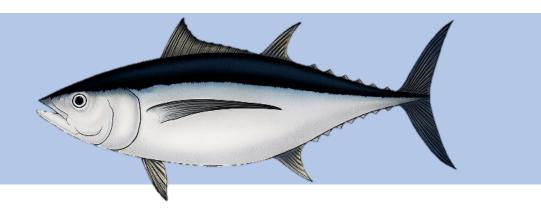


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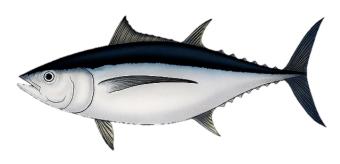




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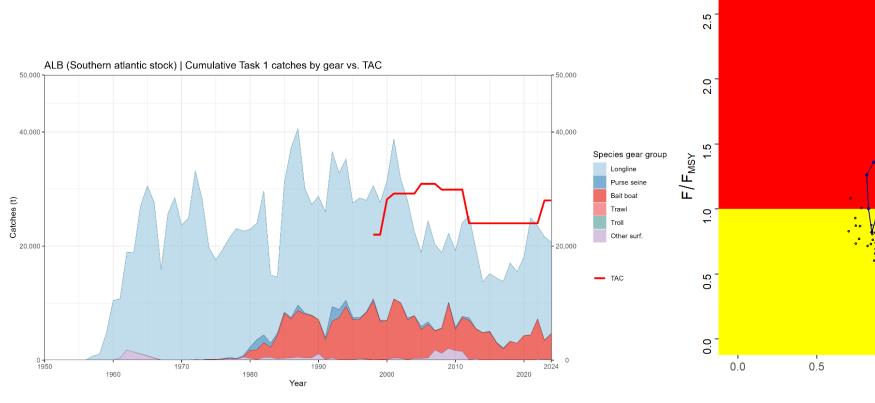


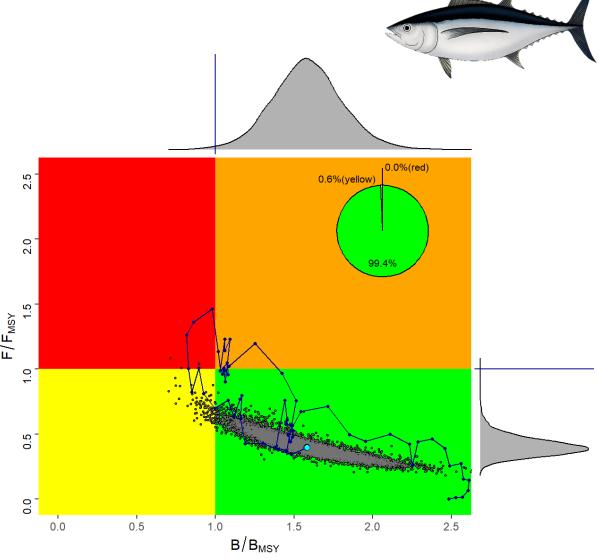
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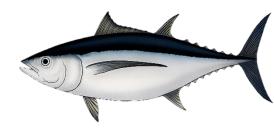












Indicator		Stock Status
Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)	27,264 t (23,734 - 31,567) ¹	
Current (2025) TAC	28,000 t	
Current (2024) Yield	20,694 t	
Relative Biomass (B ₂₀₁₈ /B _{MSY})	1.58 (1.14 - 2.05) ¹	2018
Relative Fishing Mortality (F2018/FMSY)	0.40 (0.28 - 0.59)1	
Stock Status	Overfished: NO (0.06% probability of being overfished) ² Overfishing: NO (<1% probability of overfishing) ²	
Management Measures in effect	Rec. 22-06: TAC of 28,000 t for 2023-2026	

¹ Median and 95% credible interval (CRI) of the reference/base case model.

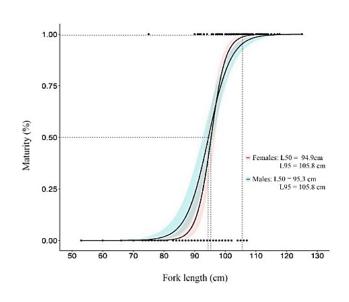
² As estimated from the Kobe plot probability in each quadrant.

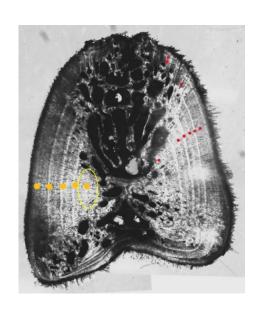


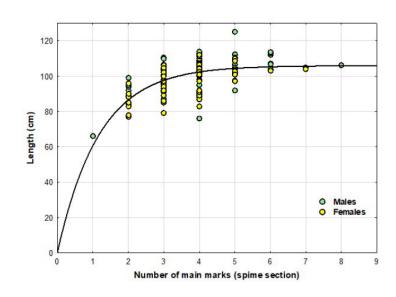


ALBYP Research Activities

Preliminary results on Reproductive biology and growth (SCRS/2025/223)







Continue the effort for tagging studies in southern Atlantic





Management Strategy Evaluation

- Initial demonstration for the South Atlantic albacore MSE to support adoption of a simulation-tested MP conducted during 2025 (see SCRS/2025/192)
- **OM Conditioning** based on Stock Synthesis outputs using 2020 assessment datasets (1956–2018).
- Details can be seen:
 - Site: https://salb-mse.bluematterscience.com/
 - GitHub: https://github.com/blue-matter/SALB-MSE (Codes)
- S-ALB MSE Technical Team established (Reviewed by ALB SG & SCRS)





Management Strategy Evaluation

- Uncertainty: (1) 200 stochastic life-history draws; (2) 9-OM grid varying M and h.
- **Performance:** Preliminary indicators *vs* the four objectives in **Res. 24-09**; see SCRS/2025/192.
- Next steps (2026): Update OMs considering key aspects of life history parameters and new assessment outputs.





2026 WORKPLAN

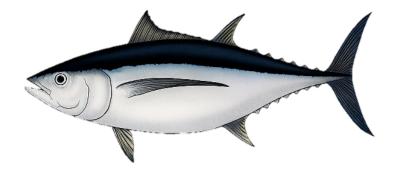
- Finalize maturity and ageing studies.
- SS3 assessment to be conducted in 2026. Data preparatory: March 2026 (5 days), Assessment: June-July, 2026 (5 days).
- MSE development
 - Define Reference & Robustness OMs;
 - Define Performance Indicators: Align with ICCAT Res. 24-09 (operational management objectives);
 - Define Candidate MPs (CMPs): Develop and agree candidate management procedures for testing.





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