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## EU-France National Report to the Scientific Committee of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, 2022

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### Executive Summary

Five French fleets were active in the Indian Ocean in 2021:

1 - The tuna purse seine fleet consists of 10 purse seiners (7 with a carrying capacity (CC) between 800 and 1200 m<sup>3</sup> and 3 purse seiners with a CC greater than 1200 m<sup>3</sup>) and 3 support vessels representing a total CC of 10724 tons. The landed catches amounted to 58,149 t, representing a decrease of 17.6% compared to 2019, with a respective proportion of the major species YFT, SKJ and BET of 42%, 52.6% and 4.5%. The fishing effort reached 1805 days during which 2411 fishing operations were carried out with 1895 (79%) on ADFs and 516 (21%) on free banks. The number of ADFs deployed by the 13 vessels amounts to 4,153 (i.e. 319 ADFs/vessel). The human and electronic observer programs contribute to a 100% coverage of the fishery.

2 - The longline fleet based in Réunion with 40 active vessels. The total landings of the fleet amount to 2,084 tons for a total estimated effort of 3.868 million hooks. Swordfish represent 43.5% of the landings and the contribution of tunas (yellowfin, patudo and albacore) amounts to 43.8%. The observer program covered 14.7% of the fishing effort expressed in hooks.

3 - The small-scale coastal fishery in Réunion concerns a fleet of 109 vessels which landed 516 t of large pelagics.

4 - The longline fleet of Mauritius includes 2 units and landed 17 t. It should be noted that for one of the two vessels, the catches are not available in the declarative data stream.

5 - The small-scale fishery in Mauritania represents 92 active units which landed 232 t of large pelagics. France, in line with the IOTC research priorities, is carrying out various projects at national, European and international levels. France has actively participated in all the working groups organized by IOTC in 2021 and has presented 17 scientific contributions.

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