### STATUS OF BIGEYE TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN IN 2012

### January 1975 – December 2012



### Outline



- Stock assessment (base case model)
  - Fishery data updates
  - Model assumptions (biology, <u>data weighting</u>)
  - Results (fishing mortality, recruitment, biomasses)
  - Stock status (base case)
  - Population projections (*status quo*, F<sub>MSY</sub>, and effect of resolutions)
  - Retrospective analysis
  - Comparison to previous assessment
- Sensitivity analyses
- Conclusions



### Overview of assessment model

- Age-structured, statistical, catch-at-length model (Stock Synthesis – Version 3)
- Integrated analysis
- Same type of model as MULTIFAN-CL, A-SCALA and CASAL





- Catches
- Fishery definitions
- Discards
- Fishing effort
- Catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE)
- Size compositions



### New or updated data



- Surface fisheries
  - Catch, CPUE and size-frequency data updated to include new data for 2012 and revised data for earlier years
- Longline fisheries
  - New or updated longline catch data: China (2009 and 2011), Chinese Taipei (2009-2011), Japan (2009-2011), Korea (2011), US (2010-2011), and Vanuatu (2005-2011)
  - 2012 longline catch data available from monthly reports: China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea and Vanuatu
  - New or updated CPUE data available for Japan (2009-2011)
  - New or updated longline size-frequency for Japan (2006-2011)



### Total catches





# Catch proportions by fishery



#### Fishery data

### Spatial distribution of PS catches



Annual distribution of BET PS catches, 2012



### Spatial distribution of LL catches



### **BET fishery definitions**







GEAR TYPE: PS, LP, LL PS set type (OBJ, NOA and DOL) Time period The IATTC sampling areas

DEL – sets on dolphins NOA – sets on unassociated fish OBJ – sets on floating objects LL – longline sets



## Annual catches by fishery



Year-año

**Fishery data** 

### Discards





Year-año

**Fishery data** 

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## Fishing effort



Year-año

### Nominal longline effort



Year



#### **Fishery data**

### Catch-per-unit effort (CPUE)





Year-año

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0.0

1980

1990

2010

2000

### Longline standardized CPUE



### Length compositions – OBJ transition





### Length compositions – OBJ fisheries «



### Medium

Small



Length compositions – LL





Length compositions – LL (cont.)





## Model assumptions (base case)

- Stock structure
- Biology (growth, natural mortality and maturity)
- Stock-recruitment relationship (S-R)



## Model assumptions



- Improved after External Review in May 2010 and recent diagnostics work (R<sub>0</sub> profile)
- Fishery definitions: 23 fisheries
- Data weighting:
  - Down-weighting size composition data of all fisheries
  - Fit to Central and Southern LL CPUE series (CV=0.15), no fit to purse seine CPUE
- Growth modeling: New growth curve estimated externally, L<sub>2</sub> and variance of length-at-age fixed
- Modeling of catchability and selectivity:
  - Two time blocks for all LL fisheries (split at 1990)
  - Early dome, late asymptotic selectivities



### BET stock structure



- Minimal net movement of fish between the EPO and WCPO
- Single stock of bigeye in EPO
- Pacific-wide collaborative assessment with SPC and sensitivity analysis extending the western boundary of stock to 170°E
- See update on results from collaborative tagging program with SPC in the CPO



Age and growth – Previous assessment

**Assumptions** 

- Richards growth curve
  - L<sub>2</sub> fixed (185 cm)
  - Variability of length-at-age (LSD) estimated



 Length of the largest fish observed (close to virgin population)



FIGURE 1. Geographical expansion of the Japanese longline fishery (solid curves) and the surface fishery in the eastern Pacific (dotted curves). Numerals denote calendar year.

Suzuki, Tomlinson and Honma (1978)



### BET *L*<sub>2</sub> assumption?



Kume and Joseph (1966)



### Age and growth



Age (years)-Edad (años)







## Natural mortality





- Sensitivity analysis
  - Juvenile M (SARM-9-INF-B)
  - Adult M (Appendix B)



Age-specific maturity (Schaefer and Fuller, 2006)





## Stock-recruitment relationship



- Beverton-Holt relationship
- No S-R relationship (steepness = 1)
- Sensitivity analysis (Appendix B)
  - Steepness = 0.75
  - Likelihood profile on steepness (0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0)





- Mean length-at-age and the variability of the length-at-age
- Sex and age-specific mortality-rates (*M*)
- Age-specific maturity schedule
- CV of LL-C and LL-S CPUE (0.15)
- Selectivity curves for discard fisheries
- Steepness of stock-recruitment relationship (*h*=1)



