

Annual Review of National SBT Fisheries

European Union

2011

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1. INTRODUCTION

The European Union is committed to RFMO objectives and the key role they play in the long term conservation and sustainable use of stocks. The European Union remains dedicated to fulfilling its obligations towards CCSBT and to actively contributing to the conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

The European Union is a Contracting Party to all RFMOs whose areas overlap or are adjacent to the CCSBT Convention area (ICCAT, IOTC, WCPFC and CCAMLR) and complies with all the conservation and management measures applicable in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

The Southern Bluefin Tuna fishery of the European Union vessels is of special character as it is not a targeted fishery, but constitutes a minor, unavoidable by-catch during fishing activities for swordfish and shark.

2. OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON EFFORT

- **Catch reporting**

In the Atlantic, the EU has a quota allocated by ICCAT. This is allocated to Member States who in turn allocate to their vessels. These vessels are obliged to maintain a daily logbook of all catches and must have an operational VMS. They report on a monthly basis their preliminary swordfish catches, however, by-catches are currently reported less frequently. The logbooks are compiled for the different oceans for both the directed catch species (swordfish and shark) and for by-catch, such as SBT. Coupled with the scientific data on notably line sets/hooks, length and sex of fish, EU data is usually finalised by September of the year following the year of the fishery, however, efforts are continuously on-going to ensure better coordination and compliance from Member States so that data can be submitted to the relevant RFMOs – ICCAT, IOTC, WCPFC, and CCSBT, in time for their Scientific Committee Meetings and the Compliance Committees, where relevant.

Likewise, improvements are being studied in order to comply with CCSBT requirements to supply monthly data. To this extent, discussions are undergoing with relevant Member States. However, given the very small amount of EU SBT catches, the Extended Commission might give consideration to less frequent reporting requirements.

Authorised Vessels List

All vessels present in the area are included on the Authorised Vessels list. The EU provided an update to the Authorised Vessels List on 28 July 2009, in accordance with Article 4 of the Resolution on amendment of the Resolution on “Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUU) and Establishment of a CCSBT Record of Vessels over 24 meters Authorized to Fish for Southern Bluefin Tuna” adopted at the CCSBT 15 in 2008. Attached to this report is an updated list of vessels as of 23 August 2012. The EU will inform the Secretariat of any further changes.

- **Reporting of quota allocations and catch by company, quota holder or vessel**

Given that EU catches of SBT constitute by-catch, there is no quota allocation. Council Regulation (EU) No 44/2012 of 17 January 2012 fixing for 2012 the fishing opportunities available in EU waters and, to EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters for

certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are subject to international negotiations or agreement, establishes the ceiling of 10 tonnes annual by-catches and prohibits any targeted fishing of SBT.

- **Controls**

All EU fishing vessels over 15m are equipped with the Vessels Monitoring System, in accordance with EU Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003.

In 2008 the Union adopted a Regulation on Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008) which entered into force on 1 January 2010.

EU Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy also entered into force on 1 January 2010. This Regulation thoroughly modernised the EU's approach to fisheries control. In particular, it brought the system in line with the strong measures adopted by the EU in 2008 to combat illegal fishing in the high seas (see above). The Regulation introduced stricter provisions in terms of Port State Measures, of data transmission, the control and management of fleet capacity and the control of fishing gear. Additionally, market measures were put in place, such as traceability to track the provenance of products. The same Regulation also gives the right to the European Commission to close a specific fishery when a specific stock is threatened.

3. CATCH AND EFFORT

The total catch of SBT in 2011 amounted to 10.8 tonnes (whole weights) taken by two Spanish vessels active in long line fisheries for swordfish and shark.

There are no catches from recreational fisheries in the area. There is no mortality allowance.

4. HISTORICAL CATCH AND EFFORT

The historical catches of SBT by EU vessels have been relatively limited and amounted to 3.5 tonnes in 2003, 1 tonne in 2004, 2.6 tonnes in 2005, 3.4 tonnes in 2006, 18.1 tonnes in 2007, 14.3 tonnes in 2008, 1,68 tonnes in 2009 and 2,88 tonnes in 2010.

5. ANNUAL FLEET SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION

Not applicable

6. HISTORICAL FLEET SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION

Not applicable

7. FISHERIES MONITORING

The Spanish vessels have partial coverage of scientific observers on board.

8. OTHER FACTORS

- **Import/export statistics**

The small amount of EU SBT catches is normally landed along with other species of tuna by-catch (*Thunus alalunga*, etc.) and sold fresh on local markets for consumption or sometimes donated to charity.

