





## Origin

FAO 71  
PNA countries

## fishing method

The MSC certified fishery uses free school purse seining. Purse seining is a fishing method in which a large boat encircles a school of tunas, pulls a large net around them, and this net is then closed at the bottom creating a purse. This purse is tightened so all tuna comes together, at which moment they are scooped out and loaded into the freezing wells of the boat. The certification covers fishing operations setting on free swimming schools of tuna only, this means that no Fish Aggregation Devices (FAD's) are being used in the catch of the tuna. Special nets are being used to prevent the catch of juvenile fish. This is all included in the MSC requirements for sustainable fishing.

## sustainability certificate

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an international non-profit organisation that has developed a certification scheme for sustainable wild-catch fishing. The MSC standard consists of three core principles that each fishery must demonstrate it meets: sustainable fish stocks, minimising environmental impact and effective management. The Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) control the world's largest sustainable tuna purse seine fishery. PNA Members are Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu, are located within the Western Central Pacific Ocean. Find out more at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org).