## Estimated parameters



- Recruitment in every quarter from 1975 to 2012 (average recruitment and temporal recruitment anomalies)
- Catchability coefficients for the 4 LL CPUE time series (LL-C and LL-S, two time blocks)
- Selectivity curves for late Central and Southern LL fisheries are assumed to be logistic (catch larger fish)
- Selectivities for all other fisheries (except discards) are assumed to be dome-shaped (double normal)
- Initial population age-structure



### Data weighting

### **PERSPECTIVE / PERSPECTIVE**

## Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models

**R.I.C. Chris Francis** 



Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. Vol. 68, 2011



## Data weighting

### Previous base case SAR13 (2012)







### Data weighting



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## Results (base case)

- Model fits (CPUE and size compositions)
- Fishing mortality
- Selectivity
- Recruitment
- Biomass


# Fit to CPUE – OBJ fisheries



**Results** 

(base case)



# Fit to CPUE – LL fisheries



**Results** 

(base case)

Catch per day (t) - Captura por dia (t)

# Fit to CPUE – Late LL fisheries



# Average fits to size comps.







# PS Size comp. residual pattern



#### Two time blocks for LL?

Lenght (cm)- Talla (cm)





Fishery data

# LL Size comp. residual pattern

**Results** 

(base case)







# **Fishing mortality**





# Size selectivity



## Recruitment





## Previous recruitment pattern



**Results** 

(base case)

# Recruitment and environment





#### Stock-recruitment



Relative spawning biomass–Biomasa reproductora relativa



# Summary biomass



# Spawning biomass







# Fishery impact





# BET average weight - PS





# BET average weight - LL







#### Stock status (base case)

- Spawning Biomass Ratio (SBR)
- Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)



#### Spawning Biomass Ratio (SBR)



Stock status (base case)

#### Management quantities



	Base case-	2010 2011
	Caso base	2010-2011
MSY-RMS	106,706	108,281
B <sub>MSY</sub> - B <sub>RMS</sub>	418,468	426,310
S <sub>MSY</sub> - S <sub>RMS</sub>	105,969	108,054
$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.24	0.25
$S_{MSY}/S_0 - S_{RMS}/S_0$	0.20	0.20
Crecent/MSY- Crecent/RMS	0.97	0.95
$B_{\rm recent}/B_{\rm MSY}$ - $B_{\rm recent}/B_{\rm RMS}$	1.02	1.00
Srecent/SMSY-Srecent/SRMS	1.08	1.06
F multiplier-Multiplicador de $F$	1.05	1.09



# Time varying indicators





# MSY-quantities by fishery

Stock status
(base case)
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	Base case-	PS only-	LL only-
	Caso base	sonamente	solamente
MSY-RMS	106,706	77,766	254,983
BMSY- BRMS	418,468	323,018	464,742
S <sub>MSY</sub> - S <sub>RMS</sub>	105,969	84,446	61,676
$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.24	0.19	0.27
$S_{\rm MSY}/S_0$ - $S_{\rm RMS}/S_0$	0.20	0.16	0.12
Crecent/MSY- Crecent/RMS	0.97	1.32	0.40
$B_{ m recent}/B_{ m MSY}$ - $B_{ m recent}/B_{ m RMS}$	1.02	1.33	0.92
$S_{\text{recent}}/S_{\text{MSY}}$ - $S_{\text{recent}}/S_{\text{RMS}}$	1.08	1.36	1.86
F multiplier-Multiplicador de $F$	1.05	1.54	8.57



# Target Kobe plots









# Projection simulations (base case)

- Status quo fishing strategy
- MSY fishing strategy
- Effect of tuna conservation resolutions (2004-2012)



# Forward projections



- Projection period: 10 years (2013-2022)
- Evaluate:
  - Catches (surface and longline fisheries)
  - Spawning Biomass Ratio (SBR)
- Three exploitation scenarios:
  - Status quo (*F*<sub>cur</sub>): 3-year F average (2010-2012)
  - F<sub>MSY</sub>
  - No IATTC tuna conservation resolutions (2004-2012)



#### Spawning Biomass Ratio (SBR)







**Projected catches** 





# **Spawning Biomass Ratio**

0.9

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#### Impact of conservation measures



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Projections (base case)



Stock status (base case)



#### Effect of no IATTC tuna conservation resolutions







#### **Retrospective analysis**



#### **Recruitment - retrospective**

Retrospective (base case)





