

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Bluefin Tuna Project

You are invited to take part in an online survey – Assessing the sustainability of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna fishing in the UK.



Eloise White, a Masters Conservation student at the University of Plymouth, is conducting a survey on attitudes to the trial Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery in the UK.

This project is working with Cornwall Wildlife Trust to help inform their 'Cornwall Good Seafood Guide'.

D&S IFCA is not directly involved in the project, but it is helping to communicate the opportunity to participate.

Aims of the Project

The overarching aim of the work is to assess the sustainability of hook & line fishing for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (ABFT), in line with the UK's commercial trial fishery.

The project will aim to improve the stock assessment for ABFT and evaluate how effectively the stock is managed. The questionnaire will help with the evaluation of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna management in the southwest. This will involve assessing stakeholders' opinion on the trial fishery, recreational fishery, and incidental bycatch of ABFT in the UK.

Your participation in this study will contribute towards the completion of a masters' dissertation project and it will also contribute to the assessment and management of the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna stock in the UK.

More Information

Before completing the questionnaire, you can read the Participant Information Sheet which can be viewed [here](#). The Participant Information Sheet includes details about confidentiality, what will happen to the results of the research study, your rights to withdraw, and more.

D&S IFCA Officers are not able to answer additional questions about the research study. If you have questions about the project, either now or in the future, please contact the lead researcher, Eloise White. Email: Eloise.white@students.plymouth.ac.uk

The On-Line Questionnaire

Please use this [link](#) to complete the questionnaire. It should only take about ten minutes to complete.

Data Protection

Please be aware that D&S IFCA is helping to support this research study by highlighting the opportunity to be involved in it; however, D&S IFCA will not manage any data collected in the survey.

If you are dissatisfied with the way the research is conducted, please contact the principal investigator in the first instance.

If you feel the problem has not been resolved, please contact the secretary to the Faculty of Science and Environment Human Ethics Committee:

scienghumanethics@plymouth.ac.uk

If you have a general question about how your personal information is used by the University of Plymouth, wish to exercise any of your rights or make a complaint about the way you believe your data is being processed, please contact the University's Data Protection Officer:

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