MarinTrust Standard V2

By-product Fishery Assessment

Frigate tuna in FAO Area 71

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Table 1 Application details and summary of the assessment outcome

Fishery Under Assessment	Species:	Frigate tuna (*Auxis thazard*)
	Geographical area:	FAO Area 71, Pacific, Western Central
	Country of origin of the product:	Thailand
	Stock:	Western and Central Pacific Ocean
Date		January 2023
Report Code		THA01
Assessor		Sam Peacock
Country of origin of the product - PASS		Thailand
Country of origin of the product - FAIL		None

Application details and summary of the assessment outcome			
Company Name(s): South East Asian Packaging and Canning Ltd			
Country: Thailand			
Email address:		Applicant Code:	
Certification Body Details			
Name of Certification Body:		LRQA	
Assessor	Peer Reviewer	Assessment Days	Initial/Surveillance/ Re-approval
Sam Peacock	Kate Morris	0.2	Re-approval
Assessment Period		January 2023 – January 2024	

Scope Details	
Main Species	Frigate tuna (*Auxis thazard*)
Stock	Western and Central Pacific Ocean
Fishery Location	FAO Area 71, Pacific, Western Central
Management Authority (Country/ State)	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
Gear Type(s)	Purse seine, pole and line, longline
Outcome of Assessment	
Peer Review Evaluation	PASS
Recommendation	PASS

Table 2. Assessment Determination

Assessment Determination
Frigate tuna has been categorised by the IUCN Red List as a species of Least Concern and does not appear in the CITES appendices. The stock in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean falls within the geographical jurisdiction of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) but is not a stock of interest. There is no evidence of any stock assessment or reference points for the stock. For this reason, it was assessed under Category D. Frigate tuna was awarded a Productivity score of 1.29 and a Susceptibility score of 2.75, leading to an outcome of Pass on Table D3. For this reason, the by-product should be re-approved for use as a raw material in MT-certified marine ingredients.

Fishery Assessment Peer Review Comments
The by-product fishery under assessment here is the Frigate tuna (*Auxis thazrd*) fishery, pursued by fishing vessels in FAO fishing area 71. Frigate tuna is not managed by to species-specific reference points, so for this assessment, frigate tuna is assessed as a category D species. Frigate tuna PASS the requirements detailed in D1. All species scoring tables have been completed by the auditor with sufficient evidence presented to support their final determination. The peer review supports the auditor's recommendation to PASS the FAO 72, Frigate tuna stock under the Marin Trust IFFO RS v2.0 by-fishery standard to produce fishmeal and fish oil.

Notes for On-site Auditor

Species Categorisation

NB: If any species is categorised as Endangered or Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List, or if it appears in CITES Appendix 1, it **cannot** be approved for use as an MarinTrust raw material.

IUCN Red list Category

By-product material from a species listed by IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) under the Red List for the following categories shall immediately fail the assessment;

- EXTINCT (E) AND EXTINCT IN THE WILD (EW)

- CRITICALLY ENDANGERED (CR) facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.

- ENDANGERED (EN) facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

By-product material may be used from the following categories provided that all clauses in the MarinTrust standard are passed.

- VULNERABLE (VU) facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.

- NEAR THREATENED (NT) does not qualify for above now, but is close or is likely to qualify for, a threatened category in the near future.

- LEAST CONCERN (LC) Widespread and abundant.

- DATA DEFICIENT (DD) and NOT EVALUATED (NE)

Table 3 Species Categorisation Table

Common name	Latin name	Stock	Management	Category	IUCN Red List Category[1]	CITES Appendix 1[2]
Frigate tuna	*Auxis thazard*	Western and Central Pacific	No	D	Least Concern[3]	No

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[1] https://www.iucnredlist.org/
[2] https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php
[3] https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/170344/6757270
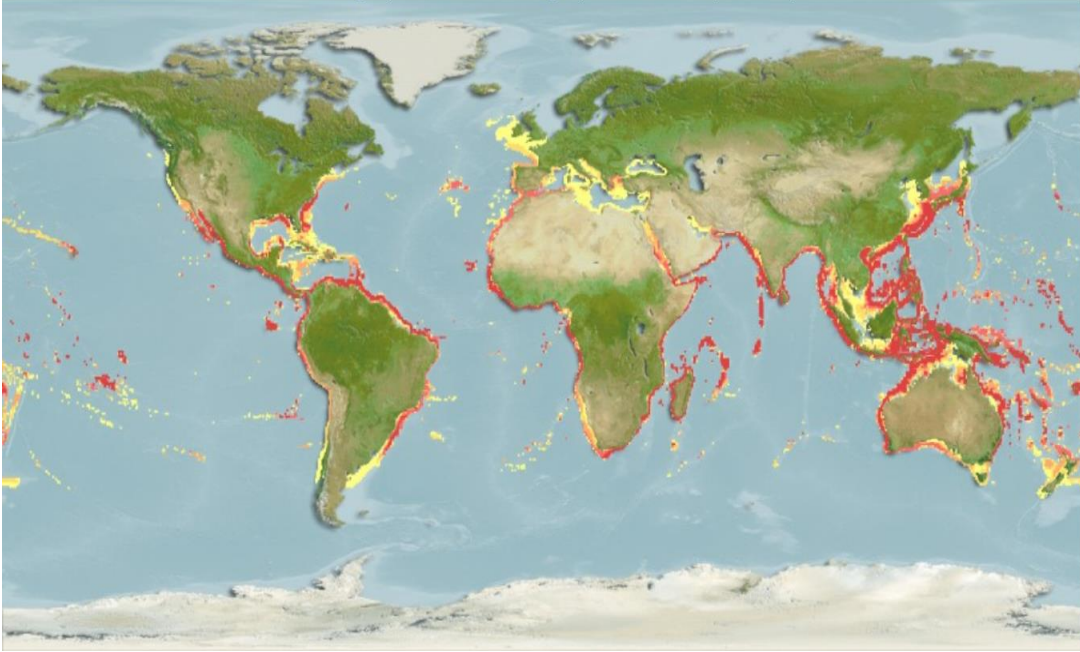
CATEGORY C SPECIES

In a by-product assessment, Category C species are those which are subject to a species-specific management regime and are usually targeted species in fisheries for human consumption.

