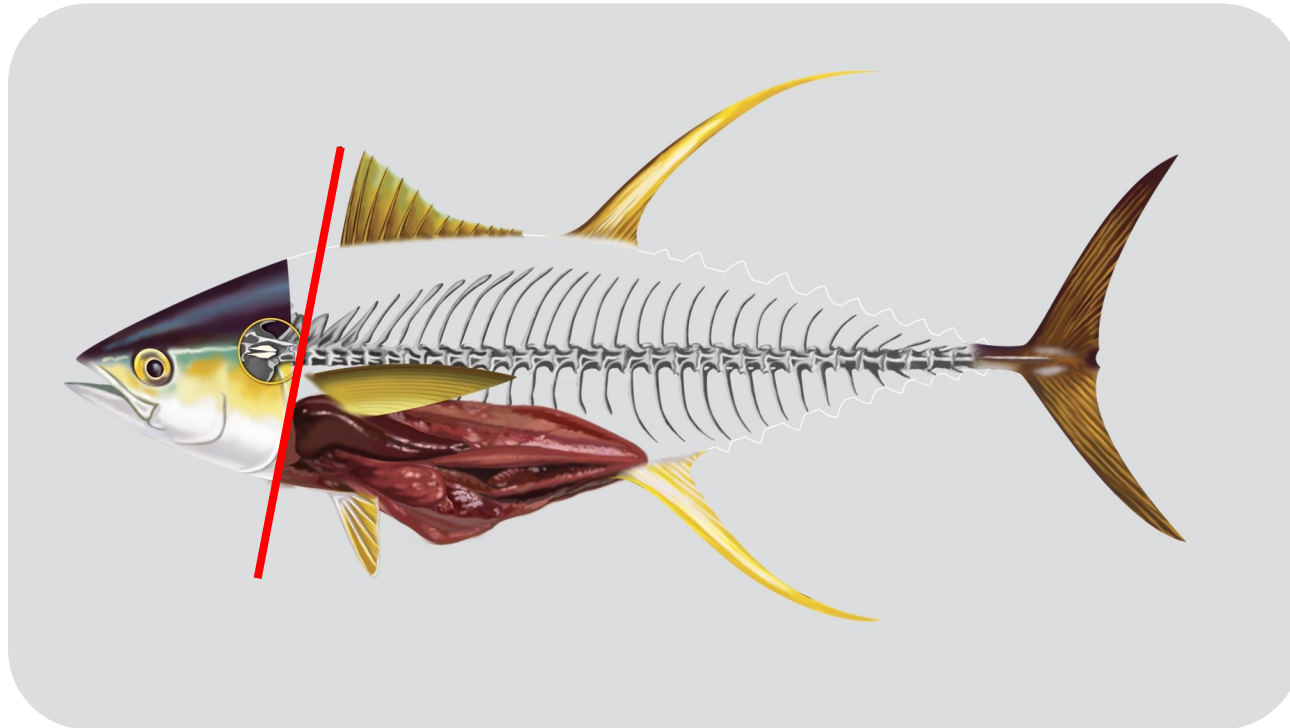


## REMOVAL OF TUNA HEAD FOR OTOLITHS COLLECTION IN PROCESSING PLANT

How to remove the head from the tuna without damaging the otoliths



The otoliths are located inside the otic capsule circled in yellow.  
The cut needs to be done just before the first vertebrate.

In order to leave the skull of the fish intact, before the cut, the angle of the electrical saw must be adjusted or the cut need to be made further away from the fish head.

The red line represents the cut of the saw.

After the cut, make sure the area circled in yellow remains on the head of the fish.  
The otoliths are located beneath this bone.

### VIEW UNDERNEATH THE FISH HEAD

