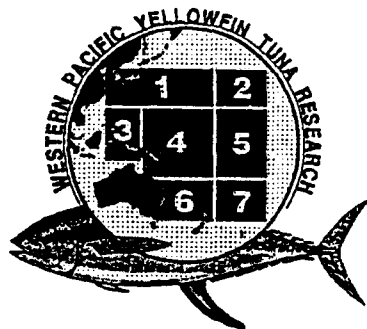




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YELLOWFIN TUNA LANDINGS IN FIJI

1974 -1993

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TABLE 1 YELLOWFIN LANDING IN FIJI IN METRIC TONNES
(1970-1993)

YEAR	POLE&LINE	LONGLINE	TROLL	TOTAL
1970	0	0	0	0
1971	0	0	0	0
1972	0	0	0	0
1973	0	0	0	0
1974	12	0	0	12
1975	11	0	0	11
1976	83	0	0	83
1977	151	0	0	151
1978	409	0	0	409
1979	403	0	0	403
1980	233	0	0	233
1981	599	0	0	599
1982	813	0	0	813
1983	562	0	3	565
1984	580	0	0	580
1985	724	0	3	727
1986	823	0	6	829
1987	410	0	13	423
1988	526	0	9	535
1989	506	10	26	542
1990	516	23	20	559
1991	358	106	13	477
1992	395	202	15	612
1993	337	323	104	764

SOURCES: Pole & Line Landing, Long Line Landing and Troll from (1970-1993)

- A) Pole and Line Landing data represents landings received at Pacific Fishing Company cannery in Levuka.(see map of Fiji Islands for location)
- B) Longline vessels,are Domestic Longline Vessels fishing for target species bigeye. They also catch substantial amount of yellowfin and albacore
(Data received from processing centre base in Lami Suva)
- C) Troll vessels ,vessels trolling for yellowfin and skipjack tuna around
(Fish Aggregation Devices close to Suva)
The data is collected by Market Research Unit of Fisheries Division

TABLE 11

NUMBER (EXCEPT FOR JAPAN) OF LONGLINE VESSELS, POLE AND LINE AND TROLL VESSELS FISHING FOR TUNA IN FIJI				
YEAR	POLE&LINE	LOGLINE	TROLL	TOTAL
1970	0	0	0	0
1971	0	0	0	0
1972	0	0	0	0
1973	0	0	0	0
1974	0	0	0	0
1975	0	0	0	0
1976	2	0	0	2
1977	6	0	0	6
1978	6	0	0	6
1979	8	0	0	8
1980	11	0	0	11
1981	12	0	0	12
1982	14	0	0	14
1983	13	0	0	13
1984	11	0	0	11
1985	7	0	0	7
1986	6	0	0	6
1987	8	0	0	8
1988	11	0	0	11
1989	14	4	4	22
1990	14	6	4	24
1991	11	9	7	27
1992	11	18	7	36
1993	10	21	9	40
TOTAL	175	58	31	264

TARGET SPECIES (Domestic Longline Fishery)

The target species for the Fijian domestic longline fishery are large big eye and yellowfin tunas. Albacore and other tuna species are also landed. Though the target species are big eye and yellow fin, bulk of the catch was albacore.

Billfish, although not targeted, are also landed in large quantities, striped Marlin, and spearfish comprise the bulk of the billfish landings. Small percentage of other species are also reported in the catches.

Longline Species landed at Fiji Fish Processing Centre in Lami, Suva.

TUNAS

Common Name

Scientific Name

Big Eye

Thunnus obesus

Yellowfin

Thunnus albacars

Albacore

Thunnus alalunga

PELGIC SPECIES

Common Name

Scientific Name

Striped Marlin

Tetrapterus audax

Blue Marlin

Makana majara

Short nosed spear fish

Tetraoterus anqustrostris

Black Marlin

Makaira indica

Sailfish

Istiophorus platypterus

Swordfish

Xiphias gladius

Mahi Mahi

Coryphaena hippurus

Miscellaneous

Common Name

Scientific Name

Moonfish

Lameris regis

Landings

Total landings for all commercial fishing for all tuna species combined is shown in Table III from (1970 - 1993).

Foreign Longline Fishery (EEZ) ranked the highest followed by Pole and Line, Purse Seine, Domestic Longline and Troll Fishery.

