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Certificate of Conformity

Acoura Marine Ltd. trading as LRQA certifies that:

PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack and yellowfin, unassociated / non FAD set, 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

Gear type(s):

Purse-seine setting on unassociated / non-FAD, free schools

Geographical Area:

Western and Central Pacific covering the EEZs of the PNA parties

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Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture

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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)

UoC 1

Species:	Skipjack tuna (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)
Geographical area:	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs (i.e., not including archipelagic waters) of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tokelau
Method of capture:	Purse seine targeting freeschool (unassociated / non FAD set) skipjack tuna (noting the WCPFC definition of a FAD ¹)
Stock:	Western and Central Pacific skipjack tuna
Management System:	PNA Implementing arrangements National Management Plans and national licensing conditions WCPFC CMMs
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.

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).

Other Eligible Fishers:	None
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UoC 2

Species:	Yellowfin tuna (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)
Geographical area:	Western and Central Pacific in the EEZs (i.e., not including archipelagic waters) of Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tokelau
Method of capture:	Purse seine targeting freeschool (unassociated / non FAD set) yellowfin tuna (noting the WCPFC definition of a FAD ¹)
Stock:	Western and Central Pacific yellowfin tuna
Management System:	PNA Implementing arrangements National Management Plans and national licensing conditions WCPFC CMMs
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.

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¹ 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:

For the PNA tuna fishery, a group MSC Chain of Custody program and certificate is in place that covers tuna from harvest through to landing and receiving at primary processing facilities within the PNA region only. Only those vessels included on that CoC certificate 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
- d. The trip is considered to be in full compliance with the PNA CoC scheme, and
- e. The primary processor holds a valid MSC CoC certificate of their own.

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 transhipment to be shipped to processors in non-PNA countries.

Designated transhipping ports:

Federated States of Micronesia	Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae
Kiribati	Tarawa, Canton, Kiritmati
Marshall Islands	Majuro
Solomon Islands	Honiara, Noro
Nauru	Nauru
Palau	Koror
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Rabaul, Kimbe, Kavieng, Alotau, Lorengau, Bialla, Oro Bay, Vanimo, Vidar, Wewak
Tuvalu	Funafuti

Within the PNA zone, chain of custody documentation commences from a qualified vessel applying for a MSC trip number and sailing on a MSC eligible trip with a MSC trained fisheries observer, or the qualified carrier proposing to load MSC eligible catch through to discharge to shore facility where weights per species and compliance are confirmed and MSC certificate may be issued. At which point it crosses to the next chain of custody in fish handling. Discharges outside of the PNA zone are not included within PNA MSC COC; once the fish is unloaded, the responsibility transfers into the MSC COC of the packer. All MSC product must otherwise be included within the PNA CoC scheme.



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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:

Only tuna described in the Unit of Certification and from companies and vessels included within the PNA Group Chain of Custody Scheme are eligible to land fishery products with an MSC claim. The list of vessels within the PNA Group Chain of Custody Scheme are published on the PNA website and for contacts please refer to Mr John Maefiti, Commercial Manager, PNA, jmaefiti@pnatuna.com In the course of the certification further companies/vessels may join the client group. This would be in accordance with the MSC’s stated desire to allow fair and equitable access to the certification.

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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