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ICCAT ⓘ
Species
Gear
Pole & Line
Gillnet
Handlin
Longline
Other
Purse Seine
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Products
IOTC ⓘ
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International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

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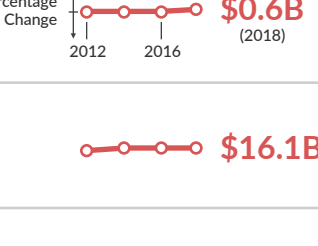











GEAR

SPECIES

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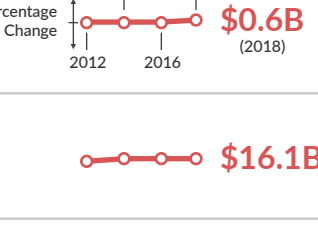

















RFMO

Sed malesuada mollis magna non maximus. Maecenas interdum mi a pretium luctus. Fusce ac euismod sapien.

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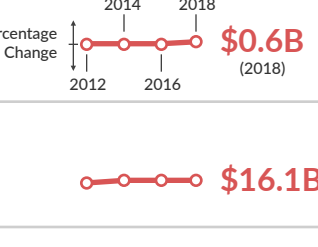


















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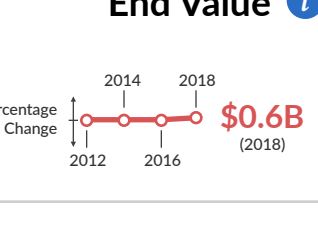














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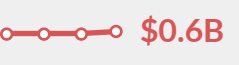

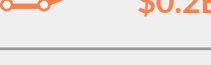
















































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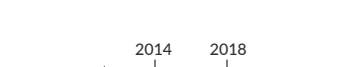
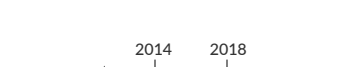















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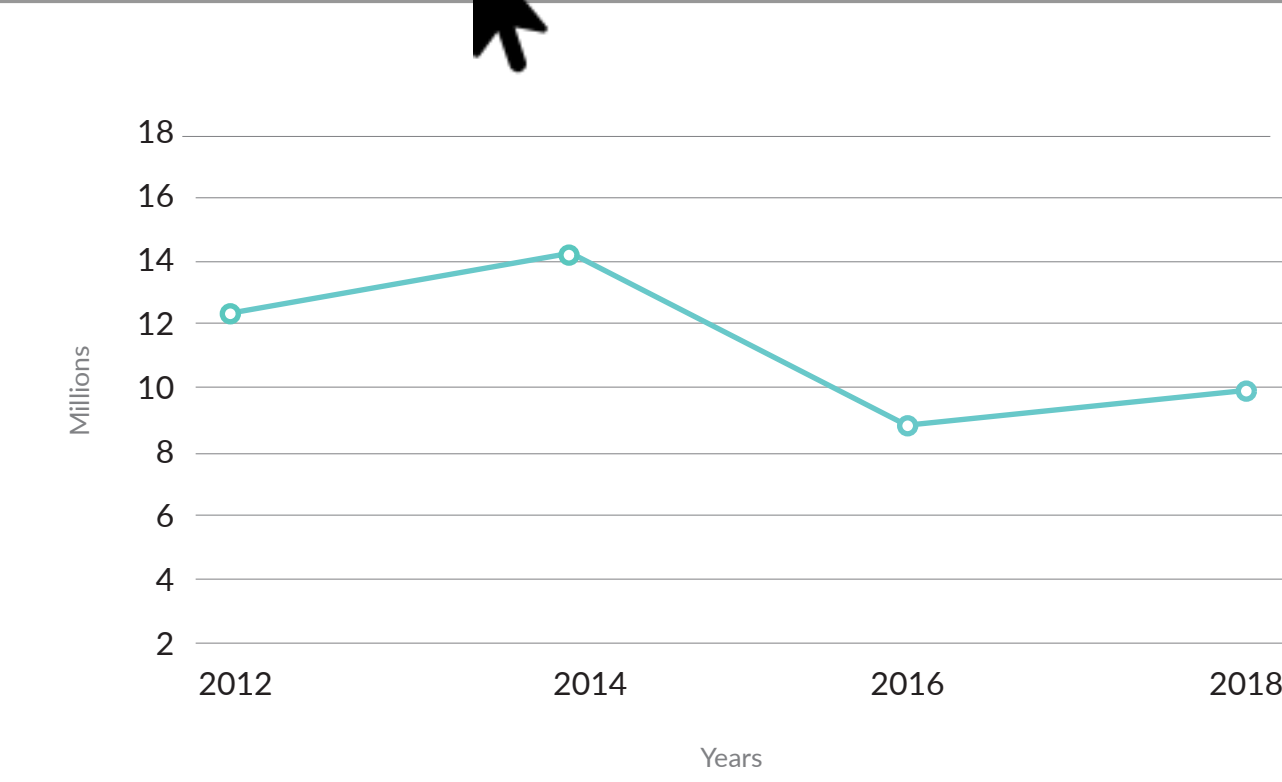
































