

Tuna Conservation: ISSF's research and advocacy work – from our annual Status of the Stocks report to attendance at every major tropical tuna RFMO meeting – is aimed at ensuring effective conservation and management of tuna resources globally. In the Mediterranean, the stock of Mediterranean Albacore has never been properly assessed. This is a fishery that is almost exclusively consumed in the European Union (EU). Therefore, the EU could provide the necessary catch and landings data so a proper stock assessment could be conducted. ISSF has provided financial support for preliminary assessments to be conducted by the appropriate regional management body (ICCAT) and its scientific body. More information can be found here: <http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus/tuna-conservation/>

Bycatch Reduction: All fishing methods have some level of environmental impact, and that impact is often measured in terms of fishing mortality of non-target species – including sharks, rays, finfish and sea turtles. ISSF supports at-sea scientific research in to methods to mitigate bycatch in tuna fisheries and outreach to vessel skippers explaining current best practices on this, and other related topics. The EU tuna fleet has participated extensively in these workshops and has been a partner in ISSF supported at-sea research cruises. More information can be found here: <http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus/bycatch/>

Illegal Fishing: Companies that participate in ISSF commit to several conservation measures regarding illegal, unreported, and/or unregulated fishing, and ISSF uses a rigorous compliance process for any such allegations. The bulk of our work, however, is focused on proactively eliminating all elements of these harmful practices over time through a range of conservation measures, initiatives, and tools. A number of processing companies that participate in ISSF are based in the EU and source fish from EU fleets. More information can be found here: <http://iss-foundation.org/who-we-are/participantscommittees/participating-companies>
<http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/commitments-compliance-2/>
<http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus/illegal-fishing/>

Capacity Management: There is a general consensus among scientists, regional bodies, and governments that excess fishing capacity exists in most of the tuna purse seine fisheries and large-scale longline fisheries, and that the problem of overfishing is principally the result of open-access fishing and related excess fishing capacity. ISSF has been actively engaged in addressing excess fishing capacity in tuna purse seine fisheries through hosting a series of international workshops, the adoption of the ISSF Capacity Conservation Measure, and advocacy to RFMOs, and other initiatives. More information can be found here: <http://iss-foundation.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus/capacity-management/>