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Echebastar Indian Ocean Purse Seine Skipjack, Yellowfin and Bigeye Tuna Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

Notification of Clarification to the Unit of Certification

Food Certification International Ltd would like to provide clarification for the Harvest Method on the Units of Certification below for the above fishery in terms of the Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) used.

FAD's used in this fishery include both natural FADs (drifting logs and debris) and artificial FADs (manufactured).

UoC No1

Species:	Skipjack Tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine operated using FADs ('logs')
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

UoC No 2

Species:	Yellowfin (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine operated using FADs ('logs')
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

UoC No 3

Species:	Bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine operated using FADs ('logs')
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

UoC No 4

Species:	Skipjack Tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on free-swimming schools ('free sets').
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

UoC No 5

Species:	Yellowfin (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on free-swimming schools ('free sets').
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

UoC No 6

Species:	Bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)
Stock:	Indian Ocean Stock
Geographical area:	FAO 51 & 57
Harvest method:	Purse Seine set on free-swimming schools ('free sets').
Client Group:	Member vessels of Echebastar

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