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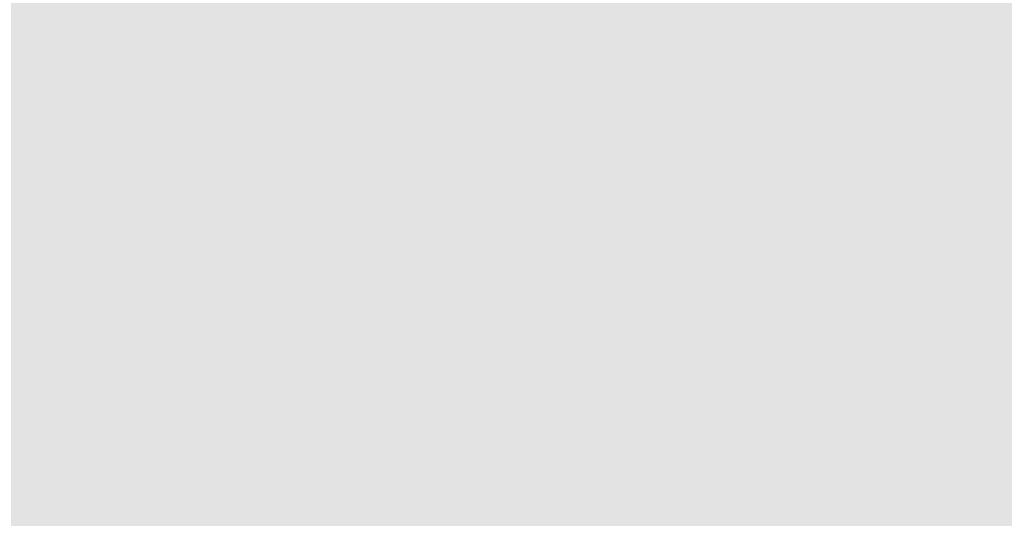
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The following tables provide data from Pew's 2020 report on catch volume, dock value, and end value, and are searchable by region, gear, species, and [end product](#). Filters can be used to further explore any combination of categories and the resulting data trends.

Available Filters:

- GEAR
- PRODUCT

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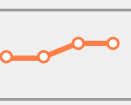





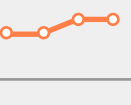





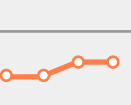
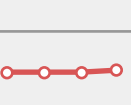
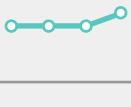
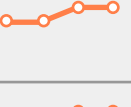
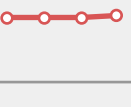




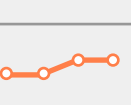


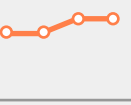

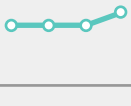
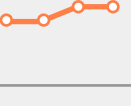
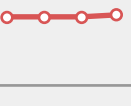












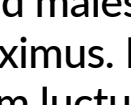
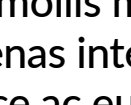
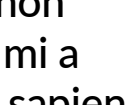






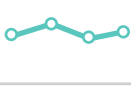
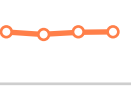
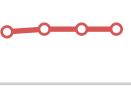









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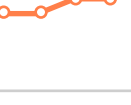


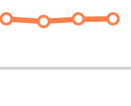







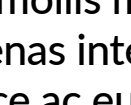
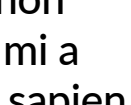
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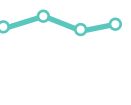

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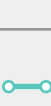











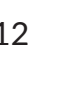

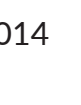




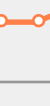





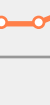













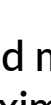




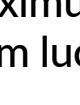






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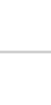
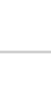
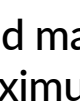









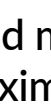








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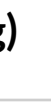

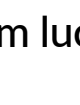









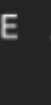


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