

This is to certify that: Maldives pole & line skipjack tuna

Has been evaluated by SAI Global, ASI Accreditation Code ASI-ACC-035, and has been found to meet the requirements of the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Certification Requirements (FCR) Version 2.0.

The client can therefore claim the fishery to be a "Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery", in accordance with MSC's Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The client for the fishery is:

Maldives Seafood Processor & Exporters Association (MSPEA)

6th Floor BKT Building, Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Malé-20026, Republic of Maldives

Species: Katsuwonus pelamis

Common Name: Skipjack tuna

Geographical Range of Fishing Operation: Indian Ocean, Republic of Maldives EEZ Indian Ocean skipjack tuna

Stock: Pole & line

Method(s) of Capture:

Management System: Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) at regional level and the Maldives Ministry of Fisheries,

Marine Resources and Agriculture at the domestic level

Client Group: Maldives Seafood Processor & Exporters Association (MSPEA) There are no other eligible fishers.

Group Members: **Entry Point of Chain of Custody:** This Certificate extends to the first point of landing at shore or at collector vessels/mother

ships. Chain of Custody is required at the transfer of ownership from the catching vessel to the processing company. For more detailed information on the scope of this Certificate refer

to the Public Certification Report.

Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable Catches: There are no IPI stocks involved in the certification of this fishery.

> MSC-F-31341 Registration No: Certification Date: 29 November 2017 Certificate Issue Date: 29 June 2020

Anniversary Date for the purposes of Surveillance Audits: 29 May each year

(Anniversary of Certification Date + 6 months in accordance with MSC Covid-19 Derogation)

Re-Assessment Due Date: To be announced by 27 August 2022

(Revised 4th anniversary of certification + 90 days)

Certificate Expiry Date: 28 May 2023

(Extended by 6 Months in accordance with MSC Covid-19 Derogation)

Signed on behalf of SAI Global:

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