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

22 Leading Tuna NGOs Call on the WCPFC to Adopt Management Measures for Key Stocks, Increase Observer Coverage Rates, Address Biodegradable FADs and Seabirds

The upcoming WCPFC Commission meeting provides an important opportunity for the WCPFC to demonstrate its ongoing leadership and progressive management to preserve the health of tuna fisheries that are a vital source of economic development and food security for the region.

As organizations focused on the sustainability of tuna stocks and their ecosystems, we urge the WCPFC to **adopt and implement management procedures for South Pacific albacore tuna and Pacific bluefin, and adopt a target reference point for bigeye tuna to allow the adoption of a management procedure in 2026.**

In addition, we also ask the WCPFC to further effective fisheries management by:

- Adopt a timeline to transition to biodegradable dFADs.
- Immediately increase observer coverage rates – human and/or electronic – for large-scale longline vessels from the current 5% requirement and adopt a timeline to reach 100% coverage.
- Adopt a seabird conservation management measure that reflects up-to-date scientific advice on best practice.

As organizations engaged in tuna fishery sustainability efforts globally, we are seeking to ensure that your government supports efforts to address these key issues 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,

