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IOTC CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM INDONESIA REGARDING IOTC TROPICAL TUNA ALLOCATED CATCH LIMITS FOR 2026 (CIRCULAR 2025-44)

Due to recent revisions to their reported skipjack tuna catch, Indonesia has communicated a proposed correction to their catch limit for Skipjack tuna in 2026 in accordance with Resolution 25/03 *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence*. The Secretariat has confirmed that this is consistent with the latest available catch data.

The Communication from Indonesia as well as the revised skipjack catch limits for 2026 are provided in the annexes to this Circular.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Annex1: Communication from Indonesia
- Annex2: Revised Skipjack catch limits for 2026

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Subject: The Revision of Indonesia's SKJ Catch Limit for period 2025-2026

To: Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

Dear Paul,

Regarding the IOTC Circular 2025-44 on the IOTC Tropical Tuna Allocated Catch Limits for 2026, we would like to clarify as follow:

Referring to the Resolution 23/05 on Establishing Catch Limits for Skipjack Tuna in the IOTC Area of Competence, article 6 : "Category A CPCs shall progressively reduce their current catches to the limits specified in paragraph 5 by 2028, with a reduction of one-third (1/3) of the total required reduction in the first year, two-thirds (2/3) in the second year, and the full reduction achieved in the third year", the catch limit will be applied in 2028, therefore we would like to request the Secretariat to revise Indonesia's SKJ catch limit as in the table below:

Fleet code	Fleet	Catch limit 2025	Catch limit 2026
IDN	Indonesia	N/A	141,387

The calculation of the catch limit as in the following:

- The catch limit is not applicable (N/A) in 2025;
- The formula to calculate the catch limit for 2026 is:
 - The average catch of 2021 to 2023 (t) = $\frac{\text{catch 2021} + \text{catch 2022} + \text{catch 2023}}{3}$
 - The total required reduction (t) = $143,080 - 138,000 = 5,080$
The catch limit for 2026 (t) = $143,080 - (1/3 * 5,080) = 141,387$

We very much appreciate it if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this revision. Thanking you very much for your kind attention and cooperation.

On Behalf of the Director General of Capture Fisheries
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Annex 2: Revised Skipjack catch limits for 2026

Skipjack Tuna

Resolution 25/03

Resolution [25/03](#) *On establishing catch limits for skipjack tuna in the IOTC area of competence* came into force 21 October 2025 and applies to all CPCs except India, Korea and Somalia. Resolutions [25/03](#) established a TAC of 628,606 t for skipjack tuna for the period in 2025 and 2026. Paragraph 1130 of Resolution 25/03 requires the IOTC Secretariat to prepare and circulate the below table (**Table 4**) of allocated catch limits disaggregated as per the requirements set out in paragraphs 5 – 12.

Table 1: Catch limits (t) that shall be applied in 2026 for the main fleets targeting Indian Ocean Skipjack tuna

Fleet code	Fleet	Catch limit 2026
EUR	European Union	125,000
IDN	Indonesia	141,387
IRN	I.R. Iran	68,000
LKA	Sri Lanka	38,000
MDV	Maldives	121,000
MUS	Mauritius	13,908
SYC	Seychelles	76,725