYJV	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	SUN TAI NO. 2	SHINSEI MARU NO. 2	MNLD010698	DYJS	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	SUN TAI NO. 3	SHOKEI MARU NO. 6	MNLD010699	DYJY	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	BZ	BOADA NO. 5	NEPTUNE NO. 90	MNLD009329	DYQZ-8	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	BZ	SUN WARM NO. 627	ALLAN NO. 629	MNLD010119	DUXZ-8	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	KH	JETMARK NO. 726	CHEN FA NO. 726	MNLD010291	DUTZ-5	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	KH	JETMARK NO. 31	FU YUAN NO. 31	MNLD01286	DUTZ-4	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	KH	JETMARK NO. 36	FU YUAN NO. 36	MNLD010292	DUTZ-2	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	KH	SUN WARM NO. 1	FU YUAN NO. 1	MNLD010559	DUQA-4	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	-	EUNIS NO. 828	NO PREVIOUS NAME	MNLD010539	DYFN	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	PA	CASTRO NO. 168	SEA DRAGON NO. 168	MNLD010688	DUSA-8	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	TO	SUN WARM NO. 6	GLOBAL NO. 1	MNLD010667	DUSA-6	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	TO	SUN WARM NO. 8	OCEAN NO. 1	MNLD010668	DUSA-5	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	TO	JETMARK NO. 101	SUNSHINE NO. 1	MNLD010670	DUSA-4	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	TO	JETMARK NO. 102	MASAGANA NO. 1	MNLD010671	DUSA-3	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	Faroe Is.	SELNES	NO PREVIOUS NAME	MNLD010669	DUSA-9	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	PA	CASTRO NO. 668	SEA DRAGON NO. 668	MNLD010689	DUSA-7	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	LAVENDER	BOUNTIFUL	MNLD000918	DUNF-2	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	CHINA ROSE NO. 2	HAO WANG NO. 302	MNLD062177	DXAP	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	PURPLE BEAUTY	WAKATORI	MNLD000446	DUA-6085	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	MARIGOLD NO. 3	AMIGA NO. 7	MNLD001019	DUA-6363	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	SPRING BEAUTY	BENVOLENT	MNLD000390	DVQM	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	MARIGOLD NO. 2	PELAGIS	MNLD000035	DUIS	Nil	Y	Nil
1/1/2004	12/1/2005	PH	JP	BLUE STAR NO. 05	OCEANIC NO. 5	MNLD000643	DVNN	Nil	Y	Nil
7/1/2004	12/31/2004	PH	Korea	SUNNY SKY 888	77 serrekunda	MNLD010832	DUD-6037	NL	Y	NIL

Ownership				
Owner			Operator	
Name	Address	Country (code)	Name	Address
SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN TAI INTERNATIONAL FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
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JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
EUNICE FISHING COMPANY INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	EUNICE FISHING COMPANY INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
CASTRO INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	CASTRO INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	SUN WARM FISHING SERVICE, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
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JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	JETMARK INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
FULL HARVEST INT'L FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	FULL HARVEST INT'L FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
CASTRO INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	CASTRO INTERNATIONAL FISHING, INC.	MANILA, PHILIP
FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
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FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	PH	FRABELLE FISHING CORP.	MANILA, PHILIP
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