Fish caught in the WCPFC area is landed in Papeete (Tahiti), whereas fish caught in the IOTC area is landed in Durban (South Africa).

The amount of imported SBT reported equalled to 1,6 tonnes of fresh SBT imported from Australia and 1 tonne of frozen SBT imported from Indonesia.

Ecologically Related Species

The European Union fleet complies with all current binding measures and recommendations aimed at protecting ecologically related species, including seabirds, sea turtles and sharks from fishing activities, which have been adopted by the IOTC, WCPFC and ICCAT, when fishing in the respective Convention areas of these RFMOs.

In February 2009 the European Commission adopted the first ever EU Action Plan for the Conservation and Management of Sharks. The aim of the plan is to ensure that effective steps are taken to help rebuild shark stocks wherever they are under threat, if necessary on a precautionary basis, and to set down guidelines for the sustainable management of the fisheries concerned, including those where shark are taken as by-catch. The plan also includes measures to improve scientific knowledge of shark stocks and shark fisheries. The measures set out cover not only sharks, but also related species, such as skates and rays, and will apply wherever the EU fleet operates, both within and outside European waters. The EU has actively participated at the negotiation of an instrument on the conservation of migratory sharks under the aegis of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS), which led to the adoption in February 2010 of a Memorandum of Understanding on the conservation of migratory sharks. The EU signed the Sharks MoU in November 2011. It has also presented a proposal at CITES CoP 15 to list spiny dogfish and porbeagle in Appendix II of CITES.

In November 2011 the European Commission adopted a proposal to amend Regulation (EC) No 1185/2003 which bans shark finning. It is proposed that special permits allowing removal of fins of sharks on board, and the problematic fin-to-carcass weight ratio system is abolished. This will facilitate control and ensure that finning cannot occur undetected. Final adoption of the amended Regulation is foreseen for late 2012 or early 2013.

Recognising that incidental mortality of seabirds in fisheries remains at high levels and populations of many affected seabird species continue to decline the European Commission plans to adopt an EU Plan of Action (EU-PoA) during the second half of 2012. This will provide a stable and effective platform for the development of a management framework that will lead to seabird bycatch being minimised to as low levels as is practically possible. This is in line with the objectives of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy of moving towards ecosystem management covering all components of the ecosystem including seabirds.

The proposed objective of the EU-PoA is to minimise and where possible eliminate the incidental catches of threatened seabird populations by EU vessels operating in EU and non-EU waters and to reduce bycatch for other seabird species where the populations are stable but bycatch are at levels that are cause for conservation concern.

The European Commission has brought forward proposals on more effective mitigation measures in long line fisheries for tuna through a number of RFMOs including ICCAT, GFCM and IOTC during 2011 and 2012 and the EU-PoA will help to encourage similar measures to be adopted by other RFMOs.

