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**ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT TABLES FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA -  
RESOLUTIONS 19/01 & 21/01**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide the Compliance Committee with a document of reference for catch and over-catch history to assist it in the discussions for a payback mechanism for the over-catch of yellowfin tuna made under Resolution [19/01](#), when a CPC had previously objected to Resolution [21/01](#).

**CATCH LIMITS**

Catch limits for CPCs subject to IOTC Resolution 19/01 and IOTC Resolution 21/01 for Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna were estimated using data available as of 18 November 2025 and were disseminated through IOTC Circular [2025-44](#). These limits were derived using the following data and assumptions:

- Catch data correspond to the IOTC best scientific estimates of catches, derived from the data review procedure proposed by the Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (see Appendix V of [IOTC-2014-WPDCS10-R](#)) and endorsed by the Scientific Committee ([IOTC-2014-SC17-R](#))
- **Table 1** provides catch limits (metric tonnes, t) derived for 2020-2026 from IOTC best scientific estimates of catch, in accordance with the provisions of IOTC Resolution 19/01
- **Table 2** provides catch limits (metric tonnes, t) derived for 2022-2026 from IOTC best scientific estimates of catch, in accordance with the provisions of IOTC Resolution 21/01
- For both resolutions, catch limits for 2026 were estimated assuming that catches in 2025 (not yet available) will not exceed the applicable limits for that year.

**Table 1. Best scientific estimates of catch**

**Annual catch limits 2020-2026 (Resolution 19/01)**

Assuming 2025 catches will align with the CPC-specific established catch limits

1. Purse seine		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025							
CPC	Status	a. Base annual limit	b. Overcatch 2017+2018+2019*	c. Limit = a	d. Catch	e. Overcatch = d - c	f. Limit = a - b - e/2	g. Catch	h. Overcatch = g - f	i. Limit = a - h/2 - e/2	j. Catch	k. Overcatch = j - i	l. Limit = a - k/2 - h/2	m. Catch	n. Overcatch = m - l	o. Limit = a - n/2 - k/2	p. Catch	q. Overcatch = p - o	r. Limit = a - q/2 - n/2
EUR	DD, C	77,694	4,798	77,694	71,058	-	72,897	75,919	3,022										
IDN	DG, C	4,833	6,297	4,833	3,372	-	1,464	5,490	6,954	1,356	9,959	8,603	4,021	8,165	12,186	8,160	5,814	13,974	
KOR	DG, DW	7,524	-	7,524	2,393	-	7,524	5,806	-										
MUS	DG, S, C	10,473	-	10,473	9,681	-	10,473	9,641	-										
SYC	DG, S, C	33,211	1,606	33,211	30,502	-	31,605	29,407	-										

  

2. Longline		2020		2021					
Fleet	Status	a. Base annual limit	b. Overcatch 2017+2018+2019*	c. Limit = a	d. Catch	e. Overcatch = d - c	f. Limit = a - b - e/2	g. Catch	h. Overcatch = g - f
CHN	DG, DW	12,027	4,123	12,027	12,781	755	7,526	12,570	5,043
LKA	DG, C	7,762	2,461	7,762	8,126	364	5,120	3,778	-
SYC	DG, S, C	5,835	4,603	5,835	7,481	1,646	409	5,255	4,846

  

3. Gillnet		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026								
Fleet	Status	a. Base annual limit	b. Overcatch 2017+2018+2019	c. Limit = a	d. Catch	e. Overcatch = d - c	f. Limit = a - b - e/2	g. Catch	h. Overcatch = g - f	i. Limit = a - h/2 - e/2	j. Catch	k. Overcatch = j - i	l. Limit = a - k/2 - h/2	m. Catch	n. Overcatch = m - l	o. Limit = a - n/2 - k/2	p. Catch	q. Overcatch = p - o	r. Limit = a - q/2 - n/2	s. Catch	t. Overcatch = s - r	u. Limit = a - r/2 - q/2
IRN	DG, C	32,623	-	32,623	18,838	-	32,623	20,313	-	32,623	21,080	-	32,623	21,453	-	32,623	26,579	-	32,623	26,579	-	32,623

  