#### **Recruitment - retrospective**





Retrospective (base case)
#### **Biomasses - retrospective**







#### **Biomasses - retrospective**









#### Comparisons to previous assessment (SAR11)



#### Summary biomass







#### Spawning biomass





Comparison to SAR10



#### Recruitment



Comparison to SAR10

#### Recruitment







## Sensitivity analyses

- Steepness of SR relationship (Appendix A)
- Adult natural mortality (Appendix B)
- Sensitivity analysis to the weighting assigned to the size composition data (Appendix C)



### Spawner-recruitment curve



Spawning biomass (t)-Biomasa reproductora (t)



**Sensitivities** 

(Steepness)

## Summary biomass







# Recruitment







# Spawning biomass ratio



# Likelihood profile on steepness





# F multiplier and steepness



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Sensitivities (Steepness)

#### Management quantities



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4	Base case-						
	Caso base	<i>h</i> = 0.9	h = 0.8	h = 0.75	h = 0.7	h = 0.6	h = 0.5
	( <i>h</i> =1)						
MSY-RMS	106,706	104,468	102,782	101,994	101,199	99,483	97,415
BMSY- BRMS	418,468	547,941	679,829	754,430	838,483	1,051,330	1,375,260
S <sub>MSY</sub> - S <sub>RMS</sub>	105,969	146,270	187,294	210,470	236,561	302,550	402,818
$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.39
$S_{\rm MSY}/S_0$ - $S_{\rm RMS}/S_0$	0.20	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.31	0.34	0.38
Crecent/MSY- Crecent/RMS	0.97	0.99	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.06
$B_{\text{recent}}/B_{\text{MSY}}$ - $B_{\text{recent}}/B_{\text{RMS}}$	1.02	0.90	0.83	0.80	0.78	0.74	0.70
$S_{\rm recent}/S_{\rm MSY}$ - $S_{\rm recent}/S_{\rm RMS}$	1.08	0.92	0.84	0.81	0.79	0.74	0.70
F multiplier-							
Multiplicador de F	1.05	0.93	0.85	0.82	0.80	0.74	0.68



#### Spawning biomass ratio









## Sensitivity analyses

- Steepness of SR relationship (Appendix A)
- Adult natural mortality (Appendix B)
- Sensitivity analysis to the weighting assigned to the size composition data (Appendix C)



# Natural mortality M schedules



Age (quarters)–Edad (trimestres)



**Sensitivities** 

(Adult M)

## Summary biomass





## Recruitment



Sensitivities (Adult *M*)

# Spawning biomass ratio



Sensitivities (Adult *M*)

# Likelihood profile on adult M

**Sensitivities** 



# F multiplier on adult M



Sensitivities (Adult *M*)

### Management quantities



	M1	M2	Base case	M3	M4	M5	M6	<b>M</b> 7
Female M	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.27
Male M	0.05	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.23
MSY-RMS	100,282	94,542	106,706	112,840	117,782	121,804	124,890	127,458
$B_{\rm MSY}$ - $B_{\rm RMS}$	561,929	487,368	418,468	419,145	416,585	413,296	410,355	407,473
S <sub>MSY</sub> - S <sub>RMS</sub>	168,599	138,347	105,969	103,381	99,086	95,869	92,700	89,789
$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
$S_{\rm MSY}/S_0$ - $S_{\rm RMS}/S_0$	0.26	0.22	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Crecent/MSY- Crecent/RMS	1.03	1.09	0.97	0.91	0.87	0.85	0.82	0.81
$\frac{B_{ m recent}}{B_{ m recent}}/B_{ m MSY}$ -	0.29	0.73	1.02	1.13	1.2	1.25	1.29	1.31
Srecent/SMSY-Srecent/SRMS	0.26	0.76	1.08	1.2	1.28	1.33	1.37	1.4
F multiplier- Multiplicador de F	0.41	0.73	1.05	1.21	1.33	1.42	1.5	1.56





## Sensitivity analyses

- Steepness of SR relationship (Appendix A)
- Adult natural mortality (Appendix B)
- Sensitivity analysis to the weighting assigned to the size composition data (Appendix C)



## Summary biomass





# Recruitment





# Spawning biomass ratio





# Length comp weighting



**Sensitivities** 

(weighting)

