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Dear Madam / Sir

**REQUEST FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA CATCH DATA FOR VESSELS LESS THAN 24 METERS**

At its 4th Special Session (8-12 March 2021) the Commission noted that there is a lack of information on the catches of yellowfin tuna for vessels <24 m LOA. In order to better understand the nature and extent of the smaller-scale fisheries for yellowfin, the Commission is asking Members to submit information on the catches from these fisheries, in particular catches from vessels LOA<10 m, 10m≤LOA<15m, and 15m≤LOA<24 m.

The data should be received at the Secretariat by 1 May 2021 and will be reviewed at the Working Party on Tropical Tunas Data Preparation meeting (10-14 May) before being made available to the Commission prior to the Annual Session in June 2021.

This information request is not a formal obligation. However, if CPCs are unable to provide the requested information, the Commission encourages CPCs to explain why this was not possible.

A reporting template can be found [[here](#)].

If you need assistance completing in the template or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat's data team ([IOTC-Statistics@fao.org](mailto:IOTC-Statistics@fao.org)).

Yours sincerely



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