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ICCAT - Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tuna Tagging Programme (AOTTP)

REWARD

If you FIND a tuna with a **TAG** like this



PLEASE EMAIL (AOTTP@ICCAT.INT) WITH THE TAG CODE AND FISH LENGTH WE WILL CALL YOU BACK IMMEDIATELY

For each tag code and fish length the crew will get:

- ▶ Program t-shirt or cap
- ▶ Bonus for electronic tags
- ▶ Lottery entry (\$500 prize)

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Objectives

The overall objective of the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tuna Tagging Programme (AOTTP) is to contribute to the food security and economic growth of the Atlantic coastal states by ensuring sustainable management of their tropical tuna resources. Specifically, AOTTP will use the information it collects on tuna stocks in the Atlantic to provide improved and updated scientific advice to developing coastal states, and other ICCAT Contracting Parties, enabling them to adopt appropriate Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) for tunas in the framework of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).



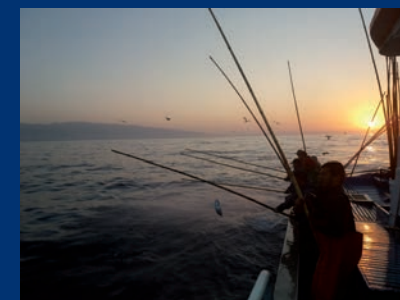
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Evidence based approach for sustainable management of tuna resources in the Atlantic



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The Concept

Tropical tuna fisheries are of major importance for many coastal states of the Atlantic Ocean contributing to economies and food security through: landings of local fishing fleets, port services and facilities, and fishing agreements with nations such as the European Union.

AOTTP is catching tuna, tagging them and releasing them alive across the tropical Atlantic. When a tagged fish is found, together with data on recapture size, location and date, important information on growth, mortality, and migration can be deduced.

The tag-recapture data gathered are enhancing scientific understanding of the biology of tropical tuna species and providing improved management and conservation advice of tropical tunas across the Atlantic Ocean.



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Verifiable Targets

- Tag 120.000 tropical tuna.
- Double-tag 24.000 fish and chemical tag 10.000.
- Tag 500 fish with electronic tags.
- Achieve an 80% Reporting Rate for purse-seiners.
- Train 20 people in tagging at sea.
- Train 30 people in biological sampling.
- Train 80 people in data analysis.
- Develop awareness and publicity campaigns.
- Set up tag-recovery incentive and reward schemes.
- Build accurate age-length data sets for tropical tuna.
- Reduce uncertainty in population assessments.

Target groups and beneficiaries: Fishing communities depending on tuna resources, consumers, and ICCAT fisheries scientists and government authorities.



Programme Components

- *Tagging tunas at sea*
- *Training and capacity development*
- *Awareness and tag recovery campaigns*
- *Tagging data analysis (i.e. migration and mortality)*
- *Biological studies to improve knowledge of tropical tunas*
- *International Symposium*