Agreement: CCSBT
 Fishing category code: CCSBT_AUT
 Country: ESP

CCSBT Vessel Lists
 Vessels authorised to fish in CCSBT Convention Area

Vessel name	CFR	Ext. marking	IRCS	Start date	End date	With. date	GT	Length(m)	Power(kw)	Gear	Act.
ACECHADOR	ESP000021633	3-VI-510073	EABX	01/01/2008			432.	39.60	459.	LLD	Y
ALEXIA	ESP000023341	3-VI-58-96	EA2781	01/01/2008			193.	28.00	263.	LLD	Y
ANA BARRAL	ESP000025767	3-VI-54-03	ECCB	01/01/2008			665.	47.75	1,000.	LLD	Y
ARCA DOS	ESP000026619	3-LU-25-05	ECKE	01/01/2008			393.	37.50	589.	LLD	Y
ARCA UNO	ESP000025129	3-VI-513-01	EBWO	01/01/2008			236.	28.00	348.	LLD	Y
BALUEIRO SEGUNDO	ESP000021571	3-GI-42182	EHPX	01/01/2008			342.	31.00	368.	LLD	Y
BAZ	ESP000016016	3-VI-510037	EAAW	01/01/2008			220.	29.10	442.	LLD	Y
BEATA TERESA JORNET	ESP000005606	3-AL-21717	EEBF	01/01/2008			158.	30.25	294.	LLD	Y
BOUSO	ESP000025536	3-GC-17-02	ECBD	01/01/2008			427.	38.00	603.	LLD	Y
BRADOMIN	ESP000022171	3-VI-510110	EHRM	01/01/2008			449.	36.50	640.	LLD	Y
CARMEN TERE	ESP000025475	3-GC-28-02	ECBC	01/01/2008			589.	44.45	901.	LLD	Y
CARVISA TRES	ESP000015220	3-VI-59913	EHKA	01/01/2008			391.	34.27	552.	LLD	Y
CEDES	ESP000020310	3-GI-42181	EHQA	01/01/2008			232.	31.00	497.	LLD	Y
CELTIC BAY	ESP000023456	3-VI-52-97	EACH	01/01/2008			394.	35.00	423.	LLD	Y
CERVERA	ESP000024862	3-VI-517-00	EBRG	01/01/2008			593.	40.95	539.	LLD	Y
COSTA AZUL UNO	ESP000025500	3-VILL-16-02	ECBU	01/01/2008			636.	44.45	646.	LLD	Y
COSTA DO CEO	ESP000021749	3-VI-73553	EA2576	01/01/2008			248.	26.30	309.	LLD	Y
COYO CINCO	ESP000025776	3-VILL-12-03	ECAW	01/01/2008			517.	39.35	465.	LLD	Y
COYO SEPTIMO	ESP000027045	3-VILL-11-07	ECHL	01/01/2008			490.	42.50	552.	LLD	Y
DENVER	ESP000026844	3-CO-23-06	EAFV	01/01/2008			497.	40.50	808.	LLD	Y
ECCE HOMO DIVINO	ESP000024809	3-VI-516-00	EA0J	01/01/2008			411.	37.50	368.	LLD	Y
ECCE HOMO GLORIOSO	ESP000026647	3-VI-51-03	ECBO	01/01/2008			619.	46.12	917.	LLD	Y
GLACIAL	ESP000026485	3-VILL-118-05	ECBZ	01/01/2008			699.	47.70	751.	LLD	Y
HERDUSA PRIMERO	ESP000014630	3-VI-59817	EGQR	01/01/2008			211.	25.95	338.	LLD	Y
HORIZONTE PRIMERO	ESP000015863	3-FE-43059	EHSV	01/01/2008			265.	31.00	471.	LLD	Y
ILLA GAVEIRA	ESP000025542	3-ST-41-03	ECCE	01/01/2008			681.	46.45	942.	LLD	Y
LLAVE DE BURELA	ESP000025124	3-VI-519-00	EBRP	01/01/2008			538.	43.00	600.	LLD	Y
LUZADA	ESP000024404	3-VI-713-99	EHEH	01/01/2008			294.	31.00	221.	LLD	Y
MAICOA	ESP000015856	3-SS-12429	EHUO	01/01/2008			502.	40.00	662.	LLD	Y
MAICOA DOS	ESP000024718	3-VI-510-00	EAYU	01/01/2008			620.	43.50	497.	LLD	Y
MAICOA TRES	ESP000025482	3-VI-511-02	ECBL	01/01/2008			606.	43.50	662.	LLD	Y

