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Certificate of Conformity

Acoura Marine Ltd. trading as LRQA certifies that:

PNA Western and Central Pacific Skipjack, Yellowfin and Bigeye Tuna Purse Seine Fishery

is a sustainable and well managed fishery which meets the requirements set out in the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The client for the fishery is:

Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) Office
PO Box 3992
Majuro
Marshall Islands 96960

The scope of this certification is applicable to:

Species:

Katsuwonus pelamis, Thunnus albacares, Thunnus obesus

Gear type(s):

Purse seine catches in all set types.

Geographical Area:

Western and Central Pacific covering the EEZs of the PNA parties

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Visit the MSC Track-a-Fishery pages <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/> to validate certificate authenticity.



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Units of Certification (UoC)

UoA 1	Description
Species	Skipjack tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)
Stock	Western and Central Pacific Skipjack Tuna
Fishing gear type and, if relevant, vessel type	Purse seine catches in all set types.
Client group	Vessels operating under the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) as managed and monitored by the PNA Office on behalf of the PNA (Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu) and Tokelau.
Other eligible fishers	None
Geographical area	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs (i.e., not including archipelagic waters and waters <12nm from the coast) of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tokelau

UoA 2	Description
Species	Yellowfin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)
Stock	Western and Central Pacific Yellowfin Tuna
Fishing gear type and, if relevant, vessel type	Purse seine catches in all set types.
Client group	Vessels operating under the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) as managed and monitored by the PNA Office on behalf of the PNA (Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu) and Tokelau
Other eligible fishers	None
Geographical area	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs (i.e., not including archipelagic waters and waters <12nm from the coast) of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tokelau

UoA 3	Description
Species	Bigeye tuna (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)
Stock	Western and Central Pacific Bigeye Tuna
Fishing gear type and, if relevant, vessel type	Purse seine catches in all set types.
Client group	Vessels operating under the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) as managed and monitored by the PNA Office on behalf of the PNA (Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Tuvalu) and Tokelau
Other eligible fishers	None
Geographical area	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs (i.e., not including archipelagic waters and waters <12nm from the coast) of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tokelau

Note that other eligible fishers may also be included in some Units of Assessment but not initially certified (until covered by a certificate sharing arrangement).

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The definition of a FAD is as defined by the WCPFC (2009b) in CMM 2009-02: “any object or group of objects, of any size, that has or has not been deployed, that is living or non-living, including but not limited to buoys, floats, netting, webbing, plastics, bamboo, logs and whale sharks floating on or near the surface of the water that fish may associate with”.

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The point(s) at which fish and fish products may enter a chain of custody:

The existing certified PNA free school tuna fishery (PNAFTF) is recognised as having a rigorous traceability monitoring system in place, that includes catching and transshipment of the tuna up to the point of discharge to the processing factory. Under the reassessment of the PNAPSF, catches of skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna taken inside the PNA EEZ within all set types are eligible to enter further certified chains of custody and will be eligible to be sold as MSC certified and carry the MSC ecolabel.

Noting the steps laid out below, there is no at-sea processing, and traceability is undertaken to the point at which the fish are delivered to a factory and are finally confirmed as being MSC-eligible. This is also the point at which change of ownership occurs. MSC Chain of Custody is required from that point forward.

Only registered vessels are eligible to harvest and land tuna with the MSC claim subject to the following provisions:

- a. PNA has approved and documented the trip as an MSC-eligible trip,
- b. A specially trained MSC fisheries observer is placed on board for the duration of the trip,
- c. The fish is only considered MSC eligible until landed and exact weights verified,

No Inseparable or Practically Inseparable catches are currently allowed on this certificate. Processing of domestic and Distant Water Fishing Nation (DWFN) vessel catches takes place in Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands. However most is typically transhipped in PNA ports designated for transshipment to be shipped to processors in non-PNA countries.

Designated transshipping ports:

Party	Designated ports
Federated States of Micronesia	Yap, Chuuk, <u>Pohnpei</u> , Kosrae
Kiribati	<u>Tarawa</u> , <u>Canton</u> , Kiritimati
Marshall Islands	<u>Majuro</u>
Solomon Islands	<u>Honiara</u> , Noro
Palau	Koror
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby, <u>Lae</u> , Madang, <u>Rabaul</u> , Kimbe, Kavieng, Alotau, Lorengau, Biella, Oro Bay, Vanimo, Vidar, <u>Wewak</u>
Tuvalu	<u>Funafuti</u>

Note: The PNA tuna fishery UoCs 1-3 cover skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna catches taken in all purse seine set types from within the PNA EEZs. Separation of catch by set type is not required routinely for MSC CoC. However, other second-party or third-party processes may verify separation of catches by set type if deemed necessary for commercial or other reasons. For example, catches may be identified as ‘free school’ and then stored separately in specific wells or by using double-netting in wells, together with appropriate record-keeping by independent observers and practices during loading, transshipping or offloading. Such separation would be additional to MSC traceability and COC requirements.

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The parties, or categories of parties, that are entitled to use this certificate to enter fish from the certified fishery into certified chains of custody:

Vessels included within the MSC scope of the PNA fishery comprise a large, dynamic list. As such, a complete, live list of vessels registered within the scope of the PNA can be found at <https://www.pnatuna.com/registered-vessels>

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