TABLE 111

TOTAL TUNA LANDING BY POLE & LINE, FOREIGN LONGLINE, DOMESTIC LONGLINE, PURSE SEINE AND TROLL VESSELS AT CANNERIES, MARKET, OUTLETS CENTRES AND PROCESSING IN METRIC TONNES						
YEAR	FOREIGN LONGLINE	DOMESTIC LONGLINE	POLE AND LINE	PURSE SEINE	TROLL FISHERY	TOTAL (M.T)
1970	8519	0	0	0	0	8519
1971	6132	0	0	0	0	6132
1972	11954	0	0	0	0	11954
1973	6172	0	0	0	0	6172
1974	3984	0	0	0	0	3984
1975	2188	0	0	0	0	2188
1976	3640	0	747	0	0	4387
1977	5558	0	1711	0	0	7269
1978	8418	0	2524	0	0	10942
1979	3573	0	3495	0	0	7068
1980	5237	0	2500	47	0	7784
1981	3220	0	5829	772	0	9821
1982	1573	0	4664	1006	0	7243
1983	1384	0	4185	1006	0	6575
1984	1432	0	4572	557	0	6561
1985	2051	0	3948	0	3	6002
1986	1181	0	3115	0	15	4311
1987	108	0	3885	0	58	4051
1988	4886	0	4287	0	23	9196
1989	3478	53	5883	916	46	10376
1990	3322	158	4028	0	44	7552
1991	4150	572	4428	0	37	9187
1992	4480	883	4106	0	59	9528
1993	4258	1178	3175	0	204	8815
TOTAL	100898	2844	67082	4304	489	175617

THE MAP OF FIJI ISLAND

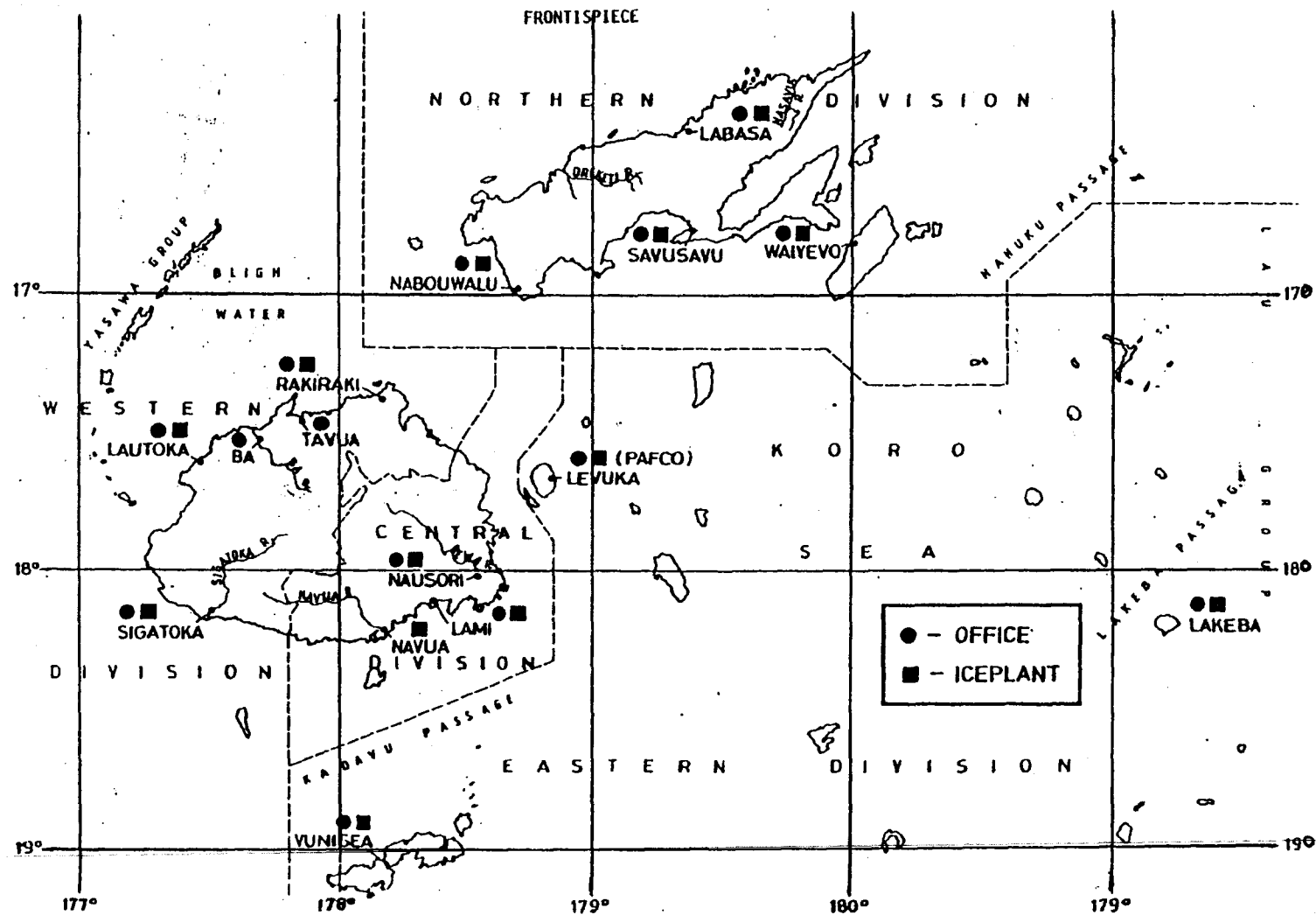


FIGURE 2