MAICOA UNO	ESP000022917	3-VI-52-94	EAFE	01/01/2008			474.	43.50	552.	LLD	Y
MAKUS	ESP000016042	3-VI-510050	EACB	01/01/2008			306.	38.00	460.	LLD	Y
MARAL	ESP000015824	3-GI-42167	EFGQ	01/01/2008			248.	28.60	456.	LLD	Y
MARAL SEGUNDO	ESP000024725	3-VI-73-00	EAXY	01/01/2008			408.	37.50	625.	LLD	Y
MAR ARAL	ESP000025644	3-CO-22-03	EAQJ	01/01/2008			578.	44.45	769.	LLD	Y
MAR DE MARIA	ESP000025473	3-GC-15-02	ECAU	01/01/2008			607.	43.00	734.	LLD	Y
MAR DO ROSTRO	ESP000026767	3-CA-31-06	ECLV	01/01/2008			399.	40.30	646.	LLD	Y
MARIANE	ESP000026761	3-VI-75-06	ECLP	01/01/2008			437.	39.80	353.	LLD	Y
MARRAJERO	ESP000015469	3-VI-59942	EEDK	01/01/2008			196.	27.31	313.	LLD	Y
NANGE	ESP000021734	3-VI-73556	EHAS	01/01/2008			217.	26.30	370.	LLD	Y
NOVO AIRIÑOS	ESP000025704	3-CU-11-03	ECBY	01/01/2008			742.	50.00	1,080.	LLD	Y
NOVO MADRE CARMELA	ESP000024468	3-VI-712-99	EA3847	01/01/2008			237.	28.00	306.	LLD	Y
NOVO XEIXAL	ESP000023382	3-VI-715-96	EANM	01/01/2008			350.	37.60	456.	LLD	Y
NUEVO GOLONDRINA	ESP000024847	3-VI-512-00	EAZO	01/01/2008			427.	39.00	368.	LLD	Y
NUEVO JOSMARU	ESP000024508	3-VI-51-00	EAOS	01/01/2008			606.	43.50	646.	LLD	Y
NUEVO MONTE VENTOSO	ESP000026861	3-VI-55-06	EAPO	01/01/2008			399.	40.56	368.	LLD	Y
NUEVO PLEAMAR	ESP000026004	3-VI-513-02	ECBM	01/01/2008			692.	47.00	901.	LLD	Y
NUEVO RUMBO	ESP000025602	3-AL-22-03	ECCM	01/01/2008			180.	26.75	346.	LLD	Y
O'COVELO	ESP000014999	3-VI-59879	EDXO	01/01/2008			198.	27.85	412.	LLD	Y
O GALOPIN	ESP000024610	3-VI-74-00	EAHZ	01/01/2008			301.	32.25	309.	LLD	Y
O KEVIN	ESP000025447	3-VI-54-02	EBZD	01/01/2008			340.	35.70	607.	LLD	Y
OLEAJE	ESP000024186	3-FE-25-99	EAER	01/01/2008			403.	37.50	574.	LLD	Y
O TABA	ESP000025387	3-VI-73-02	EBRW	01/01/2008			300.	32.25	500.	LLD	Y
PEGUSA	ESP000023496	3-VI-73-97	EAOD	01/01/2008			273.	32.50	353.	LLD	Y
PICO TRESMARES	ESP000025809	3-AL-27-03	EBYC	01/01/2008			619.	44.45	497.	LLD	Y
PLAYA DE RIL	ESP000023999	3-VI-511-98	EASX	01/01/2008			338.	32.00	574.	LLD	Y
PLAYA DE SOMO	ESP000010258	3-VI-59848	EGNK	01/01/2008			396.	36.48	625.	LLD	Y
PLAYA MUIÑO VELLO	ESP000025556	3-VI-514-02	ECBQ	01/01/2008			578.	44.50	1,015.	LLD	Y
PUNTA DELGADA	ESP000013064	3-AL-21789	EGOT	01/01/2008			234.	30.65	353.	LLD	Y
PUNTAL DE AGUETE	ESP000024967	3-VI-53-01	EBRS	01/01/2008			627.	42.45	359.	LLD	Y
RADOCHÉ PRIMERO	ESP000020139	3-CO-23867	EHOI	01/01/2008			646.	47.50	589.	LLD	Y
RIO VELLO	ESP000015248	3-VI-59908	EDRS	01/01/2008			188.	29.65	442.	LLD	Y
ROSU TERCERO	ESP000015920	3-GI-42172	EHVT	01/01/2008			554.	43.80	589.	LLD	Y
SIDERAL	ESP000015790	3-GI-42163	EHWI	01/01/2008			632.	45.50	662.	LLD	Y
SIEMPRE BELUSO	ESP000025006	3-VI-521-00	EBRM	01/01/2008			371.	38.50	451.	LLD	Y
SIEMPRE SANTA TECLA	ESP000026791	3-VI-54-05	EAJH	01/01/2008			440.	31.90	434.	LLD	Y

SIEMPRE SOCIO	ESP000025135	3-VI-512-01	EBWQ	01/01/2008			442.	37.50	397.	LLD	Y
SUSO	ESP000021768	3-VI-73557	EHBT	01/01/2008			209.	26.30	459.	LLD	Y
TAFIRA	ESP000012644	3-GC-12489	EBZP	01/01/2008			259.	36.83	346.	LLD	Y
TALASA	ESP000026780	3-VILL-17-02	ECBN	01/01/2008			427.	39.00	316.	LLD	Y
TIBURON TERCERO	ESP000015646	3-VI-59988	EGKV	01/01/2008			197.	31.00	403.	LLD	Y
TINTORETA	ESP000015417	3-VI-59934	EHUQ	01/01/2008			210.	27.31	397.	LLD	Y
TOTOROTA	ESP000022152	3-VI-510078	EHWX	01/01/2008			553.	44.00	640.	LLD	Y
TUSAPESCA	ESP000016043	3-VI-510043	EABE	01/01/2008			407.	39.22	636.	LLD	Y
VIEIRASA	ESP000000250	3-VI-58105	EDBF	01/01/2008			264.	32.78	459.	LLD	Y
VOX BAHIA	ESP000025864	3-AL-26-03	ECFF	01/01/2008			552.	45.00	780.	LLD	Y
XIADAS DOUS	ESP000025982	3-VI-51-04	ECFH	01/01/2008			331.	32.85	434.	LLD	Y
XUXO	ESP000026206	3-VI-720-04	ECHX	01/01/2008			238.	29.79	442.	LLD	Y
ZUMAYA DOUS	ESP000025778	3-VI-735-02	ECBF	01/01/2008			262.	30.00	511.	LLD	Y