### Management quantities



	Base case	PS-all	$\lambda = 0.05$	LL-all $\lambda = 0.05$		
	All $\lambda = 0.05$	LL-all $\lambda = 1$	LL 14-17 $\lambda = 1$	<b>PS</b> - <b>all</b> $\lambda = 1$	] PS-S ]	
MSY-RMS	106,706	99,124	98,180	97,018	95,334	
$B_{\rm MSY}$ - $B_{\rm RMS}$	418,468	312,484	313,793	409,722	388,362	
$S_{MSY}$ - $S_{RMS}$	105,969	71,818	72,708	106,472	99,877	
$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.24	0.24	
$S_{\rm MSY}/S_0$ - $S_{\rm RMS}/S_0$	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.20	
Crecent/MSY-						
Crecent/RMS	0.97	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.08	
$B_{\rm recent}/B_{\rm MSY}$ - $B_{\rm recent}/B_{\rm RMS}$	1.02	0.47	0.41	1.01	0.86	
$S_{\text{recent}}/S_{\text{MSY}}-S_{\text{recent}}/S_{\text{RMS}}$	1.08	0.36	0.32	1.12	0.97	
F multiplier-						
Multiplicador de $F$	1.05	0.54	0.51	0.95	0.85	





#### Sensitivity analyses

• Overall results



### Management quantities



-		Appendix-Anexo								
		Α	]	В	С					
	Base case- Caso base		Adult M-M adulto		$\lambda = 1$					
		<i>h</i> = 0.75	Sens M1	Sens M5	LL	LL	PS	PS-S		
					All-Todas	14-17	All-Todas	2		
MSY-RMS	106,706	101,994	100,282	121,804	99,124	98,180	97,018	95,334		
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$B_{\rm MSY}/B_0$ - $B_{\rm RMS}/B_0$	0.24	0.33	0.27	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.24	0.24		
$S_{\rm MSY}/S_0$ - $S_{\rm RMS}/S_0$	0.20	0.30	0.26	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.20		
Crecent/MSY- Crecent/RMS	0.97	1.01	1.03	0.85	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.08		
Brecent/BMSY- Brecent/BRMS	1.02	0.80	0.29	1.25	0.47	0.41	1.01	0.86		
Srecent/S <sub>MSY</sub> -Srecent/S <sub>RMS</sub>	1.08	0.81	0.26	1.33	0.36	0.32	1.12	0.97		
F multiplier- Multiplicador de F	1.05	0.82	0.41	1.42	0.54	0.51	0.95	0.85		



# Model uncertainty





Sensitivities (Overall)



# Summary



# Summary: key results



- Recovery trend since 2004 coinciding with beginning of IATTC tuna conservation resolutions
- But this recovery was not sustained since 2010 and biomasses were reduced to lowest historic levels at the start of 2013
- The recent decline may be related to series of below average recruitments coinciding with strong La Nina events (since 2007)
- However, at current fishing mortality levels, and average recruitment, SBR is predicted to stabilize at about SBR at MSY




#### Summary: key results (cont.)

- The recent fishing mortality rates are estimated to be below the level corresponding to MSY (*F*<sub>recent</sub> < *F*<sub>MSY</sub>)
- The recent levels of spawning biomass are estimated to be above the MSY level (S<sub>recent</sub> > S<sub>MSY</sub>)
- But the recent estimates are uncertain (low precision)



# Summary: key results (cont.)

However, these interpretations are highly sensitive about the following assumptions:

**Summary** 

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- Steepness of stock-recruitment relationship
- Adult natural mortality levels
- Weighting assigned to the size composition data





#### • Results are more **pessimistic** with:

- The inclusion of a stock-recruitment relationship
- Lower rates of adult natural mortality (M)
- Up-weighting the size composition data (LL in particular)
- Higher L<sub>2</sub>
- Results are more optimistic with:
  - Higher rates of adult natural mortality (M)
  - Lower L<sub>2</sub>



## What is robust



- Relative trend
- Recent decline in biomasses
- Lower biomass compared to historic levels







#### Summary: key results (cont.)

 IATTC Tuna Conservation resolutions produced benefits (2004-2012)







