

2021 Report

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30

Mission statement

To bring together a variety of stakeholders to increase knowledge on the global status and conservation of the world's tuna and billfish species.

Projected impact 2021–2025

Our projected impact is that we will have reassessed all of the world's tuna and billfishes, calculated the Red List Index for these species, and produced a peer-reviewed scientific paper on these results. Many of the results have already been highlighted in several international news outlets.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-001 Reassess all 61 species of tunas and billfishes on the Red List.

Activities and results 2021

ASSESS

Red List

T-001 (KSR 6)

Number of global Red List reassessments completed: 13

Result description: Six commercial tuna assessments were published in 2021 (three Bluefins; Bigeye Tuna, *Thunnus obesus*; Albacore Tuna, *Thunnus alalunga*; and Yellowfin Tuna, *Thunnus albacares*). These were highlighted in an IUCN press release and several media outlets during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in September (see <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/good-news-for-tuna-populations-in-latest-iucn-update>). In 2021, assessments for seven commercial billfishes, as well as the Longtail Tuna (*Thunnus tonggol*) and Blackfin Tuna (*Thunnus atlanticus*), were submitted. These will be published in the July 2022 IUCN Red List update.

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Summary of achievements

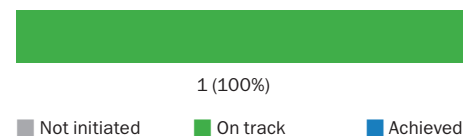
Total number of targets 2021–2025: 1

Geographic regions: 1 Body of water

Actions during 2021:

Assess: 1 (KSR 6)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:



■ Not initiated

■ On track

■ Achieved



Bluefin Tuna, Mediterranean Sea
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