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ATTN: Heads of Delegation to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

118 Supply Chain Companies Call on the WCPFC to Urgently Adopt and Implement Management Procedures (Harvest Strategies) Supported by Harvest Control Rules for Tuna Stocks

The undersigned companies have made commitments to sourcing seafood responsibly, including tuna from the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO). Further, we recognize that the adoption and implementation of comprehensive precautionary management procedures (i.e., harvest strategies) is fundamental to effective long-term management of tuna fisheries in the WCPO.

Of primary importance to us is that the WCPFC accelerates the adoption and implementation of comprehensive, precautionary management procedures. We appreciate that the major tuna stocks in the region are currently not overfished stocks or nor is overfishing occurring. To ensure this status is maintained we are calling on the WCPFC to:

- Adopt and implement without delay a management procedure for skipjack in 2022
- Adopt Target Reference Points and continue to develop management procedures for bigeye and yellowfin
- Agree to a revised workplan for setting a comprehensive, precautionary harvest strategy for South Pacific albacore in 2023

As companies engaged in the sourcing of tunas globally, we are seeking to ensure that your government supports efforts to adopt management procedures in the WCPFC.

We appreciate your delegation's commitment to addressing these issues and thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Kind regards,







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