Clause C1 should be completed for each Category C species. If there are no Category C species in the fishery under assessment, this section can be deleted. Where a species fails this Clause, it should be assessed as a Category D species instead.

Species Name		n/a	
C1	**Category C Stock Status - Minimum Requirements**		
	C1.1	Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
	C1.2	The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
		Clause outcome:	

C1.1 Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.

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References	
Links	
MarinTrust Standard clause	1.3.2.2
FAO CCRF	7.5.3
GSSI	D.3.04, D5.01

CATEGORY D SPECIES

Category D species are those which are not subject to a species-specific management regime. In the case of mixed trawl fisheries, Category D species may make up the majority of landings. The comparative lack of scientific information on the status of the population of the species means that a risk-assessment style approach must be taken.

D1	**Species Name**		**Frigate tuna**	
	Productivity Attribute		**Value**	**Score**
	Average age at maturity (years)		0.7 years	1
	Average maximum age (years)		3 years	1
	Fecundity (eggs/spawning)		460,435	1
	Average maximum size (cm)		65cm	1
	Average size at maturity (cm)		27.5cm	1
	Reproductive strategy		Open water / substratum egg scatterers	1
	Mean trophic level		4.4	3
			Average Productivity Score	**1.29**
	Susceptibility Attribute		**Value**	**Score**
	Availability (area overlap)		10-30% overlap	2
	Encounterability (the position of the stock/species within the water column relative to the fishing gear)		Targeted	3
	Selectivity of gear type		Targeted	3
	Post-capture mortality		Retained	3
			Average Susceptibility Score	**2.75**
			PSA Risk Rating (From Table D3)	**PASS**
			Compliance rating	**PASS**

Further justification for susceptibility scoring (where relevant)
For susceptibility attributes, please provide a brief rationale for scoring of parameters where there may be uncertainty affecting your decision

Frigate tuna global distribution, computer generated. From Fishbase, https://www.fishbase.se/summary/94

References

Fishbase, Frigate tuna. https://www.fishbase.se/summary/94

Standard clauses 1.3.2.2

Table D2 - Productivity / Susceptibility attributes and scores.

Productivity attributes	High productivity (Low risk, score = 1)	Medium productivity (medium risk, score = 2)	Low productivity (high risk, score = 3)
Average age at maturity	<5 years	5-15 years	>15 years
Average maximum age	<10 years	10-25 years	>25 years
Fecundity	>20,000 eggs per year	100-20,000 eggs per year	<100 eggs per year
Average maximum size	<100 cm	100-300 cm	>300 cm
Average size at maturity	<40 cm	40-200 cm	>200 cm
Reproductive strategy	Broadcast spawner	Demersal egg layer	Live bearer
Mean Trophic Level	<2.75	2.75-3.25	>3.25

Susceptibility attributes	Low susceptibility (Low risk, score = 1)		Medium susceptibility (medium risk, score = 2)		High susceptibility (high risk, score = 3)	
Areal overlap (availability) Overlap of the fishing effort with the species range	<10% overlap		10-30% overlap		>30% overlap	
Encounterability The position of the stock/species within the water column relative to the fishing gear, and the position of the stock/species within the habitat relative to the position of the gear	Low overlap with fishing gear (low encounterability).		Medium overlap with fishing gear.		High overlap with fishing gear (high encounterability). Default score for target species	
Selectivity of gear type Potential of the gear to retain species	a	Individuals < size at maturity are rarely caught	a	Individuals < size at maturity are regularly caught.	a	Individuals < size at maturity are frequently caught
	b	Individuals < size at maturity can escape or avoid gear.	b	Individuals < half the size at maturity can escape or avoid gear.	b	Individuals < half the size at maturity are retained by gear.
Post-capture mortality (PCM) The chance that, if captured, a species would be released and that it would be in a condition permitting subsequent survival	Evidence of majority released post-capture and survival.		Evidence of some released post-capture and survival.		Retained species or majority dead when released.	

D3		Average Susceptibility Score		
		1 - 1.75	1.76 - 2.24	2.25 - 3
Average Productivity Score	1 - 1.75	PASS	PASS	PASS
	1.76 - 2.24	PASS	PASS	TABLE D4
	2.25 - 3	PASS	TABLE D4	TABLE D4

D4	Species Name	
	Impacts On Species Categorised as Vulnerable by D1-D3 - Minimum Requirements	
	D4.1	The potential impacts of the fishery on this species are considered during the management process, and reasonable measures are taken to minimise these impacts.
	D4.2	There is no substantial evidence that the fishery has a significant negative impact on the species.

Outcome:	

Evidence

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D4.2 There is no substantial evidence that the fishery has a significant negative impact on the species.

References

Links

MarinTrust Standard clause	1.3.2.2, 4.1.4
FAO CCRF	7.5.1
GSSI	D.5.01