

OPRT

Promotes responsible tuna fisheries to ensure the sustainable use of tuna resources.



OPRT members jointly and cooperatively work towards the development of responsible tuna fisheries in line with international and social responsibility. Since its inception, OPRT has been making steady progress towards achieving this goal.



- ▶ Eliminating IUU Tuna Fishing
- ▶ Reducing Excess Fishing Capacity
- ▶ Promoting Responsible Tuna Farming
- ▶ Reducing By-catch

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OPRT Activities and Achievements

Registration of vessels in OPRT

OPRT called for cooperation among the world's major tuna longline fishing organizations. More than 90% of large scale tuna longline vessels in the world are now registered in OPRT to conduct responsible tuna fishing.

Elimination of IUU/FOC

OPRT took full action in eliminating the IUU/FOC tuna longline fishing vessels. (From 2001 to 2003, OPRT, with cooperation of the tuna fishing industries in Japan and Chinese Taipei, scraped 39 and sank 4 IUU tuna longline fishing vessels.)

In order to prevent IUU fishing, OPRT continuously monitors the state of tuna production through analysis of data on tuna imports from over 70 countries to Japan.

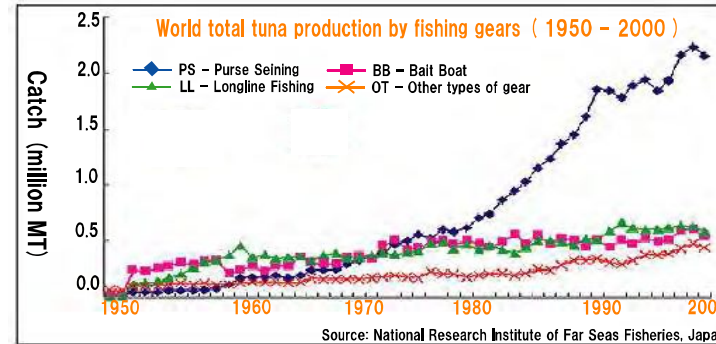
Supporting Positive List Scheme

OPRT promoted the early implementation of the Positive List Scheme. Following the adoption of this Scheme by ICCAT in 2002, it was adopted by all other regional tuna fisheries management organizations, including IATTC, IOTC, CCSBT. With the affirmation of the need for the global implementation by FAO/Committee on Fisheries in 2003, the Positive List Scheme framework was established. Today, tuna harvested by IUU/FOC vessels is unable to be traded in international markets due to the Positive List.

Reducing excess fishing capacity

OPRT is working to reduce excess fishing capacity of large-scale tuna longline fishing. However, to ensure sustainable tuna resources, appropriate measures need to be taken with regard to other tuna fishing methods, such as, purse seining.

* At the World Tuna Longline Fisheries Conference in August 2003, OPRT members jointly declared to take effective measures respectively and jointly to restrict tuna longline fishing capacity on a global and sustainable level.



A large increase in the catch of tunas caught by purse seine fishing.

The rapidly increasing number of super purse seine vessels in the Pacific Ocean is a serious concern for the region.

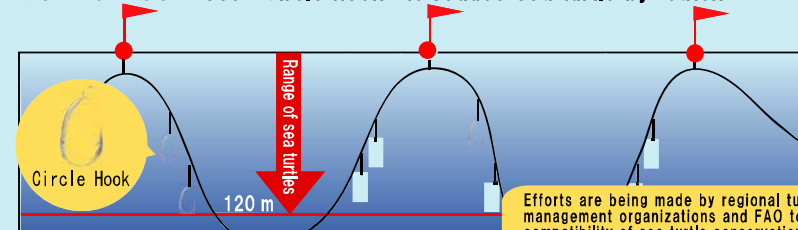
Reducing by-catch

OPRT promotes responsible fishing technologies to reduce by-catch from tuna longline fishing e.g. seabirds and sea turtles

► **Seabirds** : Using 'Tori pole' to reduce seabird by-catch



► **Sea turtles** : Use 'Circle hook' to reduce sea turtle by-catch



► **Sharks**

OPRT encourages its member fishing vessels to minimize waste and discards from shark catches, and also encourages full utilization of dead sharks.

