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Echebastar Indian Ocean purse seine skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine (Food Certification International Ltd trading as Acoura Marine)

Notification of Intent to Withdraw

Acoura Marine would like to announce the above fishery's intention to withdraw the following three units of certification (UoC) covering FADs (Fish Aggregating Devices) from the full assessment process at present, effective from 28/05/2015.

UoC 1

Species:	Skipjack Tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs).
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar Group

UoC 2

Species:	Yellowfin (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs).
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar Group

UoC 3

Species:	Bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs).
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar Group

The fishery is withdrawing these 3 UoC's from the full assessment process as more than 18 months has passed since the initial site visit and there is no immediate date planned for when the assessment process will continue.

The fishery will re-enter the full assessment process anew when the client is ready to proceed.

Acoura would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in this fishery assessment.

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