## Likelihoods



	Appendix-Anexo								
		A	E	3	С				
Data	Base case Caso base	h = 0.75	Adult M-M adulto		$\lambda = 1$				
Data			Sens M1	Sens M5	LL	LL	PS	LL	
					All-Todas	14-17	All-Todas	2	
CPUE									
1	195.84	195.156	191.852	196.099	192.452	192.688	193.958	195.94	
2	-44.5238	-44.2195	-42.9116	-44.1636	-45.0213	-44.6798	-42.2471	-44.3206	
3	6.13	6.06965	7.26421	8.30431	8.73637	6.91472	8.30835	4.91525	
4	212.75	211.7	217.657	212.022	217.036	216.482	213.66	216.769	
5	6.90	7.96826	12.2763	5.51157	8.96672	10.0219	11.433	11.0729	
12	56.04	57.3324	51.7447	57.1805	57.0969	50.7934	65.1018	56.0167	
13	164.45	168.757	150.042	161.369	148.791	154.081	267.705	216.091	
14	-67.60	-67.6281	-67.34	-67.6288	-63.3868	-63.202	-66.7725	-67.5925	
15	-66.62	-66.4128	-66.01	-66.8958	-57.2769	-58.7199	-50.6992	-55.2851	
16	-98.09	-98.1472	-97.67	-98.0399	-94.6007	-94.6036	-97.8979	-98.0853	
17	-131.43	-131.139	-131.43	-131.505	-128.296	-128.197	-123.58	-130.666	
18	17.80	17.2513	16.25	17.6372	16.9751	20.9719	13.4457	17.5684	
19	172.00	169.689	191.80	169.001	197.656	186.622	172.701	174.137	
Total	-363.751	-363.327	-362.444	-364.070	-343.560	-344.723	-338.950	-351.629	
Size composit	<u>ions</u> – Comp	osición por	talla						
1	55.0732	55.05	55.1812	54.93	56.4414	56.27	159.095	55.0937	
2	25.1443	25.12	28.3671	25.47	27.8636	26.52	299.884	279.032	
3	41.7469	41.79	43.5306	41.62	45.6855	43.25	328.801	43.2651	
4	43.3528	43.16	43.30	43.19	45.5335	45.08	77.3006	44.1171	
5	27.8305	27.76	32.00	27.87	32.7235	29.78	203.996	26.8177	
6	38.1199	38.17	38.25	38.17	38.4488	38.24	124.149	38.1183	
7	55.7242	55.43	55.61	55.68	59.8478	59.14	131.071	55.7707	
12	12.6024	12.61	12.66	12.60	31.5795	13.01	13.7197	12.6066	
13	25.8381	25.70	26.01	25.60	61.4318	25.51	27.8317	27.3964	
14	24.6072	24.60	24.82	24.62	34.0475	33.27	23.2526	24.6	
15	35.8985	37.19	37.69	31.21	49.2388	48.95	41.4491	36.1078	
16	16.233	16.34	16.03	16.34	40.5502	40.44	16.7004	16.2187	
17	19.8067	20.57	22.31	16.08	120.932	122.08	23.0363	19.4529	
18	19.6126	19.61	19.65	19.60	53.4593	19.26	19.5067	19.6119	
19	29.5176	29.44	29.77	29.54	60.7296	30.62	30.1652	28.936	
Total	471.108	472.529	485.188	462.523	758.513	631.422	1519.958	727.145	
Recruitment-Reclutamiento									
	-55.0666	-54.7508	-37.4801	-56.6466	-42.2957	-42.2957	-27.6621	-43.0154	
Total	52.290	54.451	85.264	41.807	372.657	244.404	1153.347	332.501	



## Average effective sample sizes

		Appendix-Anexo							
		А	В		С				
Data Datos	Base case Caso base	h = 0.75	Adult M-M adulto		λ = 1				
			Sens M1	Sens M5	LL	LL	PS	LL	
				00000 100	All-Todas	14-17	All-Todas	2	
1	19.91	19.92	20.00	19.97	19.16	19.25	21.42	19.93	
2	66.30	66.44	54.63	66.79	56.13	60.93	77.24	78.29	
3	54.77	55.11	47.20	55.27	50.31	54.92	67.06	58.23	
4	6.49	6.61	6.44	6.53	5.99	6.11	6.98	6.59	
5	49.29	49.74	35.29	50.46	37.23	40.26	59.25	52.68	
6	19.84	19.86	20.20	19.78	19.47	19.12	30.15	19.84	
7	14.25	14.03	14.38	14.06	14.55	14.65	14.08	14.06	
12	73.37	73.58	73.04	73.65	71.75	68.71	67.02	73.27	
13	44.43	44.96	41.65	44.97	48.67	42.11	40.52	42.21	
14	69.91	69.82	70.95	70.22	101.13	112.09	76.22	70.00	
15	243.30	109.62	58.02	85.04	97.40	103.80	34.35	156.76	
16	158.32	157.29	165.03	156.23	197.21	198.38	157.77	158.88	
17	114.08	100.90	101.35	183.07	173.96	173.52	86.95	114.40	
18	86.96	86.84	86.86	87.34	90.48	87.57	86.07	86.95	
19	76.12	76.48	74.56	76.01	81.95	66.08	74.32	78.48	
Average-									
Promedio	73.16	63.41	57.97	67.29	71.03	71.17	59.96	68.70	



Sensitivities (Overall)