

Data Notes and Citations

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Important Notes about the Data:

- This app incorporates spatial data for the entire Gulf of Mexico, the east coast of Florida, and the entire Cuban and Mexican EEZs. This extent was chosen based on data availability and to give a broad picture of life in and around the Gulf.
- Atlantic bluefin tuna is the only layer that has movement density information available through this app, as this is data we collected through our Migratory Species Conservation Project. We hope to eventually provide this movement density information for all tuna in the app, as satellite tracking data becomes more available for those species. Currently, the other 7 tuna species layers only contain presence/absence information attained from the IUCN's species distribution layers.
- Migratory timing information in this app is a rough estimation compiled from a variety of sources such as ICCAT and NOAA. These migration patterns vary per location and population. These patterns are not well understood for all of these tuna species, and the migratory timing information here may not cover all migration patterns. It will be updated and refined as more information becomes available.
- U.S. Regulations – additional information:
 - Atlantic tunas are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA). Atlantic tuna fisheries is delegated to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division.
 - Regulated Tunas are Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT, *Thunnus thynnus*), as well as "BAYS" tunas, i.e., bigeye tuna (BET, *Thunnus obesus*), albacore tuna (ALB, *Thunnus alalunga*), yellowfin tuna (YFT, *Thunnus albacares*), and skipjack tuna (SKJ, *Katsuwonnus pelamis*).
 - These regulations apply in all water of the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.
 - Transfer at sea of Atlantic tunas is prohibited. "Transfer" includes, but is not limited to, moving or attempting to move an Atlantic tuna that is on fishing or other gear in the water from one vessel to another vessel. (Exception: An auxiliary vessel (i.e. a skiff) associated with a permitted Purse Seine category vessel may assist in routine purse seine fishery operations.)
 - **The subquotas here are from the 2015 fishing season and current subquotas can be found at the NMFS permit office website: <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>

Definitions:

- Curved Fork Length or Fork Length (CFL or FL): tip of upper jaw to fork of tail measured along the contour of the middle of the body.
- mt: metric tons
- NOAA NMFS HMS: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>)
- ICCAT: International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (<https://www.iccat.int/en/>)

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