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Welcome to the latest edition of the International Pole & Line Foundation's newsletter! The team has been busy engaging with international tuna stakeholders to advance important policy measures and inform the supply chain of our latest achievements.

Monumental progress for Indian Ocean tuna

IPNLF is delighted to share the outcomes of this year's Annual Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC). After a long week of negotiations, member states concluded on some landmark measures for the region's skipjack and yellowfin tuna stocks that will safeguard the futures of many coastal communities. New measures include the adoption of a harvest control rule (HCR) for skipjack tuna and measures to reduce fishing effort and catches of yellowfin tuna.



The IPNLF team were in full-force in La Réunion to support the Maldives and other coastal states who were pivotal in driving support for new management measures. After months of hard work, we are delighted to see the IOTC take action to improve the management of Indian Ocean tuna stocks.

The level of coordination seen between governments, non-governmental organisations, scientists and the supply chain was unprecedented; we would like to thank all those who showed their support for IOTC action!

Global seafood show attendees share enthusiasm for one-by-one tuna

IPNLF joined thousands of stakeholders for the largest gathering of the international seafood industry in Brussels ([Seafood Expo Global](#)) to champion one-by-one tuna.

During the expo, IPNLF Members were invited to a round-table discussion for an update on our tuna programmes, with Nilanto Perbowo, Director General of Product Competitiveness from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in attendance.

Two separate networking/speaker events followed on the Maldives and Indonesian pavilions, providing a great opportunity for making new and developing current relationships. During the co-hosted event on the Indonesian stand invited speakers - including Nilanto Perbowo and the Indonesian Ambassador to Belgium, Yuri O. Thamrin - shared animated and encouraging words on the crucial role of trust and traceability in the one-by-one tuna supply chain and the huge market potential for products derived from such fisheries. For more [information read our latest blog](#).



[Talking fish with fishers, Maldives](#)

Dr Alice Miller (IPNLF Director, Social Research & Programmes) visited fishers and other workers from the supply chain in person to gain an insight into the importance of traditional one-by-one fisheries to the community.

Learn about Alice's trip and the direct social benefits the people living in these coastal communities derive from one-by-one tuna fisheries [in her blog](#).



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