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3 Fig. 1. Range of *Thunnus obesus* catches in the Atlantic Ocean derived from ICCAT Japanese  
4 longline catch data for the period 1952-2006. The range area was computed as the convex hull  
5 of the centroids, i.e. the minimal polygon containing the set of centroids of the statistical  
6 rectangles of 5° latitude by 5° longitude where catches of *T. obesus* were recorded.

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8 Fig. 2. Geographical distribution of *Thunnus obesus* caught in the North Atlantic Ocean in (a)  
9 the U.S. longline fishery targeting *Xiphias gladius* in the months of August-September during  
10 2000-2007 (ICCAT, 2010); (b) the Japanese longline fishery targeting *Thunnus thynnus* in the  
11 months of September-December 2000-2007 (ICCAT, 2010); and (c) the Spanish troll and bait  
12 boat fisheries targeting *Thunnus alalunga* in the months of June-October 2004 (Ortiz de  
13 Zarate, unpublished data). ind = individuals.

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