Promoting responsible Bluefin tuna farming

OPRT is concerned about the rapid expansion of Bluefin tuna farming in the Mediterranean and supports the efforts of ICCAT to introduce responsible Bluefin tuna farming, including using the Positive List Scheme for farming facilities.

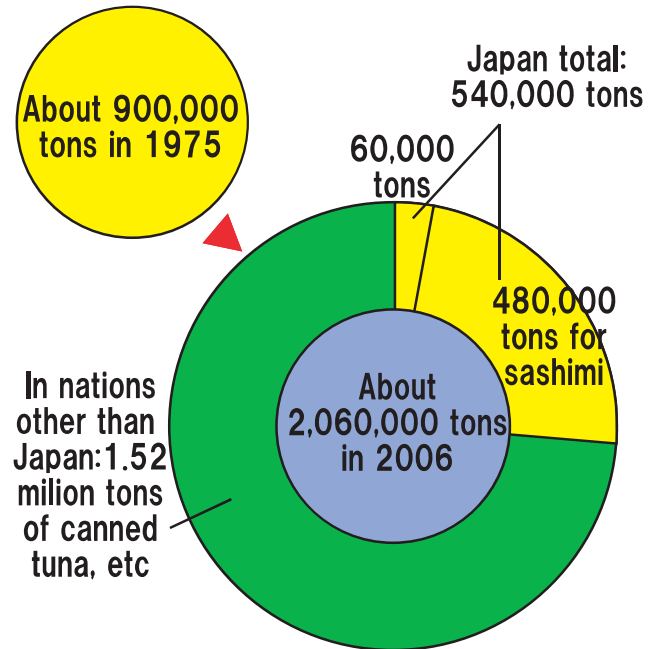
Established in December 8, 2000, the Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (OPRT) represents all stakeholders in tuna fisheries, including major tuna fishing operators all over the world, as well as traders, distributors and consumers in Japan.

OPRT members and registered vessels (as of May 2008)

Producers	Number of registered vessels
- Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association	360
- National Ocean Tuna Fishery Associations (Japan)	
- National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association (Japan)	
- Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boat-owners and Exporters Association	392
- Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	156
- OPRT Philippines Inc.	28
- Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	17
- China Fisheries Association (Distant Water Fisheries Branch)	123
- FUNDATUNA (Ecuador)	4
- Deepsea Tuna Longline (Seychelles) Association	27
Legitimized vessels (Vanuatu registered)	48
Fiji Tuna Boat Owners' Association	19
Total registered vessels	1,174
Trade and Distributor Organizations	
- Japan Fish Traders Association	
- All Japan Fish Wholesalers' Union of Central Wholesale Market	
- All Japan Fish Brokers Union	
- All Japan Fish Retailers Union	
Consumers	
- National Liaison Committee of Consumers' Organizations (Japan)	
Public Corporation	
- Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (Japan)	
- Japan Fisheries Association*	
Total members	18

World tuna supply and the Japanese market

Expansion of tuna production and supply to the World and Japanese market



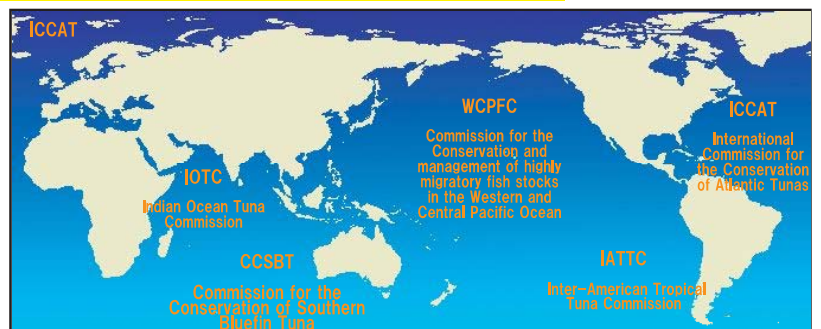
Japan is the world's largest consumer of tuna.

Japan consumes one third of the global tuna catch, mostly for sashimi. The international community expects Japan to fulfill its responsibilities for conservation and management of tuna resources.



International Treaty on Tuna Fisheries (Management Organizations)

Tuna are highly migratory fish species. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS, 1984), calls on the States to cooperate directly or through appropriate international organizations to ensure conservation and promoting the objective of optimum utilization of the tuna species throughout the world.



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