4. Other gears		2020		2021					
Fleet	Status	a. Base annual limit	b. Overcatch 2018+2019	c. Limit = a	d. Catch	e. Overcatch = d - c	f. Limit = a - b - e/2	g. Catch	h. Overcatch = g - f
MDV BB	DG, S, C	10,845	-	10,845	10,697	-	10,845	7,085	-
MDV HL	DG, S, C	16,939	-	16,939	15,181	-	16,939	8,928	-

Catch data from IOTC best scientific estimates (t)   CPCs that objected to Resolution 21/01 and to which Resolution 19/01 still applies  
 \* 2018-2019 for Seychelles   125% of the overcatch deducted (Res. 19/01; para. 13c)  
 \*\* c x 2 for Seychelles

**Status**

LD Least developed country  
 DG Developing country  
 DD Developed country

S Small Island Developing State  
 C Coastal State  
 DW Distant-Water Fishing Nation

**Res. 19/01 para. 13**

13. If over-catch of an annual limit for a given fleet of a CPC listed in paragraph 5 to 10 occurs, catch limits for that fleet shall be reduced as follows:

a. If the accumulated catch in 2017, 2018 and 2019 exceeds the sum of the catch limit1 for 2017, 2018 and 2019 the excess (over-catch) shall be deducted from the 2021 catch limit.  
 b. For 2020 and following years, 100% of that over-catch shall be deducted from the following two years limit; unless  
 c. Over-catch for that fleet has occurred in two or more consecutive years, in which case 125% of the overcatch shall be deducted from the following two years limit

**Table 2. Best scientific estimates of catch, in accordance with the provisions of IOTC Resolution 21/01**

**Annual catch limits for 2020-2025 (calculated) and 2026 (estimated)  
Resolution 21/01**

CPC			Base annual limit (t)	Catches (t)			Annual catch limits (t)				
Code	Status	Gear group		2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (estimated)
AUS	DD, C	ALL	2,000	17	48	36	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
BGD	LD, C		2,000	36	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
CHN	DG, DW		10,557	13,847	13,372	13,915	7,658	4,563	1,957	- 2,423	3,083
COM	LD, S, C		5,279	4,427	3,194	5,052	5,279	5,279	5,279	5,279	5,279
EUR	DD, C		73,078	69,058	62,653	71,561	71,567	71,567	73,078	73,078	73,078
FRA	DD, C		500	-	-	-	500	500	500	500	500
GBR	DD, DW		500	2	1	1	500	500	500	500	500
IDN	DG, C		45,426	62,987	53,460	56,114	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,426	45,426
JPN	DD, DW		4,003	1,373	2,018	2,087	4,003	4,003	4,003	4,003	4,003
KEN	DG, C		3,654	1,958	969	3,639	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654
KOR	DG, DW		9,056	4,259	4,616	3,529	9,056	9,056	9,056	9,056	9,056
LKA	DG, C		33,245	30,038	30,310	33,303	29,999	29,980	33,060	32,958	33,123
MDV	DG, S, C		47,195	28,083	30,776	26,478	47,195	47,195	47,195	47,195	47,195
MOZ	LD, C		2,000	75	462	685	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
MUS	DG, S, C		10,490	11,191	9,891	9,770	10,490	10,140	10,140	10,490	10,490
MYS	DG, C		2,000	339	716	662	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
PAK	DG, C		14,468	6,763	8,279	8,648	14,468	14,468	14,468	14,468	14,468
PHL	DG, DW		700	-	-	-	700	700	700	700	700
SDN	LD, C		2,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SYC	DG, S, C		39,577	35,959	34,066	37,813	39,395	39,395	39,577	39,577	39,577
THA	DG, C		2,000	6	37	15	2,000	6	2,000	2,000	2,000
TZA	LD, C		3,905	3,468	3,314	3,969	3,905	3,905	3,905	3,872	3,872
YEM	LD, C		26,262	22,732	37,839	40,051	26,262	26,262	20,474	10,685	16,474
ZAF	DG, C	2,000	329	521	442	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	

2026 catch limit is estimated assuming catches for 2025 are identical to the limit set for the year

Indicates catch limits lower than base annual limit