Number of vessels: 80

Agreement: CCSBT

Fishing category code: CCSBT_AUT

Country: PRT

CCSBT Vessel Lists

Vessels authorised to fish in CCSBT Convention Area

Vessel name	CFR	Ext. marking	IRCS	Start date	End date	With. date	GT	Length(m)	Power(kw)	Gear	Act.
AGUAS SANTAS	PRT000016157	AH-768-C	CUTG	01/01/2010			233.	27.20	446.	LLS	Y
ALCYON	PRT000019346	L-4-N	CUMC	01/01/2008			350.	34.00	691.	LLD	Y
ALMA LUSA	PRT000023093	PM-1269-N	CUPV3	01/01/2008			602.	44.90	926.	LLS	Y
ANTONIO MARIA	PRT000021994	V-1072-C	CUEX3	01/01/2008			288.	29.00	515.	LLD	Y
ARTICO	PRT000016119	PD-400-N	CUFX	08/04/2010			764.	50.75	1,177.	GNS	Y
BALUEIRO	PRT000023097	O-2178-N	CUIB8	01/01/2008			398.	39.10	661.	GNS	Y
CAPITAO JOSE VILARINHO	PRT000019788	A-3344-N	CUEX	01/01/2008			412.	37.50	662.	LLS	Y
CARMEN	PRT000021970	V-1090-C	CUDA 8	01/01/2008			181.	24.00	327.	GNS	Y
COSTA DE SAO JORGE	PRT000016290	PD-464-C	CUTN	01/01/2008			319.	37.70	552.	LLD	Y
DAVID MALHEIROS	PRT000001682	PE-1984-C	CUMA	01/01/2008			183.	26.00	441.	GNS	Y
HEMISFERIO NORTE	PRT000019088	A-3300-N	CUEQ	01/01/2008			350.	34.00	588.	LLD	Y
HEMISFERIO SUL	PRT000019093	L-5-N	CUER	01/01/2008			350.	34.00	588.	LLD	Y
ILHA BRAVA	PRT000000115	L-3-N	CSPI	01/01/2008			453.	45.50	544.	LLD	Y
INFANTE DOM HENRIQUE	PRT000019727	LG-1334-C	CUAB	01/01/2008			225.	27.60	427.	LLS	Y
MAR DE JAVA	PRT000023398	V-26-N	CUIB6	01/01/2008			399.	37.50	596.	GNS	Y
MARIA TEIXEIRA	PRT000020091	A-3543-C	CULV	01/01/2008			197.	27.30	473.	LLD	Y
MAR LARGO	PRT000019321	PE-2078-N	CUOA	08/04/2010			332.	32.80	671.	LLS	Y

MAR PORTUGUES	PRT000019726	PE-2191-C	CUHB9	01/01/2008			225.	27.51	459.	LLS	Y
MIGUEL SANTOS	PRT000019385	PE-2081-N	CUMD	01/01/2008			332.	32.80	662.	LLD	Y
MONSERRATE	PRT000020109	PV-277-C	CUBZ5	01/01/2008			238.	28.10	515.	GNS	Y
NOVO RUIVO	PRT000023043	V-25-N	CUIA6	01/01/2008			481.	35.00	662.	GNS	Y
NOVOS HORIZONTES	PRT000018876	V-27-N	CUEM	01/01/2008			498.	43.00	888.	LLS	Y
PARALELO	PRT000001583	A-3239-C	CUOY	01/01/2008			221.	27.29	441.	LLD	Y
PAULA FILIPA	PRT000019596	PE-2139-C	CUHE7	01/01/2008			197.	28.10	368.	LLS	Y
PRINCIPE DAS MARES	PRT000021995	PM-1218-C	CUPP3	01/01/2008			187.	27.00	441.	LLS	Y
VERDEMILHO	PRT000001538	V-1065-C	CUOZ	01/01/2008			273.	34.50	809.	LLD	Y
VILA DE RIBAMAR	PRT000022649	FF-1241-N	CUFN	01/01/2008			593.	40.95	969.	LLS	Y
VILA DO INFANTE	PRT000020243	SA-543-C	CUOW7	01/01/2008			129.	25.40	331.	LLS	Y
VISTA ALEGRE	PRT000001540	A-3148-C	CUOU	01/01/2008			228.	28.60	552.	LLD	Y

Number of vessels: 29

Please note that the vessel MAR LARGO is authorised to fish