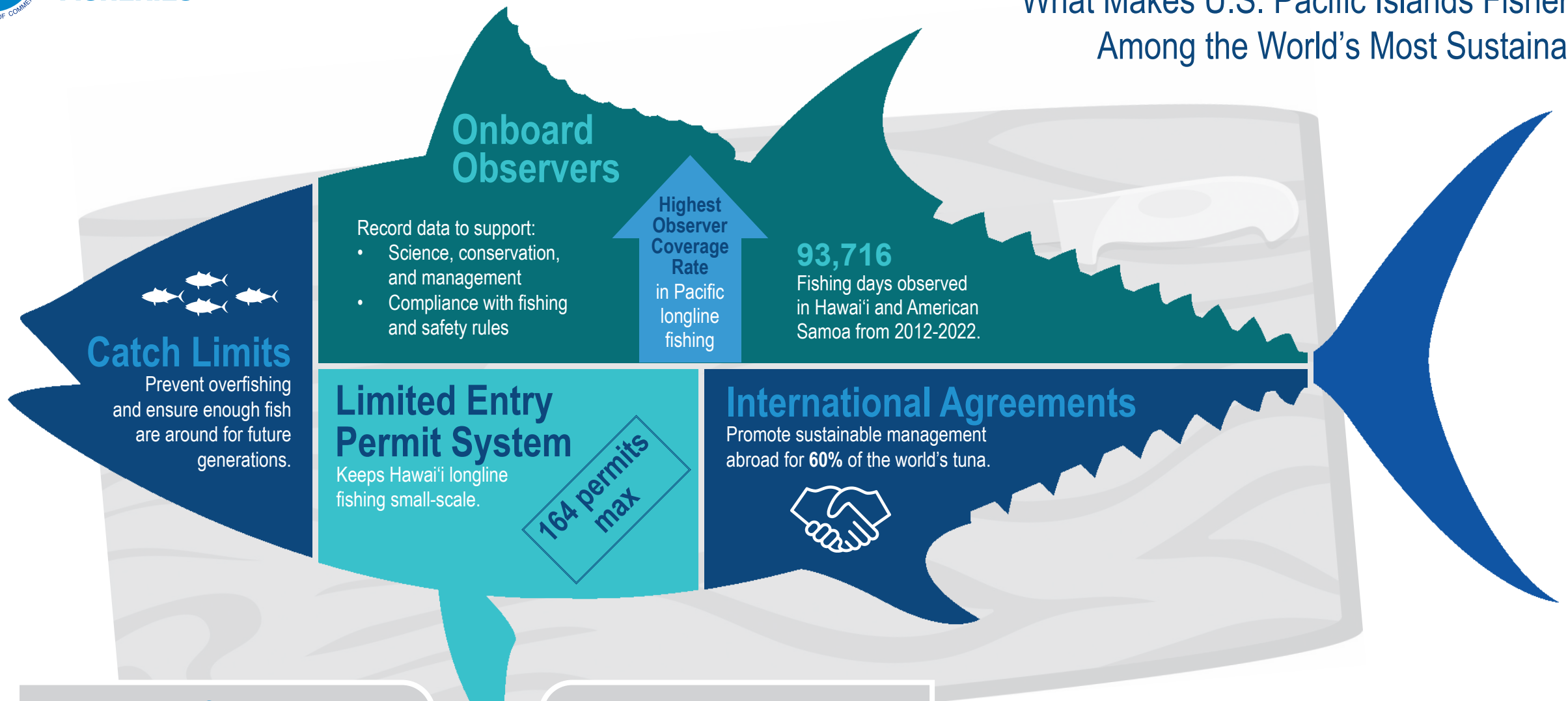




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# A Cut Above

What Makes U.S. Pacific Islands Fisheries  
Among the World's Most Sustainable



## Catch Limits

Prevent overfishing and ensure enough fish are around for future generations.



## Onboard Observers

- Record data to support:
- Science, conservation, and management
  - Compliance with fishing and safety rules

Highest Observer Coverage Rate in Pacific longline fishing

**93,716**

Fishing days observed in Hawai'i and American Samoa from 2012-2022.

## Limited Entry Permit System

Keeps Hawai'i longline fishing small-scale.

164 permits max

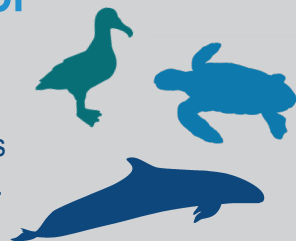
## International Agreements

Promote sustainable management abroad for 60% of the world's tuna.



## Protections for Marine Life

Ensure that threatened and endangered species populations can recover.



## Ecosystem-Based Approach

Uses science to understand and manage entire ocean ecosystems versus individual species.



We manage over **68 species** across **1.7 million miles** of ocean throughout the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the Pacific.

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