

Fact Sheet



CATCHES FROM TROPICAL ISLAND NATIONS VASTLY UNDERREPORTED

Table 1. Pacific Islands catch reconstructions (Sea Around Us Project, www.seaaroundus.org). Flag of Convenience and high “foreign tuna fleet” countries have been excluded here (see back page).

Country	Under reporting factor (1950-2004)	Human Population (year 2000)	1950-2004 Catch (metric t)	
			Reported	Reconstructed
American Samoa	16.6	177,000	1,525 ^A	25,380 ^A
Northern Mariana Islands	9.4	69,221	2,049 ^A	19,352 ^A
Cook Islands	1.2	18,242	54,442	67,318
Fiji	2.5	796,206	805,490	2,020,612
Guam	4.5	154,805	6,796 ^A	30,878 ^A
Hawaii	2.0	1,211,537	94,075 ^A	188,892 ^A
French Polynesia	1.6	236,000	247,010	399,739
Nauru	4.5	10,036	6,654	29,759
New Caledonia	2.2	101,153	104,468	226,669
Niue	6.5	1,857	3,597	23,431
Palau	1.6	19,129	142,472	222,867
Samoa	3.4	177,000	146,209	489,819
Tokelau	3.2	1,527	5,477	17,397
Tonga	3.3	98,324	88,102	289,550
Tuvalu	3.7	9,467	17,447	64,410
Overall	2.3		920,322	2,095,460

^A Data shown here exclude tunas, marlins, and other large pelagic fishes

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Country	Under reporting factor (1950-2004)	Human Population (year 2000)	1950-2004 Catch (metric t)	
			Reported	Reconstructed
Kiribati	0.69	84,494	855,924	594,429
Micronesia	1.98	107,000	306,049	606,695
Marshall Islands	1.70	52,220	179,543	305,445
Solomon Islands	1.14	419,535	1,397,802	1,600,948
Vanuatu	0.49	191,653	1,043,570	509,488